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Dear Families,

This week I write to you from Upavon, England. Over the past few days I have been working with colleagues based at the Headquarters for the Department for Children's Services (DCS). The purpose of this visit and the collaborative work undertaken is to explore ways DCS can continue to lend support to aid rapid school improvement. I continue to be grateful for the support being lent as the school, our students and some families have significantly benefitted from the central support provided, particularly in terms of pastoral provision. Over the course of this past week, I am pleased to secure further support regarding future leadership capacity, as over the past year we have had a to gap two senior leadership posts. I am also appreciative of the additional budgetary support that has been afforded, particularly around the future broadening of our Sixth Form provision and in the financial support to be provided for our Lead Teachers, an approach to school improvement that is to be widened across all MOD Schools world wide.



Last weekend, like so many of you I was fortunate enough to attend one of The Wizard of Oz performances. As you will have seen on social media the pantomime was a real success and provided great family entertainment. Although not strictly a school event, I am incredibly proud to host SPACE Theatre at our school and provide this benefit to the community. I took further pride in the number of students and staff who were amongst the cast. Well done to all who took part and thank you to all of you who attended to support this excellent community event. We can all look forward to the next performance, which will cast students of St John's School and Episkopi Primary School in Joseph and his Technicolour Dreamcoat later this year.

Sadly our planned Duke of Edinburgh expedition that was due to set off tomorrow has been postponed due to the forecasted inclement weather and risk of lightning. We look forward to a future occasion in the coming weeks before the weather gets too warm.

**Mr Colin Guyton** Headteacher



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





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## Sports Day 2023

### Friday 24th March 2023—Happy Valley

Sports Day is just a week away and our students have been busy in training for the big day. Traditionally an annual event, we have had a three year hiatus and are excited to be hosting an event that was previously a highlight in our school calendar. In addition to a range of track and field events, we have a number of other events such as press ups, skips, rower 1 minute challenge, squats, welly wang, a mystery parents race and egg and spoon race.

Due to the renovation of the Happy Valley running track and stadium, Sports Day will take place on the middle field. Please find the schedule of events for Sports Day on the next page. Parents and the wider BFC community are cordially invited along to cheer our competitors along as they represent their respective houses—Apollo and Poseidon.





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## SPORTS DAY 2023 – FRIDAY 24 MARCH AT HAPPY VALLEY

TIME/LESSON		YEAR GROUP	EVENTS
		<b>FIELD EVENTS</b>	
08:20 – 09:10		Y9 / Y11 + 6 <sup>th</sup> Form Helpers	Shot put, Javelin, Welly Wang, Vertical Jump, Press Ups, High Jump, Skips, Rower 1 Min Challenge, Standing Broad Jump, Sits Ups, Discuss, Squats
09:20 – 10:15		Y10 / Y7 + 6 <sup>th</sup> Form Helpers	
10:40 – 11:35		Y8 + 6 <sup>th</sup> Form Helpers	
11:45 – 12:15		Y7 / 9 / 10 / 11 and Staff to HV	
		<b>TRACK EVENTS</b>	
12:15 – 13:45	1	Y7 Boys	100 Metre Sprint
	2	Y7 Girls	
	3	Y8 Boys	
	4	Y8 Girls	
	5	Y9 Boys	
	6	Y9 Girls	
	7	Y10 Boys	
	8	Y10 Girls	
	9	Y11 Boys	
	10	Y11 Girls	
	11	Y12 / 13 Boys	
	12	Y12 / 13 Girls	
	13	Y7 / 8 Boys	800 Metres
	14	Y7 / 8 Girls	
	15	Y9 / 10 Boys	
	16	Y9 / 10 Girls	
	17	Y11 / 12/ 13 Boys	
	18	Y11 / 12/ 13 Girls	
	19	Y7 Mixed	Egg and Spoon Race
	20	Y8 Mixed	
	21	Y9 / 10 Mixed	
	22	Y11 / 12 / 13 Mixed	
	23	Parents Race	Mystery Race
	24	Poseidon V Apollo – all years Boys	Relay
	25	Poseidon V Apollo – all years Girls	
13:45- 13:55		<b>AWARDS/RESULTS</b>	
14:00		Buses to Akrotiri / Episkopi / Paramali	



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## Year 11 Prom

### Thursday 22nd June 2023 @ Hill View, Pissouri

It is a pleasure to announce the date of this year's annual Year 11 Prom: Thursday 22nd June 2023, which will again be held at the Hill View in Pissouri, after the success of last year's event. This is a fantastic opportunity for Year 11 to celebrate the successes of their time at St John's School and we look forward to it being a fitting culmination of the hard work and efforts shown in school during this academic year.

