

EB/SJS

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Dear Parents / Guardians

Already two weeks into the final term of the academic year, I hope this letter finds you and your families well. The weeks either side of the half term break have been incredibly busy and the absence of this year's exam series has once again meant that students in Years 11, 12 and 13 will rely upon Teacher Assessed Grades, which have this week been submitted to exam boards for moderation. In getting to this stage, students and staff have demonstrated in equal amounts a commitment and attention to detail that will ensure the students' efforts are fairly rewarded and I look forward to sharing in the celebration of their success, once the final results are published this August. As a reminder, this year's exam results days are as follows;

- A-Level results will be published on Tuesday 10th August 2021
- GCSE results will be published on Thursday 12th August 2021

However, it has not been all work and no play! On Wednesday of this week, Year 11 celebrated the end of the year in style, attending this year's School Prom at The Crowne Plaza in Limassol. It was a spectacular evening, coupled with all the glitz and glamour you would of course expect. I encourage you to visit the school's Facebook page to scroll through some of the pictures taken during this week's event. In addition, today we also held the annual Leavers Assembly attended by students in Year 11 and 13. Laughter and tears aplenty, it was a great opportunity to look back over years past, friendships forged and moments had! To all our leavers thank you for the contribution you have made here at St John's School; we wish you all the very best as you step into the future and hope you will continue to keep in contact as a member of our school Alumni.

In addition to wishing our Year 11 and 13 leavers farewell, we have also said goodbye to Mr Mike Garden who leaves having ably stepped in to support students across a wide range of subjects. A popular teacher, there are certainly a number of students disappointed to see him go and I am personally grateful for his support and expertise leant to our school and community. The start of this term does however welcome two new faces amongst our staff: Katie Gardener joins us in the PE Department. Katie is very familiar with St John's having completed her teacher training with us some years ago. Colin Guyton also joins St John's in the role of Assistant Headteacher adding capacity to our Leadership Team. Colin is an experienced school leader who will have direct oversight of our schools' pastoral provision. We welcome both Katie and Colin, as well as their respective families to the school and wider community and look forward to benefitting from their contribution.

Looking ahead over what remains of this term, I look forward to welcoming both pupils and parents of our new Year 6 cohort. On Wednesday 7th July pupils from Episkopi Primary School will join us for their Transition Day, this will be followed by pupils from Akrotiri Primary School on Thursday 8th July, during the afternoon of which there will be a Year 6 Transition Parent Evening. For our existing students we are pleased to be able to provide an Activities Week during the last few days of term. Unable to take place last year, we are pleased to be able to offer a wide range of activities for students to enrol upon and the planning is well underway with further information to follow next week.

Finally, I wish to reassure you that, at the time of writing this letter, St John's School still has not had any positive COVID cases from students or staff since January. We continue to employ a robust risk assessment, regularly reviewed that is supported by the offer of weekly testing. The lack of cases continues to be testament to the effectiveness of our well-considered approach. However, if you do have any concerns regarding our risk assessment, please do contact us so we can discuss these with you.

In the meantime, my quote for this month is taken from Virginia Woolf and is particularly relevant during busy times: "No need to hurry. No need to sparkle. No need to be anybody but yourself". I wish you and all those within our school community a purposeful, productive and enjoyable final term of this academic year.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Emma Bryson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Emma Bryson

Headteacher