

New! READING CIRCLES New!

**Don't be Square-
Join the Reading Circle!**

As part of the Connections Programme, I am hoping to set up at least one **Reading Circle** – possibly more, depending on numbers. These would be intended, in the first instance, for Sixth Formers and adults from inside or outside St George's. All would be welcome.

The plan would be for the group(s) to meet:

once a month

on a Wednesday,

between 6.30pm and 8pm,

to discuss a selection of books in comfortable surroundings at St George's.

It would be wonderful if we could encourage friends, relations and neighbours to join us.

Please contact Helen Gillard (contact details below) if you wish to attend..

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Issue 2

A warm welcome to

to issue 2 of the Connections Programme

Last term, we were delighted to welcome so many of you to the very first selection of courses in the Connections Programme and extend sincere thanks to all our course tutors for their boundless enthusiasm. It was wonderful to see the school alive with people pursuing a diverse range of interests from Life Drawing to L.A.M.D.A. and from Mandarin Chinese to Global Gourmets. We hope that you enjoyed your classes and look forward to seeing you again in January. Our aim now is to extend participation even further—so do bring along your friends, neighbours and relations!

In the forthcoming spring programme, you will see that some courses will continue from last term but will welcome new members. There are others, marked with an asterisk, which are new. These will run if there is sufficient interest, and applicants will be informed as soon as it is possible to confirm that they can go ahead.

If you wish to register for the first time or to re-register for next term's classes, kindly complete a registration form which can be downloaded from the school website (www.st-georges.edin.sch.uk) or can be obtained from School Office. More details about our courses may be found on the school website.

Courses

- **Please note that unless an age range is mentioned, courses are open to anyone who would like to participate. Suggested age ranges are merely guidelines.**
- **Newcomers will be most welcome to join existing courses**

About our tutors

Japanese p9	Lizzie Poole	A member of the St George's English and Drama Faculty who taught in Japan.
Meet, Cook and Eat p10	Wendy Barrie	St George's Food Champion; Director of Food Studies; founder of the award-winning <i>Scottish Food Guide</i> and Education Convener for Slow Food. Wendy Barrie has vast experience in food education.
Global Gourmets p11		
Food for Thought P10	James Ferguson	James Ferguson has extensive experience in the hospitality and catering industry both in London and abroad. He has taught Hospitality and Food Hygiene in further education colleges and in the local community in Glasgow. He is currently teacher of Food Studies at St George's, a lecturer in the School of Hospitality at James Watt College in Greenock and also a lecturer in the School of Business and Community at Cumbernauld College.
Credit Crunch Cookery P11		
REHIS Elementary Food Hygiene Certificate p13		
Practical Guide to Canon EOS Digital S.L.R. Photography p12	John Hammell	Our Network Administrator at St George's and a very keen amateur photographer.
Digital Photography (Photoshop) p12	Bob Reinhardt	A colleague and prominent artist from our partner school in the U.S.A. (Germantown Friends School, Philadelphia)

About our tutors

Life Drawing p3	Sean Stewart	A member of the St George's Art Faculty
Engage! p3	Steve Small Ruth Hollyman	Steve is a freelance director, facilitator, teacher, mentor and producer who has worked in Scottish theatre for the last 20 years. Ruth is an Edinburgh-based freelance drama worker and writer who has been working with children and young people for 17 years in England, Scotland and Japan.
L.A.M.D.A. pp4-6	Gemma Burns	A member of the St George's English and Drama Faculty and formerly a professional actress in film and television for ten years.
Creative Felt-making New Fashions from Old	Rachel Henderson	Rachel is a freelance textile designer, author and teacher who has run a variety of traditional hand craft and contemporary textile design workshops throughout Britain. As well as working on her own label, Rachel has produced designs for several magazines. Her work also features in her four publications which are sold in the UK and America.
Creative Crochet pp6-7		
Mandarin Chinese for Beginners p8	Jia Bin	A member of the St George's Modern Languages Faculty
The Chinese Experience p8	Rachel Tsai	A member of the St George's Modern Languages Faculty. Formerly, a lecturer in Mandarin at Edinburgh and Napier Universities and Stevenson College.
Twenty First Century Chinese p9	Li Zhang	A member of the St George's Modern Languages Faculty

Expressive Arts

Life Drawing Code: PA007 Adult/Sixth Form

An opportunity to practise and enhance your drawing skills from the observation of a life model and through the use of varied media.

Tutor	Sean Stewart
Day and time	Thursdays, 5-7pm
Dates	January 15th, 22nd and 29th February 5th and 12th March 5th and 19th
Venue	The Art Room
Fee	£150 per term (includes life model fee)
No of weeks	7 sessions

Engage! Code: PD010 13-18 years

An exciting new drama project ranging from page to stage. This course entails improvisation leading to script writing, rehearsal and performance at the end of the spring term. New members welcome.

