

# Star Intervention Programme launched

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**ST. GEORGE'S, GRENADA, SEPT. 11, 2020** - The Ministry of Education launched its STAR Intervention Programme on Sept. 3, 2020, at the Grenville Secondary School.

Fourteen male students from that school are now the first participants in the pilot of this remedial programme, which engages students who are at-risk of not completing school, due to behavioural, academic and psychological issues.

STAR means study, try, aim and reach. The programme aims to have students achieve the goals that they set for themselves. Speaking at the launch, Permanent Secretary, Kevin Andall, emphasized the importance of supporting young people and the rewards to be gained later down the road.

He said, "Every single one of you young men here have somebody sitting by your side, saying to you that 'I am here,' – like my Grandmother – "to ensure that you travel down the right pathway, to success'."

STAR is a 6-month programme that consists of a three-week live in camp, followed by academic, physical and psychological support away from the school plant, for four days per week. On day five students will return to the school. The programme provides support not just for students, but also parents, the community and the school.

Kathy Ann James, District 3 Education Officer, explained that the programme will be supported by various stakeholders, including the Ministry of Social Development, Housing and Community Development, the Ministry of Youth development, Sports, Culture and the Arts and the Royal Grenada Police Force.