

# **St George's shuttle service**

**St George's School for girls, Edinburgh, and Badminton Scotland have struck up a partnership aimed at creating more playing opportunities through women and girls' leagues and competitions, as well as all-female workforce development courses.**

Carolina O'Neill de Sousa E Sa, Badminton Scotland Inclusion Officer said: "It's great to see the importance of women and girls in sport being highlighted and put into action by St George's and we are proud to continue championing initiatives like this one.

"Rita Yuan Gao, Regional Development Officer for Lothian and Borders, has been instrumental in getting the partnership up and running and will continue to provide support where needed. We invite all clubs and communities who are looking to offer opportunities to equality groups or marginalised groups to reach out to us and have a chat about how we can support you and/or your local community".

Carol Chandler-Thompson, St George's Head says: "Aligned in our values and passionate about creating opportunities for women and girls, we are delighted to develop our work with Badminton Scotland further. St George's has a pioneering history as the first training college for female teachers in Edinburgh, when it was far from commonplace. We understand the importance of female role models.

Enthusiasm and talent amongst women and girls surround us but sadly, opportunity does not, especially when it comes to prioritising facilities, time and staffing. This partnership aims to increase the profile of women and girls' participation in Scotland, develop a workforce to support this and firmly embed badminton within the wider community and for all ages and identities."



St George's School have teamed up with Badminton Scotland to help introduced newcomers to the sport