Tutor	Steve Small and Ruth Hollyman
Day and time	Mondays, 4-6pm
Dates	January 12th, 19th and 26th February 2nd, 9th and 23rd March 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd
Venue	Drama Studio
Fee	£100
No of weeks	10 sessions

Expressive Arts

The London Academy of Music and Dramatic Arts offers a range of acting courses at different levels leading to qualifications. We are pleased to offer the following acting courses:

L.A.M.D.A. (Acting - group 1) Code: PD017a 10- 13yrs

Tutor	Gemma Burns
Day and time	Thursdays, 5-6pm
Dates	January 15th, 22nd and 29th February 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th March 5th, 12th and 19th
Venue	The Music Room, Lansdowne House, St George's
Fee	£100
No of weeks	10 sessions

L.A.M.D.A. (Acting – group 2) * Code: PD017b 10-13 yrs

Tutor	Gemma Burns
Day and time	Mondays, 4-5pm
Dates	January 12th, 19th and 26th February 2nd, 9th and 23rd March 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd
Venue	The Music Room, Lansdowne House, St George's
Fee	£100
No of weeks	10 sessions

Live and Learn!

Reading Circles* Code: RC027a 16 yrs plus and adults

More groups can be added according to interest.

Day and time	First Wednesday every month: 6.30-8pm
Dates	February 4th and March 4th
Venue	Futures Room, Junior School, St George's
Fee	£10 per term
No of weeks	Monthly until end of session

REHIS Elementary Food Hygiene Certificate *

Code: PF029

Adult

This is a course which will lead to a recognised qualification for those handling food for public consumption.

Tutor	James Ferguson
Day and time	Tuesdays, 4–5.30pm
Dates	February 3rd, 10th and 24th March 3rd and 10th
Venue	G5, Upper School, St George's
Fee	£50 plus examination fee
No of weeks	5 sessions with revision and examination in fifth.

Forthcoming courses in the New Year:

*Reeling * Code: SD028 Adults and children aged 5-10 yrs*

Mini-Tennis Programme Code: MT030 5 yrs to 10 yrs*

Further details will be available early in the New Year.

Live and Learn!

Practical Guide to Canon EOS Digital S.L.R. Photography *

Code: PPO25

All

This introductory course covers the detailed basic use of all Canon EOS Digital SLR Cameras in relation to camera modes, shutter speeds, aperture, picture styles, ISO, white balance and the associated recommended settings. It is ideal for those new to Canon SLR cameras or

Tutor	John Hammell
Day and time	Mondays, 6-7pm
Dates	January 12th, 19th and 26th February 2nd, 9th and 23rd March 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd
Venue	G9, Upper School, St George's
Fee	£100
No of weeks	10 sessions

Digital Photography (Photoshop) *

Code: PP026

Tutor	Bob Reinhardt
Day and time	Thursdays, 4-5.30pm
Dates	February 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th
Venue	Graphics Room, Enterprise Centre, St George's
Fee	£40
No of weeks	4 sessions

Expressive Arts

L.A.M.D.A (Acting - Intermediate) Code: PD015 14-16 yrs

Tutor	Gemma Burns
Day and time	Thursdays, 4-5pm
Dates	January 15th, 22nd and 29th February 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th March 5th, 12th and 19th
Venue	The Music Room, Lansdowne House, St George's
Fee	£100
No of weeks	10 sessions

L.A.M.D.A. (Acting-Bronze/Silver) Code: PD020 15-18 yrs

Tutor	Gemma Burns
Day and time	Wednesdays, 4-5pm
Dates	January 14th, 21st and 28th February 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th March 4th, 11th, 18th,
Venue	Drama Studio
Fee	£100
No of weeks	10 sessions

Expressive Arts

L.A.M.D.A. (Acting—Silver/Gold) Code: PD021 15-18 yrs

Tutor	Gemma Burns
Day and time	Wednesdays, 5-6pm
Dates	January 14th, 21st and 28th February 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th March 4th, 11th,18th
Venue	Drama Studio
Fee	£100
No of weeks	10 sessions

Creative Felt-Making * Code PA023 12-14 yrs

Making felt is so simple and it is such a fast process. So many interesting shapes and textures can be achieved using this ancient craft. It is a great way to produce both unique pieces of art and wearable products

Tutor	Rachel Henderson
Day and time	Wednesdays, 4-5pm
Dates	January 14th, 21st and 28th February 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th March 4th, 11th,18th
Venue	The Art Room
Fee	£100 plus materials
No of weeks	10 sessions

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Cookery

Global Gourmets Code: PF009 All

A cook's tour of tastes and specialities from around the world, guided by an expert. Broaden your repertoire with meal ideas from far away lands. Share and enjoy recipes which Wendy Barrie has collected on her travels. There will be practical cookery in every session.

