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Dear Families,

It was great to welcome our students back for the second half of this Autumn Term. It was lovely to hear about their adventures, whether near or far.



The week began on Halloween, with Mr Vamptton hanging out on a bench at the front of school. Mr Vamptton's presence was in support of the Episkopi scarecrow hunt, which I hope provided ample interest and amusement over the half term for those who embarked upon the hunt. To mark Halloween this year, students in Key Stage 3 dressed up to attend our Halloween disco. There were some fantastic costumes, of which pictures follow later in this weeks newsletter.

In England, students waded through river and sea as they completed their fieldwork, which will aid them in undertaking the Geographical Skills Exam paper next summer. I am delighted our students have been able to participate in such a trip, pleased they could return to the UK, ensuring they are not disadvantaged in their exam preparations by living in Cyprus.



For students in Year 12 and 13, a small number embarked upon exams in their GCSE English and Maths. Well prepared, I am hopeful they will achieve their Grade 4 or better and wish them well as the exam series draws to a close on Monday. Good Luck!

Mr Colin Guyton Acting Headteacher



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Year 11 Geography Fieldwork Visit

All but three of our Year 11 students headed back to the UK this week to participate in a week long series of fieldwork activities. Starting with a series of team building activities that would support what lies ahead, students completed activities that included: The Floor is Lava, Marble Run, Human Knot and The Crevice.

As the week progressed the real work began with students investigating *How the quality of life differ in Park Barn and Merrow?* To help explore this theme students were required to complete a questionnaire, undertake a traffic count and complete an environmental quality assessment.

As midweek approached the focus changed as students investigated the changes in river characteristics downstream as well as the risk of flooding along the River Tillingbourne. Students learnt how to explain the strengths and weaknesses of data collection methods, justify presentation techniques and apply their knowledge to critically evaluate the success of their geographical enquiry.

As the week drew to a close the students headed to the beach and the coastal town of Seaford to investigate the role coastal sea defences play in protecting the coastal town of Seaford and whether these defences impact upon coastal processes and the wider coastal region.

The students have worked ten hours per day and have been a credit to St John's School. The team leader at the Field Study Centre was extremely impressed with our students. The other centre staff have commented on how polite and well mannered our students are. Well done Year 11, I hope you have enjoyed the opportunity to learn first hand about the geography of the UK.





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Mock Examinations

Students in Year 11 and 13 will sit a full round of Mock Examinations in December. The Mock Examination timetable has been circulated separately as an email and as a physical copy to the students.

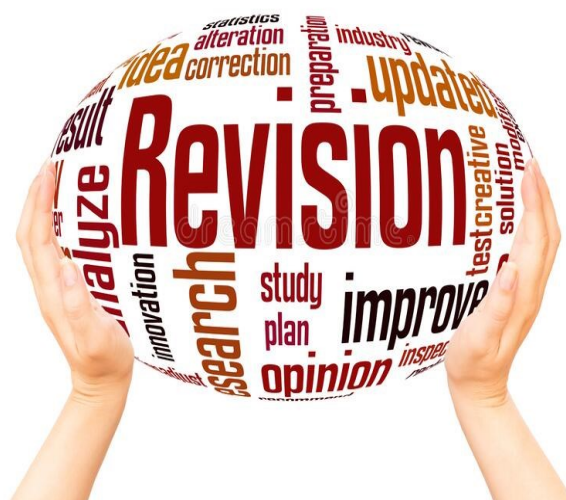
The Mock Examinations are being designed to replicate the experience our students will have in the Summer of 2023 when they take their final public exams. Students will sit and be expected to complete a full examination paper testing their understanding and recall of content covered. The Mock Examinations will take place in the Exam Room.

Mock Examinations provide students, parents and teachers with an insight into their current performance. Revision must start now. The grades achieved may be used (at the discretion of the exam board) if a student is unable to sit one or more of their final exams. The Mock Examinations will also inform appropriate interventions and decisions around the tier of exam entry (where applicable). It is important that students are supported to revise thoroughly and take each exam seriously.

