



# Newsletter

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Dear Families,

It was great to see so many parents and students for this week's Year 9 Options Afternoon which took place on Monday. Choosing your GCSE Options is an exciting milestone in a child's formal education and I look forward to seeing our students' final choices when the deadline for returns comes to pass on Friday 17th March.



This week witnessed the celebration of International Women's Day. Various assemblies took place throughout the week that helped to celebrate women's achievements, raise awareness about discrimination and take action to drive gender parity. Thank you to the women in our community who joined us in visiting the school and students to make this possible.

Throughout the week in lessons, but particularly on Friday, students engaged in our annual Careers Week. Friday allowed students in Key Stages 4 and 5 to meet a wide variety of community professionals to learn about different careers, their roles and opportunities as part of our Careers Fair. Once again I am so grateful to community members who persistently rally round our school to support our young people in so many ways and provide unique and enriching opportunities that I have not seen in schools I have previously worked in.



This evening, I look forward to seeing many of you at the first of the four showings of 'The Wizard of Oz' pantomime. With so many of our students involved I am really looking forward to tonight's performance and I am proud of the commitment our students have shown in rehearsing for the pantomime.



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## Year 7 Theatre Trip - Thursday 9th March 2023

On Thursday, 33 Year 7 students were transported to the countryside during World War Two (via Stage One Theatre, near Paphos) and into the home of Mister Tom.

In the story, Tom, a reclusive man who has experienced a great deal of loss, cares for a young and troubled evacuee from London called William.

What follows is a moving and emotive tale of how the most unlikely people can become the most nurturing of caregivers.

SJS students were full of praise for the performance which was elevated by accomplished performances and simulated explosions, evoking a powerful sense of time and place.

Thank you, Year 7, for your enthusiastic engagement with the trip and for representing SJS in the wider cultural community.







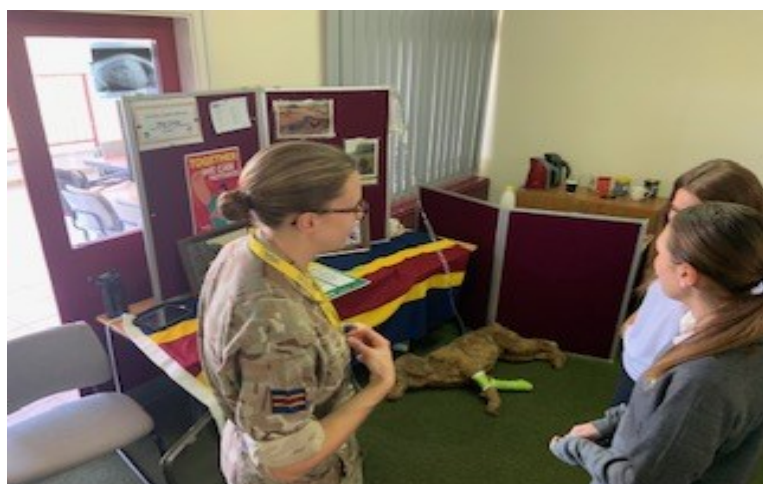
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## Careers Fair







