

SGIS' Boarding in few lines:

- Capacity of 100 boarders
- Boarding house in the main campus with new boarding wing added Sept 2017:
- Boarding house sits within the main school building, easy access to all facilities
- 1:8 ratio (house-parents live in)
- Boys and girls
- From 11 to 18 years old
- Over 30 different nationalities
- Boarding house in the main campus: no waste of time to go to classes
- Dynamic weekend activity programme with opportunities to discover other cities and countries

What age can students become boarders?

We take boys and girls from 11 to 18 years old, offering both weekly and full boarding programs. The Boarding House Director and his family also live on campus along with the House parents and 4 Boarding Graduate assistants. As a team, it is their responsibility to ensure the boarders' personal well-being, safety and best possible academic achievements by providing daily supervision and support from waking up to bedtime.

Do all the boarders live together?

All boarders live in the main building of the campus. Boys and girls live on different floors. Day to day learning takes place all together with the Day school students, according to their curriculum and activities.

Are students allowed to spend some free time outside the Campus during weekends?

Boarders are allowed to sign out to Montreux or Vevey on weekends, according to their year group and age. These are very safe and enjoyable small towns, easily accessible by a well-run and frequent bus service. The older boarders can sign out in groups while the younger boarders sign out with a member of staff.

What is the policy for students who want to spend the weekend outside the Campus?

The Boarding Department allows students to extend their social opportunities, often with day school friends that they make. Should the student be invited by the family of a Day Student, the Boarding Department will need to receive a written confirmation from:

1. The student's parents
And
2. The inviting family

Do you offer activities at weekends?

There are several activities offered to our boarders after school and during weekends. During weekdays, we expect them to work hard, and during weekends we want to see them "play harder". From camping weekend in France to shopping days in Italy or skiing on the Swiss Alps...Learning at St. George's is not only in classrooms and from academic books.

For further information about weekends' activities, please refer to our [activities calendar](#).

Can parents visit their child or take him/her out?

We encourage parents to come and see their children and they are always welcome on campus. We do ask for notice so that we can make sure we maintain our security. It is recommended for parents to visit during the exeat



weekends, as we don't want your child to miss any exciting activity! However, we respect the challenges of parents travelling from afar and we are flexible to accommodate these needs. The exact weekends dates are communicated to families at the beginning of the academic year from our Boarding Team.

What is the best time to contact my child?

Communication between parents and children are key to contribute their well-being and development. We suggest parents contact their children either before or after school (8.00 – 8.10 or after 16.15). Should there be an emergency, please call the boarding line which is available 24/24 and 7/7: +4121 989 21 83

Will someone be there for my child if they have a problem?

This is one of the most important responsibilities we take as a boarding institution. To ensure that care is always there we have multiple ways of checking up on and being accessible to each student: through their house parents, through their academic tutor, through their year Group Co- Ordinator, their head of school and the learning centre, through the support of the other students. The pastoral care at St George's is outstanding and we are proud of the care that we provide.

Boarding House-Parents are not academic teachers but full-time staff who are responsible of boarders' day to day well-being. They live on the same boarding floors as students, allowing them to be contacted at any time.

What about Health?

We do have a nurse available on Campus (24h - 7/7) and a doctor of reference in case of any emergency. If the student needs to go the Hospital for a check, a Staff member (House parent or Director of Boarding) will accompany him/her. Equally, we have access to the Clinique Prairie on our doorstep, world renowned.

Does the School offer special dietary requirements meals?

At this age, we need to be sure that children have a balanced diet.

Our chefs prepare a wide range of options for our students and we give meticulous attention to any food allergies or special dietary requirements children needs.

Parents are requested to fill-out the child's medical form and specify any important medical information.

What is the School Policy on IT?

The campus is covered with a wireless network. Boarders can connect to the school network system in order to access the internet from their room. Naturally the school blocks unsuitable websites, and restricts access to gaming and social websites during the school day and the allocated homework time in the evening.

Furthermore, we have a policy on electronics which boarders need to respect. Further details can be found in our "[Boarders rules and privileges](#)". The school places high priority on guiding students to make responsible and safe choices in their use of IT. It is part of the school curriculum, through our life skills programme.