Revision Workshop

Tuesday 8th November 2022 @ 1500 hrs

Parents of students in Year 11 and 13 are cordially invited to attend a revision workshop with their child on Tuesday 8th November at 1500 hrs. The workshop aims to share ideas and strategies that will enable you to support your child in their revision. Although weighted towards revising for English, Maths and Science we hope that you will find the session extremely informative with strategies shared being transferable across all subjects. We will also be selling revision stationary packs, which your child may find helpful as they prepare.






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Year 13 Mock Examination Timetable

 EXAMINATIONS TIMETABLE GCE/BTEC MOCK EXAMS 2022-2023				
DATE	SUBJECT	START TIME	DURATION	LOCATION
Friday 02 December 2022	French (AS) Speaking	08:25 am	(Please see subject teacher)	CMS
Monday 05 December 2022	History (Paper 1)	08:25 am	1 hour 45 mins	6th form common room
	Chemistry (Paper 1)	08:25 am	1 hour 15 mins	6th form common room
	Religious Studies (Paper 1: Philosophy of Religion)	08:25 am	2 hours	6th form common room
	Health and Social Care BTEC	08:25 am	1 hour 30 mins	6th form common room
	Travel and Tourism BTEC (Unit 1)	11:00 am	1 hour 30 mins	6th form common room
	Biology (Paper 1)	11:00 am	2 hours	6th form common room
Tuesday 06 December 2022	English Literature (Paper 1 - Drama)	08:25 am	2 hours 15 mins	6th form common room
	Mathematics (Paper 1)	08:25 am	1 hour 30 mins	6th form common room
	Psychology (Paper 1)	08:25 am	2 hours	6th form common room
	Business Studies (Paper 1)	08:25 am	1 hour 30 mins	6th form common room
	French (AS) Paper 1: Listening, reading and writing	11:00 am	1 hour 45 mins	6th form common room
Wednesday 07 December 2022	History (Paper 2)	08:25 am	1 hour 30 mins	6th form common room
	Chemistry (Paper 2)	08:25 am	1 hour 15 mins	6th form common room
	Religious Studies (Paper 2: Religion and Ethics)	08:25 am	2 hours	6th form common room
	Geography (Paper 1)	11:00 am	1 hour 30 mins	6th form common room
	Physics (Paper 1)	11:00 am	2 hour 15 mins	6th form common room
	French (AS) Paper 2: Writing	11:00 am	1 hour 30 mins	6th form common room
Thursday 08 December 2022	English Literature (Paper 2 - Prose)	08:25 am	1 hour 15 mins	6th form common room
	Mathematics (Paper 2)	08:25 am	1 hour 30 mins	6th form common room
	Psychology (Paper 2)	08:25 am	2 hours	6th form common room
	Business Studies (Paper 2)	08:25 am	1 hour 30 mins	6th form common room
	Sports L3 BTEC (Y12/Y13)	11:00 am	2 hour 30 mins	6th form common room
Friday 09 December 2022	Geography (Paper 2)	08:25 am	2 hours 30 mins	6th form common room
	Physics (Paper 2)	08:25 am	1 hour 30 mins	6th form common room
	Chemistry (Paper 3)	11:00 am	1 hour 15 mins	6th form common room
	Religious Studies (Paper 3: Developments in Christian Thought)	11:00 am	2 hours	6th form common room
Monday 12 December 2022	English Literature (Paper 3 - Poetry)	08:25 am	2 hours 30 mins	6th form common room
	Psychology (Paper 3)	08:25 am	45 mins	6th form common room
	Business Studies (Paper 3)	08:25 am	1 hour 30 mins	6th form common room
	Biology (Paper 3)	11:00 am	2 hours	6th form common room
Tuesday 13 December 2022	Physics (Paper 3)	08:25 am	1 hour	6th form common room
	Film Studies (Paper 1)	11:00 am	1 hour 30 mins	6th form common room
	Global Destinations BTEC (Unit 2)	11:00 am	3 hours	6th form common room






