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Dear Families,

Our Coronation Celebrations took place last Friday with a rather blustery, yet enjoyable street party and a wide range of Coronation competitions that included Coronation Cakes and Poetry. On the pages that follow I have included a some of the photographs taken during our celebrations and the winning poem.



The exam season is already underway, exams in Art, a range of BTEC courses and modern foreign languages have already been taken by a number of students in either Year 11 and 13. Next week, we have a full programme of exams, including RE, Drama, Science, Languages, Geography, English, History, Business, Psychology and Mathematics. With exams across 12 subjects next week we have adjusted the day for our students and you will be able to see what these adjustments look like on each of the exam days on Page 4. The school is providing a limited range of complimentary food and drinks for students, however it is imperative students sleep and eat well either side of the school day, whilst also remaining hydrated as temperatures climb. Everyone at school is incredibly proud of our students and wish those taking exams this season the very best of luck. Our students have shown a real commitment to ensuring their individual success and have come so far since their Mock Exams were taken in December.

You may remember some weeks ago we had to postpone our Duke of Edinburgh Silver Expedition due to the inclement weather at the time. This weekend we will be sure to set off in what is expected to be excellent weather. I look forward to sharing with you how our students get on. Thank you to all of the Teachers, School Governors and Station personnel, include the CO and GSM who are giving up their weekend to support the expedition.



Finally, with two weeks to go, thank you to all of you who have purchased tickets for Joseph and the Technicolour Dreamcoat. This is to be the first school show of this scale for over thirteen years and there is a real sense of excitement around the show in school. If you are yet to purchase your ticket please contact the school reception, Episkopi Hive or the Akrotiri Hive.

**Mr Colin Guyton** Headteacher



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## This week at St John's School





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## What It Means to Be A King

In order to become a successful monarch,  
One must follow undefined rules.  
Regulations that govern the opinion of the masses,  
A high bar one is expected to reach.  
But what if you were to fall?  
Would you crack and break like a frail glass sculpture?  
Or would you rise and seal up the cracks?

What if I were to ask you to decide between war  
Or the death of a close friend,  
What would you choose?  
A or B?  
Or would you resist and choose C?

This resilience,  
This ruthless benevolence,  
This cold sensation as the heavy crown rests on their head.  
This crushing weight.  
The weight of 67 million lives  
67 million families,  
134 million eyes focused on them alone.

Despite the nails hammered in their head by the fleeting gazes they stand alone  
Completely aware of the malicious whispers behind their back they stand with grace and integrity.  
That audacious courage  
And intelligence ignorance  
Is what makes a man a monarch.

Now that we have the opportunity to see this sovereign blossom bloom  
We shall see how they handle the weight.  
Will they share it with another?  
Or will they be encumbered by it in isolation?  
We can only wait until they learn  
**What it means to be a king.**

*What it means to be a King*

The winning entry in our Coronation Poetry Competition.

Well done to Olly in Year 8







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## THE EXAM SEASON

What do the exam days look like?

My child does not have an exam

- Your child will come into school as normal on this day.
- They will work in lessons as usual.
- If they have a lesson where the curriculum is complete (i.e. they have sat the final exams) students will partake in supervised revision for subjects still to be examined.

My child has a morning exam

0800 breakfast  
0815 period 1 as usual  
0915 pre-exam revision  
1015 break  
1035 extended break  
1045 go to exam room  
1100 exam start

At the end of the exam students will continue with the school day.

Additional time will be given for breaks where needed.

My child has an afternoon exam

With advance permission from you, students may have a later start on days when they have an afternoon exam. A bus will be provided from Akrotiri.

1230 arrive at school  
1235 break  
1300 pre-exam revision  
1400 lunch available  
students stay on-site  
1515 arrive at exam room  
1530 exam start

My child has two exams in one day

0800 breakfast  
0815 period 1 as usual  
0915 pre-exam revision  
1015 break  
1035 extended break  
1045 go to exam room  
1100 exam start

1215-1330 exam finish - students go to lessons

1300 pre-exam revision  
1400 lunch available  
students stay onsite  
1515 arrive at exam room  
1530 exam start

Please get in touch if you would **not** like your child to have a late start on days where they only have an afternoon exam.



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## Year 10 and 12 Work Experience

We are extremely grateful to colleagues at RAF Akrotiri who are kindly hosting students in Year 10 and 12 on Wednesday 17th May. Students will visit a wide range of departments and personnel working gaining a wider variety of work experiences. Students will visit amongst others the Fire Station, 84 Sqn, looking at aircraft, the air traffic control tower and radar room.

A letter with a QR code (also pictured below) has been sent to parents and **consent for students to attend the day will be required before Wednesday.**

Students from Akrotiri will meet in the FDLC car park to **register at 0845hrs** and do not need to come into school on this day. The **day will end at 1330hrs** and Akrotiri students will be able to walk home at this time.

Students will have **breaks at the Chaplaincy Centre** so a **packed lunch is essential**. Students are also advised to **bring a water bottle**, apply sun cream and wear a hat.