Are students allowed to bring their own Laptop?

We encourage students to bring their own laptop to facilitate communication with their relatives/parents as well as to work on group projects and research with their classmates.

Are students allowed to bring their own mobile phone?

Yes, students are allowed to have their own mobile phone. The usage of mobile phone is prohibited during lessons time (except if teachers allow them to use it as dictionary or for research). Students are allowed their phones during morning break and lunch break, outside the building.



How many boarders to a room?

Students share rooms of 2, although certain rooms have 3 and a few single rooms are also available (at extra charge).

Can students choose their Roommates?

We allocate students to rooms based on our experience and on the best educational interests of students. Should students be in a double or triple room, we try to place them with students of the same year group and different nationalities: this will allow them to learn more about other cultures! We take great care in these placements and monitor them closely.

Do students need a visa?

Passport holders of certain countries do not need a visa. Where one is required, visa's need to be applied for by the families in their home countries. Once this initial step is taken, the School can monitor the application process. All boarders require a permit to reside in Switzerland- this will be taken care of by the school. For further information, please contact the Admissions office at: admissions@stgeorges.ch

It is vital that parents appraise us of their situation and needs as the regulations in Switzerland require that we are compliant with visa requirements.

Do students need pocket money?

Should parents decide to pay the school's pocket money, boarders can collect it from the Boarding Office on a weekly basis. The amount of the pocket money goes from CHF 20 – 50/week, depending on the student's age.

How do parents keep in touch with the progress of their child?

The child's tutor is the main point of contact, and he/she will be in communication with parents on regular basis. And along with their relevant Head of School and year coordinator. However, all parents have access to the Parents Portal (Isams) to monitor their child's academic progress.

New students will receive a settling-in report after 3 weeks at school, and all the academic reports are available on the Parents Portal.

Parents and Teachers consultation days are also very good opportunities for parents to meet with different subject teachers and discuss the child's progress. The dates of these consultation days are published in the school's handbook, at the beginning of the academic year.

How do students keep their belongings safe?

Students are expected to hand in their passports to the Boarding Office for safety. Each student also has a safe-box in the room for secure storage.

Do students receive support with their homework?

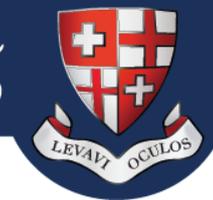
Every afternoon, Tuesday to Friday, we have supervised homework (part of the school's Academic Prep programme) in our library. Teachers on duty are available to help and guide students.

We have also Academic Supports available either in the morning, 7.45 – 8.15am, or in the afternoon, 4.30 – 5pm.

Students are highly encouraged to join these Academic Supports and Supervised Homework sessions.

The timetable of the supports available are provided to students and parents at the beginning of each term.

In addition to these, boarders have mandatory preparation time every evening (except Fridays and Saturdays), between 19.45 – 21.00.



Students are asked to do their Prep in specific classrooms, under the supervision of House-parents.

Only Monitors and Prefects can do work in their bedroom.

Students' homework is uploaded on an application SMHW (Show my homework) an exemplary school programme and parents can also have access to it.

Is the school open over the holidays?

The school is closed during the holidays in October, Christmas, February, Easter and Summer. However, trips are offered during all holidays except at Christmas, Easter and in the Summer. These trips are optional and charged at an extra fee. Term dates are published and these activities well in advance to enable parents to plan effectively.

Is there a School and Sports' uniform?

Yes, both. Uniform is part of the school's dress code which has to be respected. School sport strip is also worn by students participating in fixtures and tournaments.

These can be purchased in our uniform shop: uniform@stgeorges.ch

A full consultation and appointment is made available before the student starts school and Simone Kollias, the Boarding Director's wife runs the school uniform.

Do you offer airport transfer service?

Transport from and to Geneva airport is provided to our boarders and the fee is included in the tuition and boarding package. To arrange this, please contact our boarding office: skollias@stgeorges.ch

Do students have to clean their own room?

