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Dear Families,

Welcome back to another half term. We are now half way through this academic year!

I hope you had a restful half term break. It seems as if our students enjoyed their break, with many enjoying some pleasant weather on island and catching up on some sleep, whilst others prepared for, and then successfully undertook, last week's Gym2Gym half marathon. Congratulations to all of our students and staff who took part.



As we embark upon the new term, I am delighted to welcome two new colleagues to St John's School. Mr Daniel O'Missenden joins as one of our Teachers of Mathematics. Mr O'Missenden's arrival ensures we now have a full compliment of Mathematics Teachers. Mr O'Missenden is an alumni of St John's School having been a student of the school, whilst his parents served here in Cyprus. Mr O'Missenden joins us alongside Mrs Ayesha Lamb, our new teacher of Humanities, with History her specialist subject. Mrs Lamb is vastly experienced, having previously led her own very successful Humanities Faculty in Basildon, Essex. Both will begin teaching their new classes next week.

This term began with an INSET day, which for our Middle Leaders, gave them an opportunity to visit King Richard School. Working with their respective counterparts, Middle Leaders reflected upon their curriculum intent and implementation, providing the chance to sharpen their curriculum focus and learn how to articulate the vision and purpose of the curriculum to others. This opportunity is one of a growing number that seeks to improve collaboration between our two secondary schools and proved worthwhile, with a further opportunity planned in April.

Elsewhere this week it was lovely to see so many parents attending the Year 9 Parents' Afternoon on Thursday. Soon students of Year 9 will be invited to choose their GCSE option preferences with the Options Afternoon scheduled for Monday 6th March at 1430hrs. This week students competed in Wednesday's interschool netball competition, attended the international boys under 16 football match between England and Scotland and benefitted from a visit from one of the many football scouts on island who gave tips on how to be successfully scouted for a professional football club and how to succeed in exams with a focus on marginal gains.

**Mr Colin Guyton** Headteacher



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







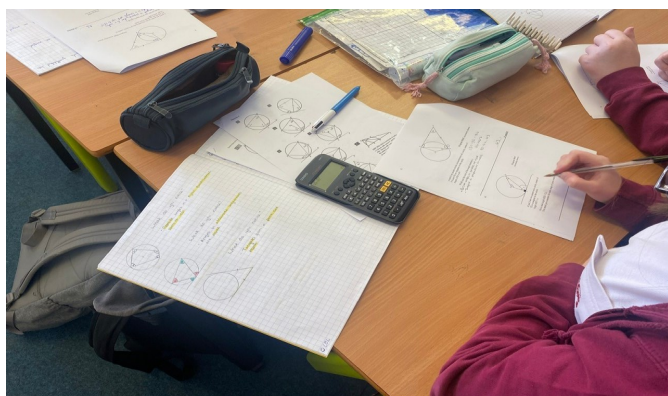
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## This week at St John's School in pictures



Year 11 studying circle theorems in GCSE Mathematics



Mr Marsden's tutor group enjoy breakfast with their tutor and Head of Key Stage after they finished last term as the best attending tutor group in the school!



Mr Barber's teaching turns the students into robots as they begin the model on Computer Robotics.



Our netballers were victorious at King Richard School during their midweek fixture



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## Year 9 Options Evening

### Monday 6th March, 1430—1600hrs

Parents of Year 9 are cordially invited to attend the upcoming Options Afternoon, which will take place in our School Hall between 1430 and 1600 on Monday 6th March 2023.

Further details will be shared in next weeks newsletter, however the afternoon will give you opportunity to hear about the options process, subjects that are available to study at GCSE and the chance to meet with the teachers of our option subjects to help inform your child's decision making.

## Footballing Success



Well done to Oli, who continues to progress in his professional football career with Apollon FC.

This week Oli has been training with the first team having recently played for the first team in their match against Akritas FC



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## Mathematics—An Update

### Year 9

Now fully staffed, we are in a fortunate position to be able to offer all Year 9 students the opportunity to study GCSE statistics alongside their GCSE Mathematics course for the rest of Year 9 and into Year 10. This will mean that they will leave St John's School at the end of Year 11 with two full GCSE qualifications, one in Mathematics and one in Statistics.

In order to facilitate this; Year 9 will be having an assessment in the examination hall on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March. This will enable us to set the students based on current attainment level in order for them to start the content of the GCSE Statistics.

From Easter, Year 9 will no longer be taught in mixed attainment groups for Maths.

This is a fantastic opportunity for the students, and we look forward to seeing them flourish in their new Mathematics classes.

### Year 10

Year 10 are currently set into two large sets and one smaller set. I am very pleased that with the arrival of Mr O'Missenden we can better balance the number of students in each of sets to enable all students to get the best possible learning experiences in their lessons.

### Year 11

Year 11 will sit a full series of Mathematics Mock examinations during the week commencing 6th March. This will give us yet another opportunity to track their progress and provide them with Question Level Analysis reports that will support their revision for the external examinations in May and June.

