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Dear Families,

As we approach the final week of this term, our whole school attendance stands just below our collective target of 95%. Whole school attendance has held steady in recent weeks. I am grateful to the partnership that exists between student—school—home that has ensured a much improved attendance when compared to this time last year.



The final week of term has historically been a week where attendance can fall - lessons will continue as normal throughout the final week for all years, whilst Year 11 and 13 continue their important mock examinations.

Reflecting upon this week we have seen a range of sporting opportunities for our students, who have successfully competed against local schools in both football and netball. Uptake in sporting fixtures continues to impress, with over 50 students across all years participating in teams and representing St John's School. Participation in each fixture is matched by our community attendance and the sense of pride that is growing in our school.

On Tuesday we were joined virtually by Mandy Hickson. As you may have seen on Facebook, Mandy was one of the first female fast jet pilots with the Royal Air Force. Mandy's assembly was inspiring for all in attendance, as she encouraged students to dream, believe in their ambitions and go and do it!

On Wednesday, Mr Dixon and I had the opportunity to join students in Year 7 for hot chocolate and biscuits. It was a great opportunity to discuss student impressions of their first term and how well they have settled. I was encouraged by the shared Year 7 student sentiment as to how 'kind' they find one another. Students explored each of our whole school improvement priorities and commented upon the progress we are making and their perception of the next steps our school must take in their delivery. Students cited improvements in English, Maths and Science, commenting upon improving challenge through "lessons that are well prepared with different work to push us hard". Students reflected upon the increase in expectation around homework, although cited some issues they were having, providing me with a to do list to ensure the issues are quickly fixed! Students overwhelmingly felt safe at school and were able to articulate what they would do should they ever feel unsafe in school, out of school and/or online.

Looking ahead to next week, I relish the opportunity to meet with many of you at our Christmas Carol Concert. The concert is being held at the Episkopi Station Church on Tuesday 13th December at 1800hrs and is a joint endeavour with Episkopi Primary School.

Mr Colin Guyton Acting Headteacher



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This week at St John's School in pictures



Students attended Monday afternoon's whole staff training
to share their view of what makes a good lesson



Year 7 students meet
with Mr Dixon and I over
a hot chocolate and biscuits
to discuss their impressions
of their first term and how well
they have settled.



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This week at St John's School in pictures



Mandy Hickson presents virtually to our students in assembly on Tuesday, sharing a powerful message and inspiring our students to dream—believe—do.



Our school football teams were in action on Tuesday against schools as far afield as Kyrenia, as St John's School hosted an inter school football competition.



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This week at St John's School in pictures



St John's School hosted another inter school competition on Wednesday, this time hosting a Netball Tournament



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Mock Examinations


This week the mock examinations for Year 11 and 13 got underway. The purpose of these exams is to ready students and our exams team for what the real exams will be like come May 2023.

Our students have approached the exams extremely well, conducting themselves impeccably in the exam hall.



Year 11 Mock Examination Timetable

The mock exams continue into next week. Students have received their individual timetables, but the schedule is outlined below for Year 11.

 EXAMINATIONS TIMETABLE GCSE MOCK EXAMS 2022-2023				
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 continue into next week. Students have received their individual timetables, but the schedule is outlined below for Year 13.

 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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Mock Examination Results Release Arrangements

Next summer students will take their exams in May and wait until August before they find out their grades. This can be a time of much anticipation and one that I would like to replicate in relation to the mock results.

On 13th January 2023 at 13.30 (during period 5) students in Year 11 and 13 will be given their mock exam results in the same way that they would receive them in the summer. Each student will collect an envelope from a table outside the exams room, this will contain all of their results for each subject. Prior to this date, the students will not receive any feedback from their teachers about their mock exams. After the results day, staff will of course be allowed to share the papers and discuss responses with the students. These conversations will be essential in providing targeted support in the lead up to the real event. This will also give students the opportunity to take stock of where they are and what they need to focus on going forward.

Parents and Guardians are cordially invited to attend and join your child in receiving results at 1330hrs. The Senior Leadership Team, Mrs Stonier and Mrs Bonar will be available to discuss your child's results and any next steps if needed. If, after the results, you wish to take your child home with you then you will be able to sign them out early.





