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Dear Families,

Reflecting upon the week, a lot has come to pass. Over the weekend over fifty students embarked upon their Duke of Edinburgh Practice hike and camping expedition. On Monday we hosted, alongside Episkopi Primary School, the annual Epi Races Cross Country Event in Happy Valley. Thursday saw our Business Studies students organise our



annual Enterprise Christmas Market, which was well attended by pupils of Episkopi Primary School and, later, our own students at breaktimes. Our Christmas Market day was followed by our subsequent support for the Episkopi Community Christmas Fair, which took place later in the afternoon.

In addition to these events, we were also able to make time for a wide range of visitors. Members of our School Governing Committee were a welcome presence at different times of the week, frequenting themselves with our school and



evidencing the progress being made towards our School Improvement Priorities. I was also joined by Mr Ben Turner, Headteacher at Akrotiri Primary School, and Mrs Natalie Watts, Headteacher at Episkopi Primary School, on Tuesday. It gave us an opportunity to tour the school, meet former pupils and share examples of best practice. This



opportunity preceded the chance to then meet and discuss meaningful ways that our schools may work together to better support our children and the wider community. On Wednesday colleagues from King Richard School supported us in undertaking a Secondary Peer Review. The focus was upon an early evaluation of our whole school priorities as we near the end of our first full term. The opportunity to work together was of real value and provided excellent professional development for all who took part as we questioned and evidenced the progress we have made, whilst considering our next steps. A report is expected in January, which in turn will be shared with all stakeholders via our Newsletter, Website and Facebook.

**Mr Colin Guyton** Acting Headteacher





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## This week at St John's School in pictures



Year 7 make specialised  
cells to support their  
whole class  
presentations







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## This week at St John's School in pictures



Thank you for helping decorate our school tree



Well done to these Year 8 boys who have continued to demonstrate excellence in Drama



Year 11 students take a moment after setting up the staging for their GCSE Drama Coursework



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## Motivation

This week students in Year 11 began their Speaking assessment, a component of their English GCSE. There were many excellent examples of work that I would love to share, however, I thought it appropriate to share the work of Johnny, who spoke about motivation and what motivates him.

*Motivation is derived from the word 'motive' which denotes a person's needs, desires, wants or urges. It is the process of motivating individuals to act in order to achieve a goal. Everyone is motivated to do something in life, to find their calling. We can be motivated to do an action for various reasons and we must keep moving forwards in life to become successful.*

*Many things motivate me to do my best and to try my hardest. The tests which life throws at us can break us and tear us apart, but to stay down forever isn't how to overcome them.*

*An example of what motivates me is my parents. My parents motivate me every day as they managed the difficulty of life and raised me on an island far away from their home and they now pass the torch onto me to continue the family line and this motivates me to do my very best in school to get a good enough job to provide for my future family.*

*My friends and teachers also motivate me. They push me to do better and inspire me to become a better version of myself.*

*Even in the music I listen to, there is a notion I feel which drives me or more like soothes my mind. From this, I become focused and more motivated to do what it is I set out to do.*

*Motivation can come from all situations one might face in life and through these situations we face a wall in the path we have chosen. Motivation is important for one to manage to pass the wall and scale and conquer the wall which initially blocked their path in life.*





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## Motivation Continued:

*Sometimes, even just relaxing alone listening to my surroundings, I think to myself about what I want for me in my future and how I will achieve it. Having accomplished something, I find the feeling of happiness and joy. A great sense of pride fills me and I want this feeling to last forever. But only by struggling and continuing this hardship of life can I achieve such a great feeling so this, in theory, motivates me: the want to be forever happy.*

*In recent times, we celebrated Remembrance Day, commemorating those who lost their lives in battle fighting for our freedom. Those men and women were resilient, brave and motivated by something important to them like their loved ones. Their sacrifice meant we could be free and this also motivates me - to think about how they selflessly put their lives on the line to give us a better future. I do not want to waste this opportunity of life they have allowed for us to have. Remembrance Day also acknowledges the current force of brave men and women who serve and protect us. My dad, uncles and aunties are also part of the army and so they inspire me to be brave and resilient. Knowing they work hard for me gives me a feeling of needing to not fail them.*

*I am the successor of my dad and mum and do not wish to let them down. They have done so much for me and my siblings to have things like a good education and a better life in general. The motivation I have within me, the thing that drives me, would be them.*

*I must learn many more things in life and in that time, I will be driven by the love I receive from others to become stronger both mentally and physically. I want the best for me and my family, friends and peers. This is what motivates me.*

*I leave you with a final quote: "Our greatest glory is not in ever falling, but in rising every time we fall."*

*-Batman*

Well done Johnny!



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## Duke of Edinburgh

On Friday 25th November over 50 students embarked upon their Duke of Edinburgh practice hike and overnight camping expedition. Keen to provide our students with an authentic DofE experience they would otherwise be accustomed to in the United Kingdom, we planned for an afternoon of heavy rain. Underprepared for the conditions, students benefitted from the opportunity to truly reflect on equipment needed for their actual hike, which will take place next year. As is common with any practice hike, students fell into the trap of either travelling too light or too heavy!

As well as the hike, students camped overnight. Due to the weather, the decision was taken to camp on the school site, which also presented the chance to watch what was a disappointing England football performance.







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## Annual School Christmas Market

On Thursday our Business Studies students in Years 10-13 hosted our annual Enterprise Christmas Market. Students established their own mini companies to showcase their products to fellow students, Episkopi Primary School students and their teachers.

Products on sale ranged from Christmas baked goods, decorations, hot drinks, a photo booth, festive face painting, homemade gifts, raffles and even Santa made an appearance.

