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Dear Families,

Last weekend a large numbers of our students headed east to compete in the Dhekelia Dash. This excellent community event was enjoyed by our school contingent, who also enjoyed competitive success! Well done and thank you to those who represented our school, for the organisers who put on this excellent event and to our staff who gave up a significant portion of their weekend.



This week welcomed visitors from the United Kingdom who undertook a three day in depth Health and Safety Inspection. The visit explored all aspects of Health and Safety at St John's School, it included a site inspection, a thorough audit of our paperwork and record keeping, a school evacuation and deep dives into Science, PE, Design and Technology. The inspection was a very positive experience and provided a favourable evaluation with some clear areas for improvement that included updating emergency signage, ensuring storage areas are tidy and that we continue to push for identified areas of work needed to ensure the safety of all at school.

On Wednesday our Lead Teachers attended King Richard School for the expansion of the Lead Teacher programme. As an initiative established at St John's School, it's potential has been recognised by the Department for Children's Services and is now being rolled out across Cyprus and MOD Schools worldwide. The expansion of this programme will provide additional support and expertise for our school, whilst also acknowledging another example of best practice proudly originating from our teaching community.

Elsewhere this week we enjoyed the opportunity to host Year 4 from Episkopi Primary School on Wednesday, as they watched a short Pantomime production performed by Year 7. Key Stage 3 took part in the national Junior Maths Challenge, whilst on Thursday, it was great to see a small number of parents attend our Cyber Security Brunch in partnership with CJPu and J6 Cyber Security.

This weekend is the first of a series of May Bank Holidays that will see the school closed on Monday 1st May to both students and staff. We look forward to welcoming students to school on Tuesday 2nd May and hope that, despite the pressures many of you in our military community are facing at present with operations in Sudan, that you manage some time together over this extended weekend.

**Mr Colin Guyton** Headteacher



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## This week at St John's School



## Dhekli Dash Winners 2023



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**RUGBY**



**AKROTIRI  
RUGBY CLUB**



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## This week at St John's School



# Y9 PE

# RUGBY



# ROUNDERS



# FITNESS



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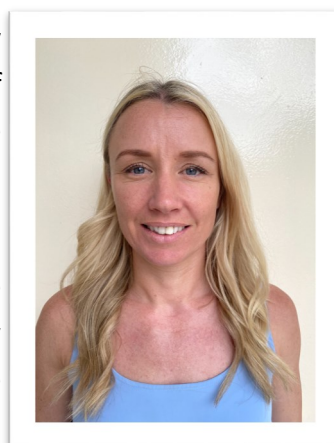
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## Meet Mrs Jane Byers

### Teacher of Science, specialising in Biology

Hello, my name is Jane Byers and I have recently been appointed as a Biology Teacher in the Science Department at St John's school. I join a strong team of specialist teachers and look forward to supporting the students to achieve their potential in the Sciences.

I am originally from Lincolnshire but have lived all over, as my husband served in the RAF. He has now completed 22 years of service and joins me here with our 4 year old son and two Golden Labradors. I have been lucky enough to have lived in Cyprus before, at Akrotiri, and so I am delighted to be back to enjoy all the wonderful things the island has to offer.



Having been a military spouse myself I have a good understanding of the ups and downs experienced by families of the students here at St John's School and so I am really excited to get to know you all and look at ways I can support students and aim to ignite their interest in Science.

I have 13 years experience as a Science teacher with the last 5 years specialising in Biology, in a grammar school in Lincolnshire. In my career I have also taught BTECs in Health and Social Care, Countryside and Environment and also Sport Science. In the classroom I am passionate about active learning and every student getting involved in all aspects of the lesson. I love all aspects of Biology, particularly Anatomy and Physiology. I feel that practical lessons, where students can experience activities themselves, helps them to engage and be able to recall difficult information.