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Friday 02 December 2022	MFL (French/German) Speaking	08:25 am	(Please see subject teacher)	CMS
Monday 05 December 2022	English Language (Paper 1)	08:25 am	1 hour 45 mins	Exam room
	Combined Science (Biology)	11:00 am	1 hour 40 mins	Exam room
	Triple Science (Biology)	11:00 am	2 hours 30 mins	Exam room
Tuesday 06 December 2022	English Language (Paper 2)	08:25 am	1 hour 45 mins	Exam room
	Combined Science (Chemistry)	11:00 am	1 hour 40 mins	Exam room
	Triple Science (Chemistry)	11:00 am	2 hours 30 mins	Exam room
Wednesday 07 December 2022	English Literature (Paper 1)	08:25 am	1 hour 45 mins	Exam room
	Combined Science (Physics)	11:00 am	1 hour 40 mins	Exam room
	Triple Science (Physics)	11:00 am	2 hours 30 mins	Exam room
Thursday 08 December 2022	Mathematics (Paper 1)	08:25 am	1 hour 30 mins	Exam room
	Business (Paper 1)	11:00 am	1 hour 30 mins	Exam room
	MFL (French/German) Listening	11:00 am	35 mins (F) / 45 mins (H)	Exam room/USB/Conference Room
	MFL (French/German) Reading	12:00 am	45 mins (F) / 1 hour (H)	Exam room/USB/Conference Room
Friday 09 December 2022	Mathematics (Paper 2)	08:25 am	1 hour 30 mins	Exam room
	English Literature (Paper 2)	11:00 am	2 hours 15 mins	Exam room
Monday 12 December 2022	Mathematics (Paper 3)	08:25 am	1 hour 30 mins	Exam room
	Geography (Paper 1)	11:00 am	1 hour 30 mins	Exam room
Tuesday 13 December 2022	Drama (Paper 3)	08:25 am	1 hour 30 mins	Exam room
	Business (Paper 2)	08:25 am	1 hour 30 mins	Exam room
	MFL (French/German) Writing	08:25 am	1 hour 15 (F) / 1 hour 20 mins (H)	Exam room
	History (Paper 1)	11:00 am	55 mins	Exam room
Wednesday 14 December 2022	Art and Design	08:25 am	All Day	Art Department
	Engineering	08:25 am	1 hour 30 mins	Exam room
	History (Paper 2)	11:00 am	1 hour 30 mins	Exam room
Thursday 15 December 2022	Religious Studies	08:25 am	1 hour 45 mins	Exam room
	Food Preparation and Nutrition	08:25 am	1 hour 45 mins	Exam room
	Geography (Paper 2)	11:00 am	1 hour 30 mins	Exam room





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GCSE Walking Talking Mock's

A first for students at St John's School, I have this year asked colleagues in English, Maths and Science to conduct Walking Talking Mock's. These will take place on the dates below. Walking talking mocks have gained popularity in schools in recent years. The idea behind them is that students perform the entire exam experience, including sitting in the exam hall in rows with support from the teacher. Instead of working silently through the paper, the teachers lead the class through it. Together they underline command words and the teacher explains how to identify what the question is asking and provides advice on exam technique.

Alongside more traditional revision techniques such as performing practice questions and making mind maps or revision cards, walking talking mocks take a deep dive into exam technique. They help learners to understand how to approach answering exam questions and support them to interpret the questions. This allows them to ensure that they are best able to showcase all the knowledge that they have understood from their content based revision.

Provisional Dates:

Subject	Date	Period
Mathematics	22 November 2022	1 & 2
Science	23 November 2022	1 & 2
Mathematics	24 November 2022	3 & 4
English	28 November 2022	1
English	29 November 2022	1

* Students will be taken off their normal timetable to accommodate the walking talking mocks.



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Homework

After a review of our current homework procedures we have decided to make a few changes to the way we set and monitor homework for our students. All of our homework is informed by the results of internal testing carried out in September which indicated that our students would benefit from improved reading and comprehension skills as well as effective and accurate use of vocabulary and spelling. Retrieval of prior learning is also high on our list of skills we want to improve so that all of our students approach their examinations as resilient and confident learners.

We believe that homework is an integral part of education in that it::

- Promotes students' self-discipline and personal responsibility for learning and organisation.
- Reinforces work started in class, extending knowledge and understanding.
- Gives opportunities to practise and develop skills.
- Allows parents to become involved in their child's learning.
- Is valuable in ensuring students' progress and raising achievement.

