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Dear Families,

There were many highlights this week, however the opportunity to visit our NVQ



students in their work placement stands out. I was greeted by an infectious passion and enthusiasm by every student, each keen to tour me around and detail their roles and responsibilities. Our NVQ programme provides students the opportunity to blend their learning between time spent in school and time spent in their respective work place. Studen



school and time spent in their respective work place. Students articulated clearly what they had learnt and, for all, they were accruing the necessary experience that will support them in embarking upon their respective skills, be it as a PTI, Chef, Engineer or Early Years teacher. Thank you to each department across the WSBA who have made these opportunities and our NVQ programme possible.

Further highlights from across this week included a visit to King Richard School where I had the opportunity to lead a Peer Review. The opportunity to undertake this reciprocal review provided further opportunity for our two secondary schools to work together, share best practice and explore ideas for improvement. A further review at both schools is expected to take place in April 2023 and led by an HM Inspector. Her role will be that of a consultant and help provide some external validation ahead of a future Ofsted Inspection.

Elsewhere, over the past week students in Year 9 visited the University Central Lancashire, Cyprus. Acting as an opportunity to see what life at University is like, students engaged in lectures and seminars that explored UK law, formal debating, an introduction to computer science and aspects of the social sciences. It is hoped that this opportunity is the first in a series of collaborative opportunities between our respective educational organisations, with future offers that will engage staff in the development of their subject knowledge.



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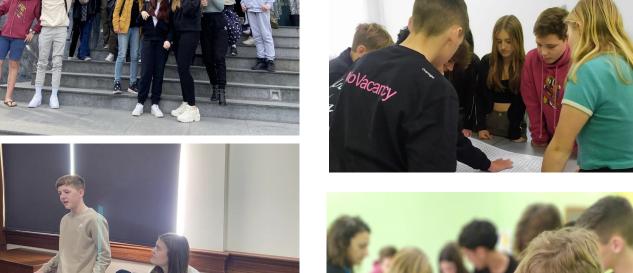


This week at St John's School in pictures

Year 9 visit to the University of Central Lancashire, Cyprus.











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Our NVQ students in their respective work placements across the Western Sovereign Base Area



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Football Results

St John's School Vs. Foley's School

Under 14's won 6-2

Under 12's won 2-1



Colleagues from the University of Coventry visited students in Year 12 this week to explore different study skills and Post 18 options that included degree apprenticeships.



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National Apprenticeship Week









Get Your Career on Track With a Network Rail Engineering Apprenticeship

www.nationalapprenticeshipweek.co.uk

Schools, colleges, employers, career advisers and thousands of students come together online to celebrate Apprenticeships in support of the Government-run National Apprenticeship Week.

Throughout the week, top employers and organisations come together to showcase their opportunities to thousands of attendees, who are actively seeking an apprenticeship.

Students are actively encouraged to register their interest and attend any one of the scheduled events to find out more about the apprenticeship opportunities available to them



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Year 9 Parents' Afternoon

Thursday 23rd February 1430—1700 hrs

We look forward to welcoming parents of our Year 9 students into school for their second 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 your child is progressing across each area of the curriculum by exploring their report published on the 10th February in greater detail, ahead of making their future GCSE option choices in March.

Appointments must be made in advance of the Parent Afternoon. Appointments can only be made through our new Parent Portal, EPraise. The appointment book will open on Monday 6th February at midday.

Please ensure you have registered to use EPraise, either via the website or App, in advance of Monday 6th February. Instructions on how to do so can be found in previous editions of the Headteacher's Newsletter.

Once registered, to make your appointments, please visit the Community Tab after midday on Monday 6th February 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@modschools.org



Let's be friends!

Be sure to add us as a friend of Facebook to keep up to date with what is happening at St John's School

www.facebook.com/stjohnsschoolcyprus



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Walk together for mental health

On Friday 10th February, St John's School will raise money for a mental health charity in the UK. Mental Health UK is a charity within the UK which raises money to provide support and services for some of the biggest societal challenges that pose a threat to people's mental health. These challenges vary from financial worries to loneliness and isolation.

Mental Health UK brings together the heritage and experience of four charities from across the country to provide local service delivery and national expertise.

To raise money for this charity, students are being asked to wear whichever shoes they please so they can spend a day thinking about how we can all walk together to support mental health issues or how it would be to spend a day in someone else's shoes. The aim of this initiative is to promote empathy and understanding surrounding mental health and the challenges people face when accessing the support they need.

This is an initiative being promoted by Lauren in Year 13, who will lead the whole school in a variety of activities that are designed to promote improved awareness.

Students who choose to wear their own shoes are asked to bring in a Euro to donate to Mental Health UK.



Mental health UK Friday 10th February



Wear your own shoes

Lets walk through this together!



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Should I keep my

child off school?

Yes

Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scables	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek





Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit https://qrco.de/minfec.



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SJS Coffee Mornings

On Friday 10th February 0830—1000 hrs, parents of students at St John's School are cordially invited to join our coffee morning. Should you wish to book a place, please email SJS.Enquiries@modschools.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.

Parent Forum

On Thursday 9th February 2023 at 1500 hrs I will be hosting our Parent Forum Meeting. The meeting will take place at St John's School and will allow, amongst other points, a discussion around current assessment practices at Key Stage 3.

Parents are cordially invited to attend, either in person or via this Teams Link

Upcoming School Events

This Week

Tuesday 7th February Interschool Football Match—KRS Vs. SJS

Wednesday 8th February Year 9 Student Vaccinations

Thursday 9th February Year 9 Student Vaccinations

Inter house Basketball Tournament

Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Expedition

Parent Forum—1500hrs at St John's School

Friday 10th February SJS Coffee Morning 0800-1000

Bookings required via SJS.enquiries@modschools.org

Progress Reports Issued—Year 7, 8, 9, 10, 12 Last day of term—School closes at 1400hrs

Next Week

Monday 20th February School Closed—Staff Training day

Thursday 23rd February Year 9 Parent Afternoon: 1430 —1700 hrs

Friday 24th February Headteacher Surgery: 0900 —1000 hrs

Duke of Edinburgh Silver Expedition