

## WEARING OUR CORDWALLES BADGE WITH PRIDE

The Cordwalles badge, until 2007, was a simple and bold ‘C’. This was an easily recognisable symbol of the school to the many boys who passed through its doors. However, we felt that the badge should be something that is recognisable, meaningful and goes straight to the heart and comes straight from the heart of Cordwalles. It should symbolise our values and our goals and be embedded within a story and a character to which boys can relate and which they can be proud of. In line with this thinking, a decision was made and a thorough process was undertaken by the Cordwalles Community to transform the badge in 2007. The reasoning and outcome of this process is outlined below.

We believe that our badge should be strongly associated with our Christian ethos and with St George for the following reasons: Cordwalles was established for the ‘promotion of Christian education and sound learning’. We were founded by Bishop Baines and the chapel plays a central role in the life of the school. Cordwalles School in the UK, after which we are named, had a picture of St George and the dragon painted on the wall of its chapel. In our own chapel we have a stained glass window that depicts St George and the dragon. Hence, our choice of St George as our character from history.

We believe that our goal at Cordwalles is to equip our boys with skills, motivation, values and critical thinking, so that they can, like St George, courageously stand up for what is right, fight against evil in our society and give compassionately to those in need.

Furthermore, the Bible exhorts us to:

*‘Put on the armour that God gives, so you can defend yourself against the forces of evil...  
Let your faith be like a shield, and you will be able to stop all the flaming arrows of the evil one...  
For a sword use God’s message that comes from the spirit.’*

Due to all this, which we believe is the heart of Cordwalles, three key elements are added to our “C” in our badge:



**Cordwalles**  
PREPARATORY SCHOOL FOR BOYS  
*Your Son's Foundation For Life.*

- 1) The shield: The shield of faith is there to protect us from all that is thrown at us by those forces of evil that surround us.
- 2) The sword: The sword of truth is God’s word. We need to be brave to stand up for what is true and right according to God’s laws and decrees. It is God’s message to us that destroys the evil around us.
- 3) The St George’s cross: This cross reminds us of St George and what he did to fight against evil and to stand up firmly against the powers of greed, selfishness and destruction.

## OUR MOTTO

### *'Courage Builds Character'*

(Devised by Andrew Lee – Grade 5: 2006)

- Courage – To stand up for the truth, persevere, take risks, have faith, take action, feel compassion, be the best you can be.
- Builds – This implies laying down a foundation on which further development takes place.  
Building relates to making progress, transforming, growing and achieving.
- Character – Each one of us has a distinctive and unique character. Our character is determined by our mental and moral qualities. It is exposure to situations which require courage which builds our individual personalities and makes us who we are.

## CORDWALLES SCHOOL SONG

The Cordwalles family is one, united as we forge.

The untempered mettle of our youth, in the footsteps of St George.

Shield of faith there to protect us; sword of truth to guide our lives;

'Courage builds character' as each of us now strives.

We must use our given talents, achieving all we can,

Fostering well the moral qualities that lead from boy to man.

May we have compassionate hearts and minds, while helping all in need;

Standing up for what is right and just let – Honour be our Creed.

Let us strive in all endeavours, in the challenges we meet,

Showing loyalty and steadfastness in triumph and defeat.

Now in fellowship and friendship, together all are one,

We prepare to face the future – Cordwalles lead us on.

*David Anderson (Old Boy)*

*October 2007*

## CORDWALLES SCHOOL COLLECT

Almighty God, in whom we move and live and have our being,

Make this school as a field which the Lord hath blessed,

That whatsoever things are true, pure, lovely, and of good report

May here forever flourish and abound.

Preserve in it an unblemished name; Enlarge it with a wider usefulness,

And exalt it in the love and reverence of all its members

As an instrument of Thy glory,

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.