

EBR/SJS

17 July 2020

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 Tuesday 21 July. The school will close at 12.00pm and buses returning to Akrotiri and Paramali will depart at that time. During the day we will be holding some fun, socially distanced activities such as year group rewards assemblies, escape room tasks and scavenger hunts. It is also a civvies day and we are collecting for the Help for Hasti Appeal: a cause linked closely to our military community.

Sadly, we are saying goodbye to three of our LSA team: Mrs Collo who has worked tirelessly, especially for the Science department, mentoring Y11 students, supporting the Crest Science Awards and arranging our Science fair; Mrs Rees as Assistant to the SENCO who has been fantastic at organising key worker support during lockdown and is a great go to person for many of our students who need a little extra support; and Mrs Mason, an amazing Snack Shack assistant who also supported key worker students and break time supervision as an LSA. All will be missed; we wish them and their families well for the future.

Looking ahead, we currently plan to return to school on a full timetable in September: 8.00am – 14.00pm. We are following UK guidance on social distancing by maintaining year group hubs; this means that students from each year group will be able to interact normally whilst maintaining distance with students from other year groups. However, please note that if further guidance from the Republic of Cyprus is provided during the summer holiday, then this may change. We will communicate with you towards the end of the summer holiday if there are any significant amendments to our plan. Because of the uncertainty surrounding Covid-19 guidelines, we have a slightly more staggered return to school:

Wednesday 2 September – Y7 and Y11 plus new students arriving over the summer in Y8, 9 and 10 will return to school 8am – 10.30am for induction activities. All new students to wear clothes suitable for PE: no short crop tops or shorts above mid-thigh length.

Thursday 3 September – Y7 and 11 students are in school all day 08:00 – 14:00

Friday 4 September – All students return to school as normal 08:00 – 14:00 (Year 12/13 to receive an induction day).

Monday 7 September – Normal timetable begins for Year 12/13 students

Finally, I want to thank all parents, students and staff for their support during my first year as Headteacher at St John's School. It has not been the year I imagined it to be but I am delighted to be part of this fantastic community: a community striving to collaborate strategically to be the absolute best it can be. We have an exciting journey ahead of us and I look forward to working together effectively in the future. I wish you all a very happy, healthy and fun filled summer break.

Yours faithfully,



Emma Bryson
Headteacher