**The Fascination of China**

St George’s School for Girls has planned an exciting programme of presentations on a variety of topics related to China for interested pupils, teachers and parents over the spring and summer terms. You are warmly invited to attend these talks, which will be free of charge and take place in the Confucius Classroom at St George’s School, Garscube Terrace, Edinburgh from 4.00-5.00pm.

**Tuesday 26th March Gap Year Travels in China - Jessica Howard Johnson**

Jessica is currently in her first year of studying Geography at University College London. She attended St George’s from primary one to sixth form after which she travelled extensively for four months during her gap year, including six weeks in China. Jessica will share with us her journey through China, so this presentation will be of particular interest to those pupils thinking about travelling during their gap year.

**Thursday 25th April Where Chinese has taken me - James Brodie**

James Brodie is the manager for Scotland and China Business Adviser for the China-Britain Business Council. A fluent speaker of Mandarin, James returned from working in China in July 2012 where he had held positions in a variety of sectors. He lived in Beijing from 2006-2012 but has travelled extensively on business throughout China, serving as an interpreter and cultural adviser to foreign companies. James has a BA (Hons) in Chinese Studies from the University of Sheffield. He will share with us some of his own experiences of living and working in China, and how his career has been shaped by learning to speak Mandarin.

**Monday 10th** **June** **An Introduction to Chinese History - Christopher Rosenmeier**

Christopher has an MA in Chinese from Copenhagen University (2001) and a PhD in Chinese Literature from the School of Oriental and African Studies, London (2006). He taught various courses at the School of Oriental and African Studies and spent two years as a postdoctoral Fellow at Cambridge University funded by the Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation. He is now based at the University of Edinburgh as convener for postgraduate studies, programme director of the Master of Chinese Studies course and lecturer of various courses on modern Chinese literature and culture. Christopher will give us a fascinating overview of Chinese History through the ages.

Please rsvp to drb@st-georges.edin.sch.uk indicating which talks you would like to attend.