I haven't always been a teacher, I was a Yard Manager and Chief Instructor of a large equestrian centre at Queen Ethelburgas College, a private boarding school in York, prior to undertaking my PGCE at Bishop Grosseteste College in Lincoln. I hope to find some time to spend at the stables or perhaps try out some of the watersports on offer at the beach clubs here at Episkopi.

Outside of school I am a keen gym goer, runner, swimmer and hiker. I am a level 3 qualified personal trainer and have offered programs to develop young people's confidence in gym environment, as well as keeping the staff fit at my previous school with after school bootcamps. I have had a fantastic first week meeting some of my new classes and look forward to supporting them through this busy and important term.



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## Extra-Curricular Clubs and Revision – Term 3 SJS

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Nurture hub – wellbeing drop in	Nurture hub – wellbeing drop in	Nurture hub – wellbeing drop in	Nurture hub – wellbeing drop in	Nurture hub – wellbeing drop in
1st Break					
After School Enrichment	Whole Staff Training	GCSE Maths Revision, S10 & S13 Languages Club, E6 (Week 1) Magic Club, E6 (Week 2) Joseph Choreography, Hall Rounders, Gym	GCSE Geography Revision, W10 DofE Training, Gym (Y9 and 10) Joseph Full Cast Rehearsal, Hall Chess Club	GCSE Science Revision, N2 Joseph Full Cast Rehearsal, Hall Rugby Training in Akrotiri	GCSE English Revision, C3 Joseph Full Cast Rehearsal, Hall





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## Leavers - Year 7 to 12

As we start our final term of this academic year, we are actively planning our transition into the new academic year of 2023/24.

As we know, being part of the military community means we see a lot of movement in the summer and unfortunately have to say goodbye to a lot of our families. If you know you will be leaving us before the new academic year, please can you complete the form attached and send it back to the school office as soon as possible. This will help us ensure that your child has a smooth transition to their new school and all the information required is prepared and ready to send across to them. This also includes children in Year 11. If you are unsure of exact dates, or currently do not have a school confirmed, please still complete the form as these details can be added at a later time.

If you have any queries regarding this, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Parkinson on 00357 2596 3888 or alternatively you can email at [Kate.Parkinson@modschoools.org](mailto:Kate.Parkinson@modschoools.org).

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## Year 11 and 13 - Last Day at School

As previously communicated, parents and carers are reminded that the respective last days on which students must attend lessons as they currently do, are as follows:

**Year 13 - Friday 26th May 2023**

**Year 11 - Friday 16th June 2023**

Students in both years will continue to have exams right through the month of June and, therefore, will be required to remain on Island to complete all of the exams they have been entered for.

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## Year 6 Transition

A letter with details regarding how St John's School will support students moving up from Year 6 into Year 7 will be shared with parents through Akrotiri Primary School and Episkopi Primary School next week. There will be a number of events to support the transition process, which will also include two Secondary Year 7 Taster Days on Thursday 6th and Friday 7th July 2023. These days will be extended to include all Year 6 students irrespective of whether they will or will not be attending St John's School in September 2023.



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## Year 11 Core Revision Classes

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

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## London Marathon 2023



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London Marathon 2023 - 4:58:06 I did it..... what an amazing experience and, believe it or not, I loved every minute. I completed the London Marathon 9 years ago and can't remember looking up once to see what was going on around me. Such a difference this time round. I took in every landmark, smiled at every camera and thanked everyone that called my name and spurred me on. I stopped at 17 miles to support a runner that was finding it tough. We ran together for 6 miles and then I continued a bit quicker to reach my target of under 5 hours. Most importantly, I have raised over £2,000 to support a charity that I feel strongly about, CRY Cardiac Risk in the Young. There is still time to donate if you want to. The link is below. Finally, thank you to everyone - staff, students and parents that have taken the time to ask me how my training is going, to congratulate me and to want to chat about my experience. I feel very humbled by all the attention. Next time it could be you.....

