

# St Christopher School

LETCHWORTH GARDEN CITY

## Open Day Programme, Saturday 17 October 2009

### Overview:

0900-	Arrival and <b>Signing-in</b> : Junior School Foyer Maire McAlister, our Registrar, will organize tour groups
0940-	Short, 20-minute <b>tours</b> of the School estate by Sixth Formers (these continue throughout the morning)
1000-	Visitors are then free to visit all parts of the School, according to their interests or priorities, using the map provided
1100-1130	<b>Head's Presentation</b> takes place in the School Theatre, followed by visitors' questions and an opportunity afterwards to visit a <b>Boarding House</b>
1145-1300	<b>Lunch</b> is available in the School's Dining Hall ("IG") for all our visitors
1130-1300	Visits round the School continue
1300	Open Day finishes

### In Detail:

**0900 - Arrival and Parking.** You can park in the following areas:

- Junior School Car Park: 150 yards along Barrington Rd, on your left
- Barrington Road: car park on the right just before the roundabout with the flagpole
- Staff will be available to point out the parking areas

**0930- Reception.** Junior School Foyer.

- Staff will be on hand to direct you to the Junior School
- Tea, coffee, soft drinks and cakes will be available
- Music will be provided by our Junior School musicians, based in the IT area
- Admissions staff, members of the Senior Management Team, students and Governors will be available to meet you and answer your questions
- You can pick up the latest School Prospectus and Information Booklet.

**0940- Orientation Tours of the School Estate continue throughout the morning**

- Our Sixth Form students will show you where everything is

**1000-1300 All our Departments will be open for visits throughout the morning**

- You can then visit and join in the many activities taking place around the School, including English, History, Geography, Modern Languages, Maths, Science, ICT, Drama, Music, Art, Activities and Sports: **..pto.**

- Junior School: Classrooms will be open for you to visit; there will also be a screening of our Junior production of "Macbeth"
- Sue Rix, Head of the Junior School and her staff will be on hand
- Montessori Nursery: Lesley Edwards, Nursery Manager, will be pleased to show you the new, refurbished "Monte," opened in September 2008; there will be seed-planting and pot-decorating going on!
- Football: you will see our Saturday morning footballers in action; these include youngsters from our local community who come every week for expert qualified coaching
- The PE Department will also be supervising a number of activities in the Sports Hall, including trampolining and basketball
- There will be displays about our international projects in the Piazza area
- The Climbing Wall is a firm favourite with visitors to Open Days (subject to weather conditions)
- The School Library will be open, and will offer lots of puzzles and quizzes to try
- Modern Languages will be presenting lots of language-learning materials, plus an overview of our recent exchanges with Spain and France
- There will be an open rehearsal in the Drama Studio
- An exhibition of Art work by our exam groups will be on display in the Social Library
- The School's worm composting and gardening areas will be open to visitors
- There will be demonstrations of the School's Information Technology in the ICT Department
- Our Media Studies students will be working in IT to produce "The Open Daily" which will be published for parents to take away with them
- Science will provide a range of hands-on experiments and displays
- There will also be hands-on sand-blasting and vinyl-cutting opportunities in the Craft, Design and Technology Workshop.

### **1100-1130 Presentation in the Theatre**

- Head of St Christopher, Richard Palmer will outline and demonstrate what makes the School distinctive, and take questions
- There will be a chance to visit a Boarding House afterwards.

### **1145- 1300 Buffet Lunch for our Open Day visitors**

- Once you have seen everything you wish to, you and your family are warmly invited to join us for lunch in the main School dining hall.

### **Throughout the morning:**

- In addition to the Head of St Christopher, the Head of the Junior School and Montessori Nursery Manager, some of our other specialists will be available in the Junior School Foyer and at lunch to answer your specific questions, including:
  - Emma-Kate Henry, Deputy Head
  - Dennis Rix, Director of Studies
  - Maire McAlister, Registrar
  - Andy Selkirk, Director of the Pastoral System
  - Pat Themistocli, Head of Individual Needs
  - Edwin Gruber, Director of Activities

***Please let the Open Day Reception know if you'd like to talk to a particular member of staff.*** If you have any further questions before you visit or on the day, please feel free to contact Maire McAlister, Registrar (01462 650947 or [admissions@stchris.co.uk](mailto:admissions@stchris.co.uk))