



ST. GEORGE'S
SCHOOL

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That you're receiving this letter in the final days of winter, with spring just around the corner feels particularly apt. Hope is in the air, mixed with the boundless potential of what lay ahead. Like the seasons, schools also undergo a cyclical renewal each year, of which the students and faculty are key elements for the uncertain future. Crafting a similar letter to accepted students some seventy years ago, former head of school Willet Eccles captured this spirit well, writing, "St. George's is what its students and faculty make it."

There is a quiet power in Eccles' choice of the verb "make. You will no doubt make many things should you choose to come to St. George's. But what, precisely, you will make remains a bit of a mystery, ready to be written and rewritten each day and each new school year. You'll certainly make relationships—with new friends and faculty alike. You may even make a surfboard during your time here. You'll make connections between the past and present. You'll make memories at the beach, on buses, in the dorm, and in chapel. Many of you will make magic happen—on the stage or on the athletic fields—leaving your classmates in awe, and making them smile and cheer in a way unique to this hilltop. Hopefully, you might even make some mistakes along the way. Mistakes, as we like to say in the Merck Center for Teaching, are where the learning happens.

Eccles concluded his letter, writing "Let me remind you again that you are the School." With this message you too now have the potential to be "the School," one that is made and remade anew each year. Soon you will learn more about the specifics of the academic program here at St. George's. We can't wait to see what you might make.

Congratulations!

Sincerely,

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