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Dear Families,

I cannot believe we have reached the final week of this Spring Term, it doesn't seem that long ago that we returned from Christmas.



As we near the end of this term and ready ourselves for the exams of next term, we have been boosted by the fantastic set of exam results our students in Year 12 and 13 have achieved. Of the 50 exam grades published on Thursday, 60% were at Merit or Distinction. I am incredibly proud of the hard work and commitment exercised by students and staff in securing these amazing outcomes. There is still much to do ahead of the Summer Exam series, both in Year 11 and 13, however these outcomes, together with an encouraging GCSE Maths Mock Examination series, give everyone a reason to be optimistic around what our students can ultimately achieve.



In addition to this week's academic successes, there were also sporting successes to be celebrated. On Friday, we hosted Sports Day at Happy Valley. Thank you to all of you who came down to support and cheer on our students, in what was our first Sports Day in 3 years. I am also grateful to the support provided by RAF Akrotiri Station and Episkopi Station. The winning house is to be announced via Facebook late on Friday.

**Mr Colin Guyton** Headteacher





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## Sports Day 2023





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## School Buses

As mentioned on the 9th March St John's School is in the process of taking over the management of the school buses, which until now sat with the Families Office in Akrotiri. Since sharing this information, we have worked with students to explore and co-construct a code of conduct and an agreed set of sanctions to support good behaviour on our school buses. This work has helped draft some aspects of the local bus policy and are shared with you on this page and the next. Should you have any observations, ideas and/or comments you wish to share that will help to shape the final policy, I would be grateful to receive them prior to **1st April 2023**. Your views can be emailed directly to myself at [Colin.Guyton@modschoools.org](mailto:Colin.Guyton@modschoools.org)

## Seating Arrangements

Upon registering to take the bus to and from school, students are entitled to choose which bus they would like to travel on (subject to space). There are three buses from RAF Akrotiri and one from Paramali. The RAF Akrotiri Buses pick up from:

1. Watering Hole
2. Watering Hole
3. Chaplaincy

Students will also be able to request who they wish to sit next to on their chosen bus. Should a student wish to move they will only be able to request a change in the months of December and March with the changes coming into effect for the following term. The school will endeavour to meet each student's seating request. When on the bus, students must remain in their allocated seat. The school reserves the right to move students' seats at its discretion.

## Guest Travel

Students who do not ordinarily travel by school bus are permitted to ride the bus (subject to space) at the request of their parent/guardian. This option is to allow students to spend time with their friends in Akrotiri/Paramali and/or attend extracurricular activities without burdening parents who would otherwise transport their child after school. Parents/guardians wishing their child to travel by bus must contact school reception on the day of travel.





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### Code of Conduct

The Code of Conduct is not designed to be an exhaustive list, instead it is written to provide guidance to students on the etiquette of public transport that will support them in later life.

Students agreed:

- ⇒ Passengers will sit in their allocated seat
- ⇒ Passengers will embark and disembark with consideration for others
- ⇒ Passengers will not eat or drink, whilst on the bus, with the exception of water
- ⇒ Passengers will ensure they take personal belongings and do not leave rubbish on the bus
- ⇒ Passengers will talk quietly and be respectful to fellow passengers, both students and staff
- ⇒ Passengers can listen to music, mobile phones, but only through ear phones
- ⇒ Passengers will respect the personal space of others
- ⇒ Passengers will respect the bus and ensure there is no damage or graffiti

### Sanctions for unwanted behaviour

This policy permits St John's School with the support of BFC to address unwanted behaviour and impose sanctions in case of incidences of unwanted behaviour whether or not a child is wearing school uniform. Incidences of unwanted, antisocial behaviour will be investigated and sanctioned based upon the balance of probability and dealt with as categorised:

Minor Incident First Offence
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Verbal warning</li><li>• Contact home</li><li>• Offending student to take the late bus at 1500 hrs, parents will have been notified</li><li>• Offending student moves seat</li></ul>
Severe Incident Multiple Offences
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Meeting with both student and parents if required</li><li>• Written warning</li><li>• Offending student required to take the late bus at 1500 hrs, parents will have been notified</li><li>• Offending student to be moved bus</li><li>• Placed on a bus report</li><li>• Placed on a bus behaviour contract</li><li>• Offending student to be issued a temporary ban from the bus</li><li>• Fixed term exclusion from school</li><li>• Referral to the appropriate Unit Welfare Officer for behaviour and discipline</li><li>• Referral to the Police</li><li>• Offending student to be issued a permanent ban from the bus</li></ul>



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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
		Staffing Meeting	Maths	Music Geography Food Tech	Science MFL	English



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## Cyprus Music Service



DCS Music Practical Music  
Application Form



### Registrations for music lessons *now open*

- Available to pupils in years 3 -13 attending an MOD School
- Violin, viola, cello available to years 3 -13
- Rock and pop available to years 7 - 13
- Group lessons
- During the school day
- £60 for 10 lessons
- Instrument hire available
- Starting in the Summer Term 2023
- Spaces are limited and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.
- Complete the online form to apply: <https://forms.office.com/e/FizeZMcWP3>
- Closing date Wednesday 29th March

Students are reminded that they should not bring chewing gum into school.

Chewing gum is often discarded under tables or chairs and we ask that no chewing gum is brought into school.



**No chewing  
gum**



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## Get into Law Conference



Do you have an inquisitive mind that belongs in a courtroom? Are you interested in laws, maintaining order, and the potential career paths of a solicitor, barrister, or judge? If so, we have just the event for you!

Our "Get Into Law" conference on Sat 22nd & Sun 23rd April (9:30 - 2pm), is the perfect opportunity to learn everything you need to know about pursuing a career in the legal profession.

Registration Link: <https://lawmentor.org.uk/product/get-into-law-conference/>

At our conference, you'll have the chance to hear from Judge Emma, who will provide invaluable insights into life within the legal industry. For just £15 entry, she will offer crucial advice on:

- Life as a law student and a solicitor or barrister (realistic insight into law)
- Legal myth-busting and empowering you to achieve your dream!
- How competitive is it to 'get into law'?
- What really makes you stand out from the crowd?
- Your application timeline (compartmentalising and working SMART)
- CV, extracurricular activities and transferable skills for law
- The UCAS form – key components to be aware of
- The personal statement (and the academic reference)
- Interviews (basics, deeper insights and how to shine)
- Entrance exams: LNAT, Cambridge/Oxford Law Exam and their significance.

The conference will give students insight into what a legal career entails and will provide the building blocks needed to be successful in their application to university. By sharing our expert knowledge about the UCAS application process for law, your students will be provided with all the resources and guidance they need to succeed in their law school applications.

Get into Law registration form:  
<https://lawmentor.org.uk/product/get-into-law-conference/>

\*The cost per entry is £15, which covers administrative and technological costs.

Attending this conference is the perfect opportunity to delve further into the law profession and help students learn about the different paths available to them, so they can make an informed decision about their future career.



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## Parents vs Students vs Teachers vs Military Maths Challenge

**Tuesday 28th March 1500—1700hrs**

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 28th March 1500—1700hrs
<b>Where?</b>	St John's School Main Hall
<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!





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## SJS Coffee Mornings

On Friday 31st 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@modschools.org](mailto: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.

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## Upcoming School Events

### This 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

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)

### Next Week

All week

Pupil Attitude to School and Self Survey

Monday 17th April

School closed to students—INSET Day

Friday 21st April

Headteacher's Surgery, Akrotiri Hive : 0900—1000 hrs

GCSE Music Practical Performance