

AK/SJS

8 July 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians

As the term and academic year draw to a close I write to you with arrangements for the last day of term on Friday 19 July. The last break of the day will be at 10:15 and the Snack Shack will have some treats on offer on this special day. We will hold a final assembly at 12:00, where we will say goodbye to the colleagues who are leaving us for pastures new, with buses home leaving at 12:30.

Mr McKenzie, who has been in Cyprus for 11 years and Head of Maths for the past 5 years will be missed by his students who he always encourages to believe in themselves and give Maths their all. Ms O'Sullivan will be missed greatly by her RE classes, her tutor group and by her colleagues. She plays a very nurturing role in school and is appreciated by all. Mrs Pendle, who has taught Science at St John's for the past 10 years, is returning to teach in the UK. She is a favourite of many students for her calm, caring approach and innovative and engaging lessons. Mrs de-Long, Head of Year 10 and Girls PE, is also moving on to work in the UK in the summer. She has taught at St John's School for 6 years and has brought a whole host of new leadership and sporting opportunities to the school over the years that have enriched and extended opportunities for our students and, at times, taken them out of their comfort zone! Mr Francis, who is our History Teacher and Head of PSHE, is moving on to be Head of History at Brecon College. I know that many students will miss his challenging and engaging History and PSHE lessons and his drive and enthusiasm at almost anything that he does, including D of E.

Mrs Mavrikios is leaving the Science department after 33 ½ years as their laboratory technician. She has some lovely retirement plans involving travel and we wish her all the best and thank her for her hard work over the past 3 decades! Mr Young is leaving the Post 16 team for pastures new and exciting career opportunities – all the best in these ventures and thank you. Mrs Slater has worked as an LSA at St John's for 3 years and has worked closely with Mr Holden in the SENCO Assistant role. The students in this department have benefitted greatly from her efforts and we wish her well in the future.

Finally, I want to thank all parents, students and staff for their support of me over the past 2 years in my Acting Principal role. It has been a real honour to serve the community in this way and I look forward to continuing to work with many of you next year as Vice Principal for Teaching and Learning.

All students will return to school on Wednesday 4 September 2019.

Wishing you all a very happy, healthy and fun filled summer break.

Yours sincerely



Alex Kerr
Acting Principal

