



# ST STITHIANS COLLEGE PATH *of* HOPE + LIGHT



## GATEWAY



2021 Marks the 21<sup>st</sup> Birthday of the St Stithians Junior Preparatory School. In April 2000 the young Girls' Preparatory School had grown and needed additional classrooms. The Junior Prep of St Stithians Boys' Preparatory already had 48 years of facilities, resources and specialist teachers in situ in what has now becomes the Junior Preparatory School. The increasing need for specialising and focusing on educating young children also added to the case for bringing together a group of dedicated, highly qualified and skilled educators of children between the age of five and nine. And so, the concept of a combined Junior Preparatory School was proposed, accepted and the Junior Preparatory School began.



The Junior Preparatory is known as the Gateway to St Stithians College as it marks both the start of the exciting thirteen year journey through Saints, and the beginning of formal education. Our school offers a nurturing, co-ed environment for Grades RR, R, 1 and 2, after which our boys and girls move onto the Boys' Preparatory and Girls' Preparatory respectively.

We are a proudly Methodist Christian School and our aim is to be a place of welcome and wonder for all who inhabit our space. We trust our families will experience being a part of our Community of Belonging. Values are important to us and these are based on the nine Fruit of the Spirit as found in Galatians 5:22-23. We also cherish our Honour Code and Saints Character and nurture self-esteem in our little ones. Our school offers a nurturing, co-ed environment for Grade RR, R, 1 and 2.

Innovation and a child-centred approach are two key components of our curriculum which is aligned to international trends and best practice in education. Our students are encouraged to achieve their personal best within the broader context of small group and class teaching. We celebrate diversity in all its forms and provide opportunities for children to explore their interests and talents both during and after school.

The staff are a dedicated and professional team who share a passion for the education of young people. We have a number of specialist teachers who are essential to our holistic offering of a spiritual, academic, sporting and cultural education.

The natural beauty of our campus provides the perfect backdrop for a quality education for our children. Learning is a personal expedition to discover hidden talents and new passions that give meaning and purpose to life. We welcome One and All to become part of our St Stithians family.

Click the following link to view the video of the JP to Matric Journey (<https://youtu.be/VNt8xBU7c2I>)

Sources:

Head of the Junior Prep Gayle Harris' introduction to the JP on the St Stithians College website

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The Junior Preparatory is our Gateway into St Stithians. The words of Be Thou My Vision which we have chosen as our College Hymn remind us that no matter where we are in life, the Lord is our guiding light and our strength. God watches over us and stands by our side. Throughout our lives we should look, act and speak as if we are one with God.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word  
Be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord  
Be thou my great Father, and I thy true son  
Be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one



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