We will now set homework as follows:

Pieces set (per fortnight)

	English	Maths	Science	History	Geog.	RE	MFL
Year 7	3	3	3	1	1	1	1
Year 8	3	3	3	1	1	1	1
Year 9	3	3	3	1	1	1	1
	English	Maths	Science	Option A	Option B	Option C	
Year10	3	3	3	2	2	2	
Year11	3	3	3	2	2	2	



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Homework continued:

	English	Maths	Science	History	Geog.	RE	MFL
Year 7	25 min	25 min	25 min	25 min	25 min	25 min	25 min
Year 8	35 mins	35 mins	35 mins	35 mins	35 mins	35 mins	35 mins
Year 9	45 mins	45 mins	45 mins	45 mins	45 mins	45 mins	45 mins
	English	Maths	Science	Option A	Option B	Option C	
Year10	60 mins	60 mins	60 mins	60 mins	60 mins	60 mins	
Year11	60 mins	60 mins	60 mins	60 mins	60 mins	60 mins	

We are kindly asking that parents support their child and the school by ensuring they have a peaceful place where they can get on with homework undisturbed. Talking to children about the homework they have received and checking this against the homework timetable would really help them to know that the homework they are given is valuable and an important extension of their learning in class.

In Years 7,8 and 9 children will be bringing home a reading book. All pupils in the class have been given the same book and reading homework will be set by the teacher. Knowledge and understand will be checked during library lessons. The English department will also set one homework which deepens and develops vocabulary.

Mathematics will set homework on Maths Watch which is an online package. In addition to this they will be set topic tests and be asked to revise previous knowledge.

Science will be setting work through online packages which aim to challenge and develop understanding as well as promote retrieval activities.

All subjects will set homework which will guide student revision so that they are better able to cope with the expectations and demands of assessment and examinations. Parents can expect to see their children preparing revision resources to ensure memory retrieval is effective.

We will monitor carefully the completion of homework and pupils who fail to hand in three pieces will be required to attend a homework club from 14.00 – 15.00 in the School Hall to ensure they catch up with missed learning. Parents will of course be kept fully informed if homework is missed regularly.

As with everything that we do in school, homework is an integral part of ensuring our students achieve the best possible educational outcomes and educational disadvantage caused by mobility is eliminated.



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School Reception

Our school reception has moved. When you next visit us here at St John's School, you will now find our School Reception overlooking the courtyard. Moving our School Reception provides an improved location for visitors and one that is much more obvious and easier to locate for those unfamiliar with our school site. The new position also offers improved site security further improving our safeguarding provision.



Sharing best practice

On Tuesday colleagues from Episkopi Primary School visited maths lessons at St John's School in the first of what will hopefully become many opportunities for staff to share across phase best practice. In the coming weeks it is hoped colleagues from St John's will have the opportunity to observe teaching in Year 6. Opportunities such as these help colleagues to understand how and what is taught in the previous or future year to ensure repetition and appropriate support and challenge.





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Key Stage 3 Halloween Disco

Students in Key Stage 3 attended this years Halloween Disco on Tuesday evening. A scary affair, students dressed up once more after a night of trick or treating for this Spooktacular event. A great night was had by all.



Thank you to our volunteer Sixth Form Business Studies students for organising Tuesday's event.



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Year 9 Parents' Afternoon

Wednesday 16th November 1430—1700hrs

We look forward to welcoming parents of our Year 9 students into school for their first parent afternoon of this academic year. The afternoon will give you an opportunity, along with your child, to meet their teachers in a series of 1:1 meetings. During each meeting you will be able to find out how they have settled across each area of the curriculum.

Appointments must be made in advance of the Parent Afternoon. Appoints can only be made through our new Parent Portal, EPraise. The appointment book will open on Monday 7th November at midday.

Please ensure you have registered to use EPraise, either via the website or App, in advance of Monday 7th November Instructions on how to do so can be found in previous editions of the Headteachers Newsletter.

Once registered, to make your appointments, please visit the Community Tab after midday on Monday 7th November and select Parents' Evening. You can then follow the prompts to make appointments for your child's teachers.

Having difficulties?