Boarders' bedrooms are cleaned everyday by our Housekeeping team. However, we ask our students to keep the room tidy as a respect to our staff members. House-parents will do room tidiness checks daily and they will give them a score (0 the lowest and 10 the highest) on a weekly basis. Students with less than 5 points may be gated (cannot sign out during the week). There are tidiness cups awarded the end of each term.

Is laundry provided?

Yes, this is a service included in the fees. Each boarder receives a laundry bag with a number and they have to give in the laundry bag with the clothing to be washed on Monday morning and they will have it back washed and ironed on Thursday evening after dinner.

What is the daily schedule of a boarding student?

06.45 – 07.00	Wake-up
07.30 – 08.00	Breakfast
07.45 – 08.15	Academic support (optional)
08.15 – 08.30	Registration and Tutor time
08.30 – 09.30	Period 1
09.30 – 10.30	Period 2
10.30 – 11.00	Break (Snacks provided in the canteen)
11.00 – 12.00	Period 3
12.00 – 13.00	Period 4
13.00 – 14.15	Lunch
14.15 – 15.15	Period 5



15.15 – 16.15	Period 6
16.15 – 18.30	Option 1. Clubs Option 2. Academic Support Option 3. Supervised Homework Option 4. Sortie/Sign-out (to Montreux/Vevey)
18.45 – 19.30	Dinner
19.45 – 21.00	Prep time
21.00 – 21.30	Snack
21.45	Electronics time
22.00	Lights out

What are the activities students can choose after school?

Please refer to our list of clubs offered for this term. Most clubs offered on campus are included in the fees. Should boarders wish to do an activity which is not listed, e.g. horse-riding, and if parents agree with it, the boarding team will help in looking for a club outside school. The student will also be driven to and from the activity by the boarding team.

What are the nationalities at St. George's?

We currently have 400 students from over 60 different nationalities. Most of them come from European countries but we also have children from other continents including Africa, Asia, Oceania and the Americas.

What is/are the main language/s spoken in school?

English is the main language of instruction and communication. French is our second mandatory language from Early Learning School (nursery) to Year 11.

We have a mother tongue support programme, encouraging our students to keep learning their own mother tongue.

How many students in a classroom?

We have an average of 12- 16 students per class but this is flexible depending on the subject and cohort from year to year and an overall school teacher/student ratio of 1:6.

Do you provide private music instrument tuition?

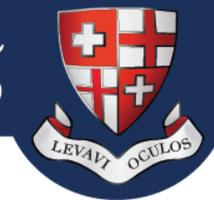
Yes, we have a very vibrant Expressive and Performing Arts Department and individual instrumental tuition is available. Requests can be made through submitting this [form](#).

What if my child doesn't have a good English level?

We have a Learning Centre on campus which is available to support children with specific learning needs. Our ELAP (English Language Acquisition Programme) helps students to build-up a strong English foundation in order to better cope with the other subjects, as all though in English (with the exception of French and the 3rd Language). Our Learning Centre is one of our school's unique selling points.

How many hours do students spend to do homework?

This depends on the year group. Please refer to our homework policy.



Do boarders have to bring their own towels and bed linens?

No, these are provided by the school.

What do I have to bring as a new boarder?

Please find here a list of [“what to bring”](#).

How can I apply?

Please follow our Admissions process:

- Schedule a visit with our Admissions team: admissions@stgeorges.ch all our visits are individual and bespoke to every family's needs. Additionally, taster 'sleep overs' on boarding can be arranged to enable parents and students to experience firsthand the boarding offering.
- Fill-out our online application form and provide the documents requested
- Complete the Admissions Tests, if required
- The completed file will be evaluated by the Admissions Committee and an answer will be provided after 10 working days

For further information, please do not hesitate in contacting our Admissions Team.

When is the best time to apply?

At St. George's we have a rolling admissions system. Students are welcomed throughout the whole academic year. However, we strongly recommend students to join us during the 1st Term, starting in September.

What is the academic calendar in St. George's?

Our Academic Year is divided in 3 terms:

- Term 1 August (final week)– December
- Term 2 January – End of March
- Term 3 April – June

Please find here [the terms and holidays calendar of this academic year 2017-2018](#).