The examination will take place during the following lessons.

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> period 1-2

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> period 3-4

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> period 3-4

The first of the two lessons from each examination are Mathematics lessons, so their other classes will be disrupted as little as possible.

As always, if you have any questions regarding any of the above, please feel free to contact me  
[kimberley.fox@modschoools.org](mailto:kimberley.fox@modschoools.org)





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## Meet Mrs Ayesha Lamb

### Teacher of Humanities

Hello, my name is Ayesha Lamb and I have recently joined St John's school as a teacher of History. I have been looking forward to starting at St John's School and meeting you all since I was appointed in July 2022 and am very happy to finally be on the island with my family!

I grew up in a town in Essex called Basildon; two years ago, I made the move to Rayleigh in Essex thinking that would be my forever home but hoping (in the back of my mind) that a perfect job in a lovely school abroad would one day come up and, excitingly, I am now part of the St John's School team.



Since I left university with a Humanities degree and after having my two children who are 21 and 17 now, I went straight into teaching. When I left Essex to come to Cyprus I had been a Head of Humanities for nearly a decade at an Academy in Essex. I have a love for Humanities and I am very passionate about all areas of the subject; I am excited to share that with you and see you develop as Historians. I have over 14 year's experience teaching a range of subjects from Religious Education to Geography but, of course, History is my ultimate passion, it is all around us.

Coming from a position as a Head of Faculty I am sure you can imagine I have very high expectations of all my classes. I am also an examiner for the GCSE and A Level exam boards, so you can feel secure in the knowledge that the feedback I give you will help you do the best you possibly can in Humanities over the course of your learning journey at St John's school.

On a personal level, I love being outdoors and at the beach. I have a real passion for travelling and experiencing new societies and cultures. I will never get tired of watching a beautiful sunset and I have already seen a good few of those since arriving in Cyprus.

The main thing that makes me so excited to be at St John's School is the amazing reputation the school has for such wonderful students. I feel very privileged to be your new History teacher and whilst teaching about the past, look forward to the future at St John's School.



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## Year 11 Core Revision Classes

As we enter into the final 10 weeks before the GCSE final examinations begin, students are invited to attend the various revision classes that run after school throughout the week.

Some students have been identified as needing to attend and parents of these students have already been contacted, however all students can and are encouraged to attend over the coming 10 weeks.

		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Tutor Time After School 1400—1500hrs	Week 1	English	Assembly	Maths	Assembly	Science
	Week 2	Staffing Meeting	Maths	Geography Food Tech	Science	English
	Week 3	Staffing Meeting	Maths	Music Geography Food Tech	Science MFL	English

## Number of weeks until the GCSE, BTEC & A-Level Exams commence

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## Volunteers Wanted

As you will now be aware, St John's School is soon to stage it's next big musical theatre production. It's been a number of years since we last saw our talented actors, dancers and singers take to the stage and we are certain the results of all the hard work we are about to put in will be well worth it. Tickets will go on sale in April and we advise that you get yours quickly to avoid disappointment. 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicoloured Dreamcoat' promises to be one of the biggest shows we have ever staged.

Staging a full-scale musical production is a very involved and complex task and we are now looking for volunteers from our supportive community of parents and carers to help us. We will need help with:

- Creating costumes.
- Set construction and painting
- Front of House on the evenings of the show.
- Publicity and ticket sales.
- Stage management and back-stage supervision

If any parents/carers or friends of the school want to get involved in whatever way, can you please email [Stephen.Dixon@modschoools.org](mailto:Stephen.Dixon@modschoools.org) and we will get back to you. You don't have to commit to a huge number of hours but your help in any way would be greatly appreciated.







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UK Health  
Security  
Agency

## 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
Scabies	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



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#### 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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SPACE Theatre  
presents...

**The**  
**WIZARD**  
**of**

**Show Times**  
**10 Mar 6pm**  
**11 March 2pm & 6pm**  
**12 Mar 2pm**

**"The Pantomime"**  
**St John's School Epi**

**Tickets:**  
**Adults €10, Children €5, Under 5's Free**  
**Available from Homestart, HIVE, WRVS &**  
**Epi Community Office**

Tickets can also be purchased at St John's School Reception



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## SJS Coffee Mornings

On Friday 3rd March 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@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.



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](https://www.facebook.com/stjohnsschoolcyprus)

## Upcoming School Events

### This Week

Friday 3rd March

SJS Coffee Morning 0800—1000 hrs

Bookings required via [SJS.enquiries@modschoools.org](mailto:SJS.enquiries@modschoools.org)

### Next Week

All Week

Careers Week

Core Mock Exams

Monday 6th March

Year 9 Option Evening : 1430— 1600hrs

Wednesday 8th March

Interschool Football Competition : 1300hrs

Friday 10th March

Careers Fair

Headteachers Surgery Akrotiri Hive : 0900—1000hrs