Should you encounter difficulties please email Mr Barber who will gladly support you in logging in for the first time and/or making an appointment. Mr Barber's email is Dave.Barber@modschoools.org



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School Football Results

As many were distracted by the Champions League ties taking place across Europe, the real action was unfolding at Happy Valley as 55 St John's Students took on Foley's School, Cyprus. The under 16 Boys put in a great performance, coming up slightly short in what was a very close match that resulted in a 4-2 loss. We did however have the Man of the Match so well done to Noah for his performance. The under 12 boys won in a 2-1 thriller with Jermaine one again taking the Man of the Match award.

Whilst the boys battled it out, so too did our girls, unfortunately coming off on the wrong side of a 3-2 defeat.

Well done to all who took part and for your ongoing commitment to your respective school teams.

Thank you to the students, parents and the PE Department for this weeks football.

Upcoming Fixtures

Date	Time	Teams	Opposition	Home/Away
		Apollo vs Poseidon		
Tues 8th Nov	1445 - 1615	U18's & U14's Boys (11 v 11) U18's & U14's Girls (7 v 7)	Inter house	Home
Mon 14th Nov	Period 2 - 5	Year 7 Leadership day (all Year 7)	N/A	Home
Tues 15th Nov	1500 - 1615	U18 Boys (11 v 11) U18 Girls (11 v 11)	Heritage	Home
Tues 22nd Nov	1530 - 1645	U18's & U14's Boys & Girls	KRS	Home
Thurs 24th Nov	1030 - 1130	Years 7-9 Cross Country Running Event @ Happy Valley	KRS	Home



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Cross Country Competition Year 7-9 Distance 2.8km

Training & Trials:

Thursday – 3rd Nov 2-3pm @HV

Thursday - 17th Nov 2-3pm @HV

Race:

Thursday 24th Nov 11:00 @HV

For more info: see Mr Marsden.

School Photo's

Do you wish to purchase your child's school photo?

The deadline for orders is **Monday 14th November**. Photos ordered will be delivered by courier.





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1500-1930 THU 1 DEC 22 - EPISKOPI CHRISTMAS FAIR

1500-1545 - PEOPLE START ARRIVING
1500-1930 - ALL STALLS OPEN
1500-1730 - CHARITY CHALLENGE CORNER
1500-1845 - CHRISTMAS GAMES
1550-1555 - SANTA ARRIVES
1610-1630 - MILITARY WIVES CHOIR
1650-1700 - STUDENTS RECOGNITION AND AWARDS
1700 - CHRISTMAS TREE TURN LIGHTS ON
1705-1715 - SBA'S GOT TALENT DANCE SHOW
1720-1730 - SANTA'S STORY
1730-1930 - SANTA'S GROTTO OPENS
1730-1750 AND 1800-1820 - SBA'S GOT TALENT KEYBOARD SHOW
1735-1750 - SSFAFA CAKE COMP
1750-1810 - MILITARY WIVES CHOIR
1820-1850 - KIDS CHRISTMAS DISCO
1900-1920 - RAFFLE DRAW - 20 PRIZES
1920-1925 - BEST DRESSED CHRISTMAS OUTFIT
1930 - CHRISTMAS FAIR CLOSES



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SJS Headteacher Surgery

With regret, I have been forced to cancel next weeks Headteacher's Surgery. On Friday 11th November I am in the UK with Mr Steve Dixon undertaking interviews for perspective staff. Our joint absence and the involvement of colleagues at St John's School organising the virtual components of the interview day will significantly reduce capacity. Should there be an urgent issue you wish to discuss, please can I encourage you to make contact with your child's tutor in the first instance.

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Upcoming School Events

This Week

Monday 7th November

Year 8 Parents Afternoon : 1430 - 1700 hrs

Tuesday 8th November

Year 11 and 13 Parent/Student Revision Seminar : 1500 hrs

Key Stage 3 - Flu Vaccine

Friday 11th November

Remembrance Day

Next Week

Monday 14th November

MOD Headteacher's from around world to visit St John's School

Wednesday 16th November

Year 9 Parents Evening : 1430 - 1700 hrs

Friday 18th November

Children in Need/Stand Up to Bullying - Non Uniform Day