



ST. GEORGE'S SCHOOL

# ACES!

*An introduction to St. George's offered by the Instructional Services Department*

## Program Overview

**ACES!** is a course offered to *all* new St. George's students, beginning each September and continuing for the first five weeks into October. The course has five key components, which have been carefully identified by faculty members and students, as focal points of a successful student transition to SG:

- 1) Learning Strategies
- 2) Executive Functions
- 3) Understanding Expectations
- 4) Importance of Communication
- 5) Learning About Being an SG Community Member

## Academics

-  Introduce new study strategies that are designed for each student's success
-  Build executive functions, such as organization, planning, independent initiation and time management
-  Review SG's email and classroom technology systems and introduce on-campus academic resources, such as the Writing and Math Labs



## Projected Goals

Students entering into a new learning environment often have trouble understanding the differences between what they *think* it will take to achieve success at a top-flight school like SG and what it will *actually* take. Our goal is to provide students with an understanding of those differences and how to adjust to them. The one thing each new student will have in common with others when they step onto campus together in September, is that SG is a new experience. We believe that this fact should be embraced, nurtured and used to each individual student's benefit.



## + Commitment

-  Develop a nightly routine focused on thorough homework completion as well as the longer-term skill of constant review of material
-  Discuss the importance of meeting with teachers and getting extra help

## + Effort

-  Arrive to class prepared and ready to participate
-  Have pride in your work and your ability to succeed!

## = Success

-  Success can take many forms. We strive to help students feel more in control of their academic process, in the short and long term.
-  An eagerness to learn and to be challenged is something that we strongly encourage here at SG. Our course is meant to emphasize the willingness to grow as a student and a community member.

### Who?

Each new student at St. George's

### What?

A course meant to help each new student adjust to the academics and the community at St. George's

### When?

Once a week for the first five weeks of school

Inquiries are always welcome!

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