Tutor	Wendy Barrie
Day and time	Mondays, 4–5.30pm
Dates	January 19th and 26th February 9th and 23rd March 2nd, 9th,16th and 23rd
Venue	Food Studies Room, Lower School, St George's
Fee	£100 per term including ingredients which will be provided.
No of weeks	8 sessions

Credit Crunch Cookery * Code: PF028 All

A course for anyone who wishes to learn to cook a variety of quick, simple, tasty and inexpensive dishes. Ideal for potential students!

Tutor	James Ferguson
Day and time	Wednesdays, 5.30–7pm
Dates	January 14th, 21st and 28th February 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th March 4th, 11th,18th
Venue	Food Studies Room, Lower School, St George's
Fee	£100 per term including ingredients which will be provided.
No of weeks	10 sessions

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Cookery

Meet, Cook and Eat Code: PF008 10-12 yrs

A chance to get together and prepare easy dishes to cook for your family and friends. Whether a complete beginner or adding to your repertoire, cooking can be fun!

Tutor	Wendy Barrie
Day and time	Tuesdays, 4–5.30pm
Dates	January 13th, 20th and 27th February 3rd, 10th and 24th March 10th and 17th
Venue	Food Studies Room, Lower School, St George's
Fee	£100 per term including all ingredients which will be provided.
No of weeks	8 sessions

Food for Thought Code: PF001 10-12 yrs

Have you ever wondered about the impact of the food you eat on your body and brain? Come and learn to cook tasty meals which will help you to stay fit as a fiddle!

Tutor	James Ferguson
Day and time	Wednesdays, 4-5.30pm
Dates	January 14th, 21st and 28th February 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th March 4th, 11th, 18th,
Venue	Food Studies Room, Lower School, St George's
Fee	£100 per term including ingredients which will be provided.
No of weeks	10 sessions

Expressive Arts

New Fashions from Old * Code: PA024 14-16 yrs

Reworking old fashions to make new ones is the hottest trend around today. Re-cycling clothes gives you endless possibilities for countless looks. It is a great way to create exclusive pieces for your wardrobe and, at the same time, save some money AND the planet!

Tutor	Rachel Henderson
Day and time	Wednesdays, 5–6pm
Dates	January 14th, 21st and 28th February 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th March 4th, 11th, 18th
Venue	The Art Room
Fee	£100 plus materials
No of weeks	10 sessions

Creative Crochet * Code: PA022 10-13 yrs

Crochet has recently made a big come-back in the world of the crafts. As with knitting, it is possible to create so many lovely projects using this technique. It is a great thing to do indoors on a cold winter evening or while socialising with friends

Tutor	Rachel Henderson
Day and time	Tuesdays, 4-5pm
Dates	January 13th, 20th and 27th February 3rd, 10th and 24th March 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th
Venue	The Art Room
Fee	
No of weeks	10 sessions

Languages

Mandarin Chinese for Beginners Code: LC004 All

This course is for students with little or no experience of Chinese and will introduce the language of this fascinating country.

Tutor	Jia Bin
Day and time	Tuesdays, 5-6pm
Dates	January 13th, 20th and 27th February 3rd, 10th and 24th March 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th
Venue	G3, Upper School, St George's
Fee	£100 per term
No of weeks	10 sessions

The Chinese Experience (Intermediates) Code: PF001 All

A multi-level course which will help you to develop the Chinese language skills you have already acquired through a variety of different activities; it will also enable you to explore further the culture and history behind the language itself.

Tutor	Rachel Tsai
	Tuesdays, 5-6pm
Dates and Times	January 13th, 20th and 27th February 3rd, 10th and 24th March 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th
Venue	The Confucius Hub, St George's
Fee	£100 per term
No of weeks	10 sessions

Languages

Twenty first century Chinese (Advanced) Code: LC006 All

A varied course for those with considerable experience of learning Chinese. This course will help you to develop your language skills whilst gaining a deeper appreciation of the cultural and socio-political context of twenty first century China. Guided by your tutor, you will explore Chinese poems and idioms and the evolution of China into the country it is today.

Tutor	Li Zhang
Day and time	Tuesdays, 6-7pm
Dates	January 13th, 20th and 27th February 3rd, 10th and 24th March 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th
Venue	Confucius G1, Upper School, St George's
Fee	£100
No of weeks	10 sessions

Japanese Code: LJ011F All

A course in Japanese language and culture: basic conversation, Japanese characters, calligraphy and culture. Come along and enjoy meeting Japanese people and learning more about Japan.

Tutor	Lizzie Poole
Day and time	Wednesdays, 4-5pm
Dates	January 14th, 21st and 28th February 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th March 4th, 11th, 18th
Venue	Houldsworth House, St George's
Fee	Free
No of weeks	10 sessions