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## St John's School

in collaboration with Episkopi Primary  
School & Achord Community Choir



PRESENTS

# JOSEPH

# AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOP DREAMCOAT

**Tuesday 23rd May 2023**

**Wednesday 24th May 2023**

**Thursday 25th May 2023**

**School Hall - 7:00 p.m.**

Doors open 6:15 p.m. (Bar/Snacks available)

Tickets available from:

St John's School Reception, Episkopi Hive, Akrotiri Hive

**Adults €10.00 / Children €7.00**





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St Johns Secondary and Episkopi Primary School invite you to clean your station!

## LITTER-PICKING IS *sweeping* THE STATION

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May  
Happy Valley  
0830 until 1030  
Everyone welcome (must be a pass holder)  
Free bacon sandwiches for all helpers!  
(Bring your own litter pickers if you have them!)



## St Johns School, King's Coronation Celebrations

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2023

St John's School will be hosting our celebrations with music, food, a celebration of coronation themed student work and a range of competitions, including:



Design a stamp  
Coronation Quiz  
Poetry Competition  
Coronation Cakes







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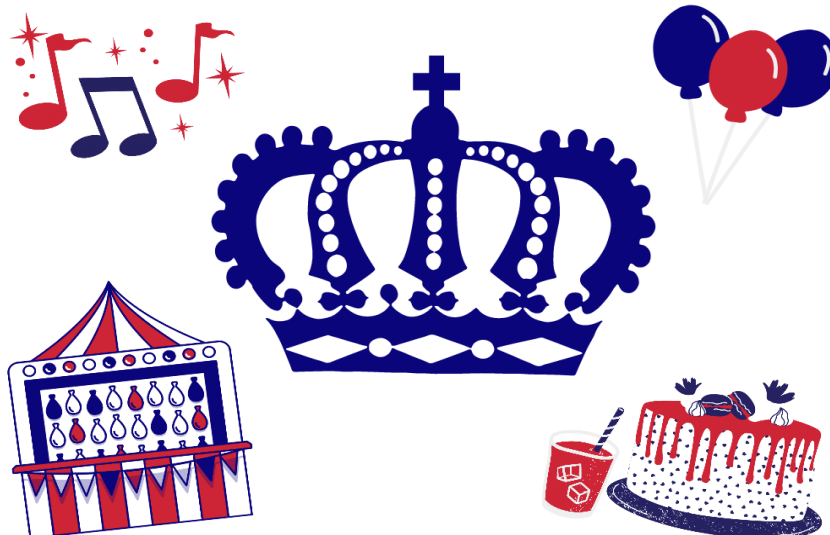


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# CORONATION FETE



**SAVE THE DATE**  
**FRI 5 MAY 23**



**1500 - 1900, Happy Valley**  
Live music, food & family entertainment  
More details coming soon!

**OPEN TO ALL PASS HOLDERS**



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## Headteacher's Surgery - Akrotiri Hive

On Friday 5th May 0900—1000 hrs, parents and/or members of the BFC community are welcome to drop into the Akrotiri Hive, 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.

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## Upcoming School Events

### This Week

**Monday 1st May**

**May Day Bank Holiday—School closed to all**

**Wednesday 3rd May**

**Art A-Level Practical Examination Day 1**

**HPV Dose 2—Year 8**

**Happy Valley Community Clear Up**

**Thursday 4th May**

**Art A-Level Practical Examination Day 2**

**Art GCSE Practical Examination Day 1**

**HPV Dose 2—Year 8**

**Friday 5th May**

**Art A-Level Practical Examination Day 3**

**Art GCSE Practical Examination Day 2**

**SJS Headteacher's Surgery @ Akrotiri Hive : 0900hrs—1000 hrs**

### Next Week

**All Week**

**Public A-Level, GCSE and BTEC Exams**

**Monday 8th May**

**King's Coronation Bank Holiday—School closed to all**

**Friday 12th May**

**Duke of Edinburgh Expedition**

**SJS Coffee Morning 0800—1000 hrs**

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