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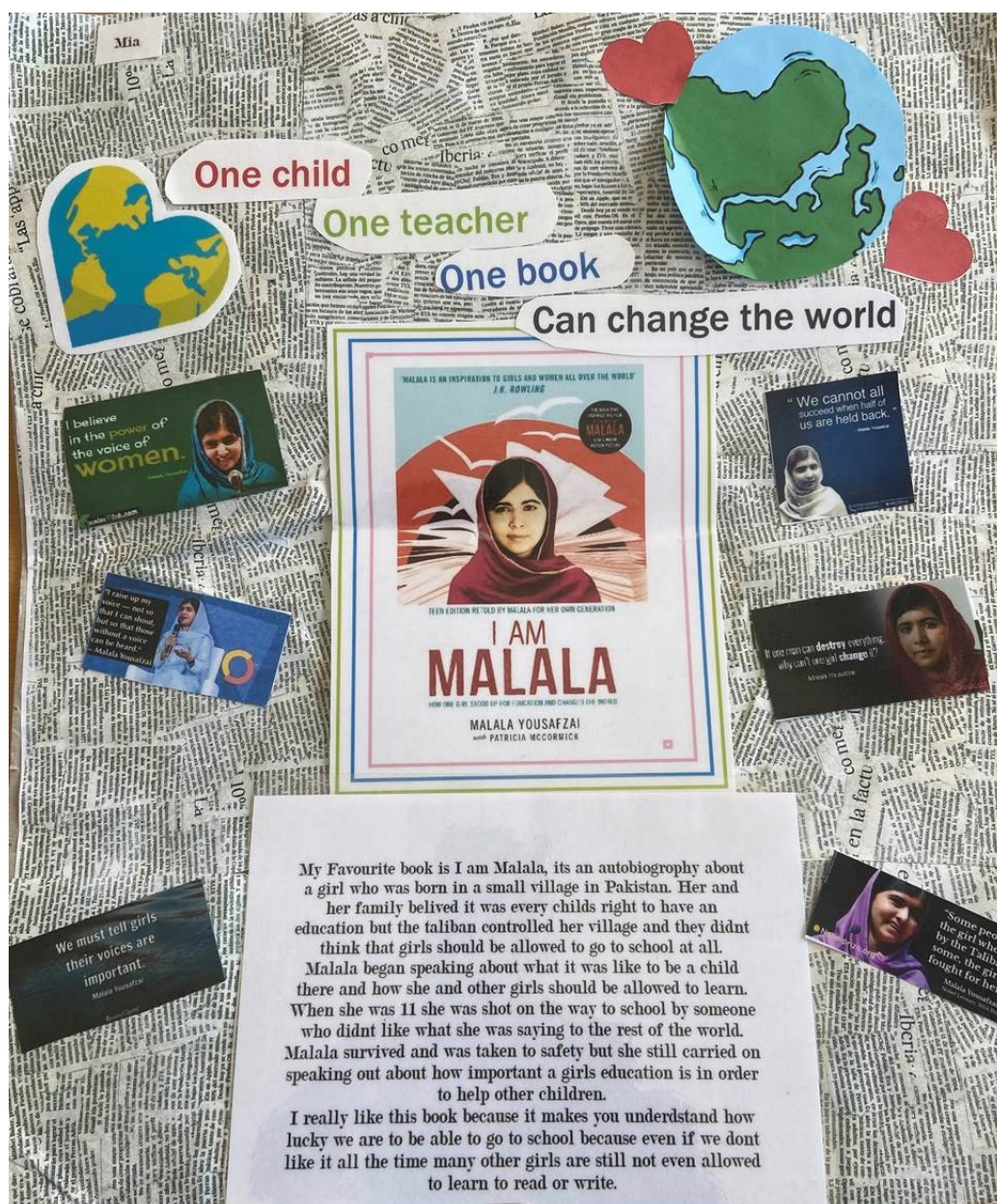
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## World Book Day Recommendations

A huge well done to KS3 students who produced some fantastic posters celebrating their range of books for World Book Day. Particularly popular selections included 'Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief', 'A Good Girl's Guide to Murder' and 'Heartstopper'. There were too many fabulous posters to include here but students should look out for their posters on display in school over the coming weeks.

Prizes will be awarded for outstanding effort in KS3 assembly next week.

Take a look at some of the recommendations and hopefully you will find something to inspire you!





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## School Buses

As part of a long standing arrangement, the school buses are currently managed by the Families Office in Akrotiri, something which extends to the management of student behaviour. As Headteacher, I believe the school is best placed to take ownership of the buses, including seating arrangements and the management of student behaviour whilst travelling to and from school. It has been agreed by all parties that St John's School will soon take charge of the school buses no later than Monday 5th June. Over the coming weeks we will prepare for this change by working with students who take the bus in developing a new policy that will be constructed with students to include:

- A code of conduct
- Revised seating plans
- Agreed sanctions for unwanted behaviours

As we develop with the students aspects of this new policy, we will share them with you through the weekly newsletter, until we are in a position to publish the new policy and approach.

Until such time when we are in a position to take charge of the buses we will continue to work with the families Office and Unit Welfare to address any concerns that may arise.

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## Year 11 Core Revision Classes

		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Tutor Time	After School 1400—1500hrs	English	Assembly	Maths	Assembly	Science
		Staffing Meeting	Maths	Geography Food Tech	Science	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 John'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@modschoools.org](mailto:kimberley.fox@modschoools.org)**



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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

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 17th March

Duke of Edinburgh—Bronze Expedition

SJS Coffee Morning 0800—1000 hrs

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

### Next Week

Tuesday 21st March

Family Maths Challenge

Thursday 23rd March

Parent Forum—Akrotiri Primary School 1500 — 1600hrs

Netball Match - SJS Vs. Logos School

Friday 24th March

Headteachers Surgery Akrotiri Hive : 0900—1000hrs

Sports Day 2023—Happy Valley