In the spirit of Christmas, the students were advised to donate a portion of their profits to the event's chosen charity, Barc Animal Rehoming Centre, located in Episkopi Station, to raise funds for the non-profit organisation. Year 11 and Year 13 also raised money for their end of year Prom celebrations.







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## Epi Races

On Monday students from Ministry of Defence Schools across Cyprus met at Happy Valley for the annual Epi Races. The annual event, returning after the Covid-19 disruption, saw students competing in a cross country race starting from the running track and around a circuit laid out within the Valley. With an approximate distance of 2.5 km, our students competed against students from King Richard School to win this year's boys and girls race. Well done to all of those who took part and thank you to those families who were able to come down to support.







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## Resilience in Maths

On Thursday, as part of the Year 11 PSHE programme, students explored a wide variety of strategies to support their examination resilience ahead of next week's mock examinations. We look forward to seeing our students put these techniques and approaches into practice. There will be further sessions throughout the remaining third of this academic year.



## Year 11 Mock Examination Timetable

The mock exams get underway this week and last well into the last week of this term. Student have received their individual timetables, but the schedule is outlined below for Year 11.

 <b>EXAMINATIONS TIMETABLE</b> <b>GCSE MOCK EXAMS 2022-2023</b>				
DATE	SUBJECT	START TIME	DURATION	LOCATION
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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## Year 13 Mock Examination Timetable

The mock exams get underway this week and last well into the last week of this term. Student have received their individual timetables, but the schedule is outlined below for Year 13.

 <b>EXAMINATIONS TIMETABLE</b> <b>GCE/BTEC MOCK EXAMS 2022-2023</b>				
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
Tuesday 06 December 2022	Biology (Paper 1)	11:00 am	2 hours	6th form common room
	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
Wednesday 07 December 2022	French (AS) Paper 1: Listening, reading and writing	11:00 am	1 hour 45 mins	6th form common room
	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
Thursday 08 December 2022	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
	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
Friday 09 December 2022	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
	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
Monday 12 December 2022	Religious Studies (Paper 3: Developments in Christian Thought)	11:00 am	2 hours	6th form common room
	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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## New Library Books

We have recently received a wide selection of new books into our school library, pop along and take one home this Christmas.





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We hope that you all stay safe and enjoy the Festive Season.

If you need to contact us we will be available throughout the Christmas and New Year Period on the contact details below:

The BFSWS Single Point of Contact will close at 1500 hrs on 22 Dec 22 and will reopen at 0800 hrs on 03 Jan 23. The BFSWS Emergency Social Work Duty Team (EDT) will remain open throughout the period for any social work emergencies on (00 357) 9777 1252.



## Parent Forum

On Thursday 8th December 2022 at 1500 hrs Mr Steve Dixon will be hosting our Parent Forum Meeting. The meeting will take place at Akrotiri Primary School and have a focus on the new whole school approach to Homework. Parents are cordially invited to attend, either in person or via this [Teams Link](#)





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## CHRISTMAS Carol Concert

Presenting St John's School,  
Episkopi Primary and St John's  
Woodwind Group

EPISKOPI STATION  
CHURCH

6P.M.

TUESDAY, DEC. 13TH

ALL WELCOME-CHRISTMAS TREATS AFTER THE  
SERVICE

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## End of Term Arrangements

Students in Year 11 and 13 will continue with their Mock Examinations throughout the week.

### Monday 12th December

- Students in Year 8 (Groups A and C) will participate in a school trip to the Environmental Centre, as communicated separately with parents
- All other students will be in lessons as normal

### Tuesday 13th December

- Students in Year 8 (Group B) will participate in a school trip to the Environmental Centre, as communicated separately with parents
- All other students will be in lessons as normal
- Christmas Carol Concert at St Pius Church, Episkopi Camp — 1800 hrs
- Sixth Form Christmas Dinner

### Wednesday 14th December

- Normal Lessons

### Thursday 15th December

- Key Stage 3 Rewards Auctions
- Key Stage 4 and 5 attendance rewards trip

### Friday 16th December

- Non-Uniform Day (€1)
- School Festive Fete
- End of Term Assembly







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## SJS Coffee Mornings

On Friday 9th December 0830—1000 hrs, I will host the final coffee morning of this term. Parents are cordially invited to book a place by emailing [SJS.Enquiries@modschoools.org](mailto:SJS.Enquiries@modschoools.org).

Limited to 15 people, I look forward to touring you around the school, visiting lessons and answering any questions or concerns you may have.

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## Road Disruption from HQ BFC to Happy Valley

### Tuesday 6th December 0630-0730 hrs

Anzio Company, 1 LANCS, is hosting a Leadership Development day on 6th December. The event commences with a morning endurance event in Happy Valley, which will see some disruption to the route from HQ BFC to Happy Valley between the hours of 0630-0730 hrs as the Company conducts the first stage of its endurance event, a stretcher race to Happy Valley. This should not disrupt the school bus from Paramali, but may impact on parents who would drive their child to school at this time.

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## Upcoming School Events

### This Week

**Monday 5th December**

**Mock Examinations begin (Yr11 and 13) all week**

**Thursday 8th December**

**Parent Forum (Akrotiri Primary School) 1500—1600hrs**

**Friday 9th December**

**SJS Coffee Morning**

### Next Week

**Monday 12th December**

**Mock Examinations continue (Yr11 and 13) all week**

**Year 8 Environmental Trip**

**Tuesday 13th December**

**Year 8 Environmental Trip**

**Christmas Carol Concert, Episkopi Church—1800hrs**

**Thursday 15th December**

**KS4 and 5 Afternoon Reward Trip**

**Key Stage 3 Reward Auctions**

**Friday 16th December**

**Last Day of Term, school finishes at 12.30pm (school buses arranged)**

**Non-School Uniform Day (€1)**