The Prom is part of our Rewards Programme and a specific reward for Year 11 students who have demonstrated high levels of effort during Year 11. Students can become confident, respectful and successful learners by making the most of every opportunity offered to them, and it is these everyday efforts that we recognise in giving students the opportunity to take part in this special event.

This year we are introducing our Year 11 'Passport to Prom'. We know that Year 11 students who meet these expectations have the best opportunity for success in their examinations and all our Year 11 students are capable of achieving these goals. The criteria have been explained as part of a recent Year 11 assembly and are linked to:

- Attitude additional revision for core subjects
- Attendance to school
- Punctuality
- Uniform
- Completion of Tassomai courses
- Undertaking any extra work for any subject

Since February half term students have been able to gather stamps relating to the above areas and this will continue right through until the exams. Within the passport there are 60 available stamps, students will need to collect 35 to allow them to attend the event. If students fully commit to their studies and manage to gain 45 stamps they will be entitled to 25% off the price of their tickets. We must be clear though that students who do not collect 35 stamps will not be eligible for a ticket, although other year group awards will still be accessible.

We understand that enabling our students to reach their potential over the coming weeks will be hugely influenced by the support at home and we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support.



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## Year 11 Core Revision Classes

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



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## Parents vs Students vs Teachers vs Military Maths Challenge

**Tuesday 21st March 1500-1700**

Come and join the Mathematics Department for a light-hearted and fun Maths challenge with your family.

Lets see who are the winners in our maths, logic and puzzle rounds as well as the fast paced relay round.

<b>When?</b>	Tuesday 21st March 2023
<b>Where?</b>	St. Mary's School Main Hall 1400-1700
<b>Rounds</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Round 1 - Maths</b> - Test your knowledge of the KS3 and GCSE Maths curriculum</li> <li>• <b>Round 2 - Logic</b> - Use your logical thinking to solve real world problems related to maths</li> <li>• <b>Round 3 - Puzzles</b> - Use your non-verbal reasoning skills to complete puzzles in specific time frames</li> <li>• <b>Round 4 - Maths relay</b> - Answer questions one at a time against the clock. The fastest team wins</li> </ul>
<b>Prize:</b>	Certificates and the knowledge that your team is the best!

If you would like to take part please email Miss Fox by Friday 17th March at [kimberley.fox@modschoos.org](mailto:kimberley.fox@modschoos.org)

Sadly we have had to postpone next weeks Maths Challenge, due to a bereavement and subsequent funeral.

**We are rescheduling this popular event to Tuesday 28th March 15:00—17:00. Should you now be unable to attend, please email Miss Fox using the details above, we otherwise look forward to welcoming you to participate in our Maths Challenge on this new date.**



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## Headteacher's Surgery— Akrotiri Hive

On Friday 24th March 0900—1000 hrs, parents and/or members of the BFC community are welcome to drop in without appointment to meet the Headteacher, Colin Guyton, to discuss any ideas or issues concerning St John's School.

This approach draws similarities from the MP Local Constituency Surgeries you maybe familiar with in the UK and it is hoped that it will prove a useful opportunity to share ideas that help improve the provision we provide to the young people in our care.

The next Headteacher's Surgery will take place at the Akrotiri Hive.

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## Upcoming School Events

### This Week

**Wednesday 22nd March**

**School Improvement Monitoring Visit**

**Thursday 23rd March**

**Interschool Netball Match : 1400hrs (Home)**

**Parent Forum : Akrotiri Primary School : 1500—1600hrs**

**Friday 24th March**

**Sports Day—Happy Valley**

**Headteachers Surgery Akrotiri Hive : 0900—1000hrs**

### Next Week

**All week**

**GCSE and A-Level Biology Fieldwork, during lessons and onsite**

**Monday 27th March**

**Reserve Sports Day**

**Year 7 Reward Trip**

**Tuesday 28th March**

**Junior Maths Challenge 1500—1700 hrs**

**Year 8 Reward Trip**

**Wednesday 29th March**

**Year 9 Reward Trip**

**Thursday 30th March**

**Year 12 and 13 Reward Trip**

**Friday 31st March**

**Civvies' Day—Students Permitted to wear own clothes for €1**

**Reward Auction**

**Last day of term : School closes at 1230hrs**

**SJS Coffee Morning 0800—1000 hrs**

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