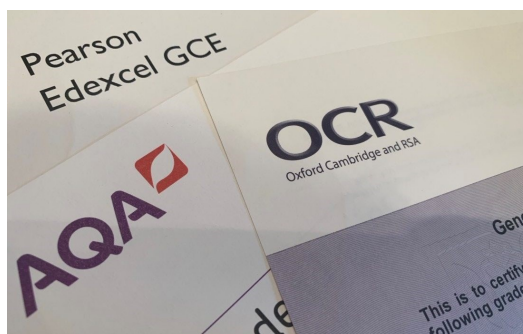
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Exam Certificates—Summer 2022

We have now received the examination certificates from the Summer 2022 exam series.

Students who are on island are invited to collect their examination certificates from the Exams Office from 0900 hrs on Monday 12th December 2022. For students who have left Cyprus, your exam certificates will be posted to you next week, using the forwarding address you provided upon leaving.



For any questions and/or queries regarding your exam certificates, please contact our Exams Officer, Mr Christos Christofi, by email: Christos.Christofi@modschoools.org

BTEC Exams—January 2023

Students following BTEC Courses at Key Stage 5 will be sitting their real BTEC Exams in January 2023, as per the timetable below. Students have already received their individual timetable. These exams are final exams and contribute to their overall grade in their respective BTEC subject.

Exams Timetable (BTEC)



JANUARY 2023

Date	Start	Exam Level	Time Allowed	Board	Option Code	Component
11/01/2023	11:00	BTNG	150 mins	Pearson	31525H	31525H01: Fitness Training And Programming
12/01/2023	11:00	BTNG	180 mins	Pearson	20208K	20208K01: Global Destinations
13/01/2023	15:30	BTNG	90 mins	Pearson	31490H	31490H01: Human Lifespan Development
16/01/2023	11:00	BTNG	90 mins	Pearson	31491H	31491H01: Working In Health And Social Care
17/01/2023	15:30	BTNG	90 mins	Pearson	20207K	20207K01: The World Of Travel And Tourism



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2023—2024 Term Dates

September 2023						
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November 2023						
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January 2024						
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February 2024						
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March 2024						
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April 2024						
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May 2024						
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June 2024						
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July 2024						
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

	School term
	Professional Development Days (3x)
	School Holiday
	Bank Holiday

AUCTION PRIZES – CAN YOU HELP?

The St John's School Christmas Auctions take place during the last week of term where students have the opportunity to use their reward points to bid for prizes. Some of the prizes which students bid for are donated by a wide variety of businesses from across the local community with a connection to the school. Previously, we have received donations of jewellery, electronic items, beauty products, as well as gift vouchers that offer students the opportunity to enjoy a restaurant meal, a hair-cut and beauty treatments.

If you feel that you are able to donate a prize for our auction, we would be extremely grateful and encourage you to make contact with Mrs Dakin by emailing angela.dakin@modschools.org.



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New Library Books

We have recently received a wide selection of new books into our school library. Last week I shared a sample of new titles, below are more books recently received - 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.





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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 14th December

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

Friday 15th December

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





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Headteacher's Surgery

Due to Friday 16th December being the last day of this term, there will not be a Headteacher's Surgery. The next Headteacher's Surgery will be on Friday 6th January 2023 between 0900-1000 hrs. Further details will be shared in next week's newsletter.

Year 10 Mathematics

On Monday 12th December all of Year 10 will have an end of term assessment in Mathematics. These will be taken in lesson time and will give an indication of what tier, higher or foundation, they need to be working towards. At this early stage of the Key Stage 4 programme, the tier of paper students will sit is not finalised until Year 11 as we are keen to ensure our students are not limited upon what they can attain in the GCSE examinations.

The assessment will be on the units they have covered this term.

If you have any questions, please email kimberley.fox@modschoools.org

Upcoming School Events

This Week

Monday 12th December	Mock Examinations continue (Yr 11 and 13) all week Year 10 Maths Examination
Tuesday 13th December	Year 8 Environmental Trip Year 8 Environmental Trip
Thursday 15th December	Christmas Carol Concert, Episkopi Church—1800 hrs KS4 and 5 Afternoon Reward Trip
Friday 16th December	Key Stage 3 Reward Auctions Last Day of Term, school finishes at 1230 hrs Non-School Uniform Day (€1)

Next Week

Monday 2nd January	Bank Holiday—School Closed
Tuesday 3rd January	Term 2 starts—All students return to school
Thursday 5th January	Whole staff training 1400-1700 hrs—no extra curricular clubs