Episkopi students will come to school as normal and will take the school bus to Akrotiri after registration and will return back in time for the end of the school day.

Students do not need to wear school uniform.



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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 inform 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@modschools.org](mailto:Kate.Parkinson@modschools.org).

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## Year 8 Parents' Afternoon

### Thursday 25th May 1430—1700 hrs

We look forward to welcoming parents of our Year 8 students into school for their second parent afternoon of this academic year. The afternoon will give you an opportunity, along with your child, to meet their teachers in a series of 1:1 meetings. During each meeting you will be able to find out how they are progressing across each area of the curriculum.

Appointments must be made in advance of the Parent Afternoon. Appointments can only be made through our new Parent Portal, EPraise. The appointment book will open on Monday 15th May at midday.

Please ensure you have registered to use EPraise, either via the website or App, in advance of Monday 15th May, instructions on how to do so can be on the following pages.

Once registered, to make your appointments, please visit the Community Tab after midday on Monday 15th May and select Parents' Evening. You can then follow the prompts to make appointments for your child's teachers.

### Having difficulties?

Should you encounter difficulties please email Mr Barber who will gladly support you in logging in for the first time and/or making an appointment. Mr Barber's email is [Dave.Barber@modschools.org](mailto:Dave.Barber@modschools.org)



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## EPraise Parent Communication Website and App

To centralise and improve our communication, whilst facilitating you as a parent to see how well your child is getting on at school we are going to use EPraise. We have had access to EPraise for sometime and our students will be familiar with it as a reward system. However, we have invested in a wider range of functionality and we invite parents to register for an online account.



### Logging In

You will initially need to register by downloading the EPraise App or by visiting their website via:

[www.epraise.co.uk/index.php?school=stjohnscopyrus&login=parents](http://www.epraise.co.uk/index.php?school=stjohnscopyrus&login=parents)

1. Select the parent tab on the EPraise log in form
2. Click the register button.
3. Enter the email address previously provided to St John's School and request the login code
4. EPraise will send an email to the registered email account. This email contains a code, which you must then use as the password to login for the first time.

### Note:

The password link remains active for 24 hours so you will need to create the password within that time or repeat the steps above to obtain a new email. Sometimes emails can take a few minutes to arrive or are automatically redirected to the junk folder so it is worth checking before re-registering your account.

### Trouble Registering?

Should you encounter difficulties it is possible the email address we have for you is out of date. To update your email address or to notify us of difficulties please email Mr Barber who will gladly assist you in logging on. Mr Barber's email is [Dave.Barber@MODSchools.org](mailto:Dave.Barber@MODSchools.org)



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## EPraise Website Tabs

At the top of the webpage or app, there are a variety of tabs which link to the information details below:

### Me > Settings

Here you can change your password, which we recommend to avoid obtaining a registration code each time you log on. Through the settings tab you can also set your notification preferences.



### Me > Messages

Messages will eventually allow you to send and receive messages from your child's/children's teacher. At present it is our intention to use this facility to push out notifications to you as a parent. For example letters and the weekly newsletter will come through EPraise Messages.

### My Children > Profile

You can view your child/children's profiles under the my Children Tab. Here you can see their school attendance, reward point tally and timetable. Further functionality will be launched in due course.

### My Children > Planner

Here you will be able to view all of your child's/children's homework and notes set by their teachers. You will have the option to see any attachments included and can see which are set, due, overdue or completed. This aspect will become fully functional from Monday 30th October.

### Community > Get Involved

Here you will see various enrichment activities available to your child/children and where you can sign them up. They even earn points indicated by the activities with praise points in the corner.

### Community > Parents' Evening

You will soon be able to see allocated parents' afternoon events displayed here. When a parents' afternoon approaches, you will be able to book appointments to see their teacher. To do this simply select the 'book appointment' button and fill in the details. Further information will follow ahead of the Year 7 afternoon on Thursday 20th October 2022.





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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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## Headteacher's Surgery - Akrotiri Hive

On Friday 19th 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.

## Parent Forum

On Thursday 18th May 2023 at 1500 hrs I will be hosting our half termly Parent Forum Meeting. This term the meeting will take place at St John's School and have a focus on our proposed changes to the assessment framework at Key Stage 3, which is due to be launched in the new academic year.

Parents are cordially invited to attend.

## Upcoming School Events

### This Week

#### All Week

Wednesday 17th May

Thursday 18th May

Friday 19th May

Public A-Level, GCSE and BTEC Exams

Year 10 and 12 Work Experience Day : RAF Akrotiri

Parents Forum @ St John's School : 1500—1600 hrs

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

### Next Week

#### All Week

Monday 22nd May

Tuesday 23rd May

Wednesday 24th May

Thursday 25th May

Public A-Level, GCSE and BTEC Exams

Parental Consultation : School Values : 1530—1600hrs : St John's School

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat—1900 hrs

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Year 6 Science Fair

Year 8 Parents Afternoon : 1430—1700 hrs

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat—1900 hrs

Study Leave begins for Year 13

SJS Coffee Morning 0800—1000 hrs

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

Friday 26th May