



ST GEORGE'S
SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

LOWER SCHOOL

FROM 10-13 YEARS



Accelerate your daughter's rate of learning with a smooth transition from primary to secondary education

At St George's the important years of P6, P7 and S1 (10 to 13 years) unfold in the special environment of our Lower School.

Unique to St George's and smaller in size than many of its competitors, Lower School provides a dedicated middle school campus. Here, we focus on the specific needs of girls during their middle school years. It is a dynamic and supportive place to learn for around 180 girls, and we coordinate a smooth transition between primary and secondary education.

As you would expect, our focus is on ensuring your daughter thrives, both in and out of the classroom. As well as academic work, of central importance to us is our all-round educational experience. Much emphasis is placed on wellbeing, and personal and social development.

We want your daughter to feel happy and comfortable in her environment. Being at ease in her surroundings and familiar with her teachers will develop her confidence and encourage independence, resilience and leadership – all vital skills for success in life.

Curriculum

With ambitious and high-achieving children, top academic standards are expected. A high level of individual attention ensures added value and enables our girls to achieve excellent results: they are highly motivated to achieve to the best of their ability.

Our all-through curriculum, which was recently rated as 'sector-leading' by Education Scotland, takes account of breadth, balance and progression, and fosters social and personal development.

On entering P6 your daughter will be taught by a class teacher who builds on her primary curriculum as she settles into her new environment. Secondary education begins in P7, a year earlier than in most schools, when our girls are ready for the intellectual challenge of being taught by specialists in all subjects.

As girls move from P7 to S1 there is an increased emphasis on individual learning and responsibility with many leadership opportunities. At the end of S1 girls move to Upper School (S2-S6) to complete their school education.



“This was the best decision we made for the education of our three girls. Our oldest daughter wished she had gone earlier. We are so happy with all aspects of the school, and there is a real family community.”

Parent



Extra curricular clubs and activities

The richness of learning goes beyond the classroom. Your daughter will have around 40 extra-curricular clubs to choose from. These range from fencing to Chinese, Hot Chefs to debating, orchestra to sailing; there is something for everyone, and there is space for all talents. Girls are encouraged to participate in a wide range of activities which provide opportunities to pursue new interests by offering additional challenge and to learn new skills, but they also encourage new friendships across all year groups.

Transition

The Lower School years are a time of significant physical change and social and emotional development. Girls mature at different rates, sometimes presenting new challenges for friendship groups and parents. Our girls feel well supported during this transitional period. The separate Lower School campus lets girls feel free to be themselves, and to expand their horizons and gain in confidence. Every girl is valued and known well by our Lower School staff. She will feel at ease in her surroundings and enjoy being part of our community. Significant value is added through our dedicated staff who, with many years of experience of supporting this age group, can care for each girl as an individual.

Girls-only

St George's was founded in 1888 by the pioneers of women's education in Scotland and we are still committed to the ideals of providing a school designed for girls. We never see gender as a barrier to our girls' aspirations: there is no gender stereotyping in a girls' school.

Instead, there is a strong recognition here of the pressures and challenges that girls can face beyond their school years.

Everything at St George's is designed with girls' needs and developmental stages in mind. Your daughter will be surrounded by positive role models and learn to lead. With fewer social pressures, your daughter is free to excel at any subject, try out a variety of extra-curricular options and to broaden her aspirations and ambitions.

We also have links with nearby Merchiston Castle School for boys with whom we facilitate joint drama and music productions, as well as social events and various expeditions through the school year.

International outlook

There are few schools that offer our pioneering range of international and digital (virtual classroom) exchanges with schools around the world. The cultural understanding your daughter will learn as a result of our whole school International Programme will be invaluable preparation for the global world she is likely to inhabit.

In Lower School, girls participate in classroom digital exchanges: They can work on online projects with pupils in schools from different parts of the world. Further up the school, girls are given a valuable opportunity to travel abroad as part of our extensive international student exchanges programme run with our partner schools.

“Empowering girls to believe in themselves”

Tatler School Guide 2016



“My daughter is happy for the first time in all her school years. I have witnessed her evolve from a shy and reserved child into a confident young lady who has established a vibrant enthusiasm for both her learning and the friends who support her at school. As a parent, choosing St George's is one of the best decisions I have made”.

Parent



Admissions

We welcome applications for any year group. Entrance assessments for P6, P7 and S1 entry are in January. Fee assistance is available to suitable candidates on a means-tested basis. Admissions enquiries should be made to Jane Thomson, Senior Admissions Officer, T 0131 311 8008, E admissions@stge.org.uk.



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