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Dear Families,

On Wednesday and Thursday I had the opportunity to meet prospective pupils and parents who are to join St John's School in Year 7 this September. This week's events were the first of a series of events designed to support the successful transition of students into our school. I look forward to next seeing our new students for the formal transition days in early July.



Elsewhere this week I was extremely envious of students in Years 10 and 12 who attended a series of work experience opportunities hosted by RAF Akrotiri. Such an opportunity far exceeded my work experience, which back in 1998, saw me spend a week in a petrol station. Thank you to everybody at RAF Akrotiri for providing such an engaging and educational experience, one that is sure to be remembered by all in attendance.

Next week, I begin a period of consultation with all school stakeholders around the values of our school. We have long subscribed to the values of Leadership, Learning and Excellence, however, the meaning of these values has become somewhat lost. I am keen to redefine our values, aligning them to those of our wider community and the values of the Tri-Services and Civil Service. Once again, supported by both Stations, I look forward to the different stakeholder consultation events being facilitated by colleagues from the Army, Navy, Royal Airforce and Civil Service. Parents and community members are cordially invited to attend our public meeting on Monday 22nd May at 1530 hrs at St John's School.

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat takes to the St John's School stage next week. Once again, thank you to all of you who have purchased tickets, there are still some left on each of the nights and we would love to have you all here. If you are yet to purchase your ticket please contact the school reception, Episkopi Hive or the Akrotiri Hive.

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Mr Colin Guyton Headteacher



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2023 Junior Mathematical Challenge

30 of our most talented mathematicians in Years 7 and 8 competed in the Junior Mathematical Challenge at the end of April.

This challenge tests students' mathematical understanding and their ability to solve complex problems using mathematics.

All students who entered did St John's School proud and showed real resilience and commitment to the challenge.

12 students achieved the Bronze Award, 3 achieved Silver and 1 achieved the Gold Award.



The Best in Year Awards went to Joshua H. and Stephen R.

The Best in School Award was presented to Stephen R. who has been invited to enter the next round of the competition - The Kangaroo Round—which will see him compete against all of the 'Best in School' winners across the whole of the UK - Good Luck Stephen!

We are all very proud of each and every student who represented St John's School in this challenge and look forward to entering students from Year's 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12 next year into the Junior, Intermediate and Senior challenges.



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YOUNG MINDS

fighting for young people's mental health

Supporting young people during exam time

The next month is going to be a stressful time for young people sitting exams – and for the adults supporting them. It's normal for young people to feel stressed or anxious about exams. However, if you notice significant changes to their mood, behaviour, eating or sleeping patterns that don't go away after a few weeks, this may be a sign that their [exam stress](#) has started to negatively impact their mental health. Click [here](#) for advice on when the right time to step in is, and how have a conversation about how they are feeling.



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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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@modschoools.org.



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Be sure to add us as a friend of Facebook to keep up to date with what is happening at St John's School



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Staying Safe This Summer

How to enjoy the sun safely



Find shade

Take a break under trees, umbrellas or head indoors



Cover up

Wear a loose, long-sleeved top with a hat and sunglasses



Use sunscreen

On bits that aren't covered up. Use plenty with at least SPF 15 and a 4 or 5 star rating

Together we will beat cancer



Significant numbers of students have come into school this week complaining of discomfort caused by sunburn. This discomfort has distracted them from learning and, as a school, there is very little we can do to support students with sunburn.

As it continues to warm up, please can you ensure your child attends school with a bottle to refill at breaktimes.



Don't forget to bring your own bottle to refill



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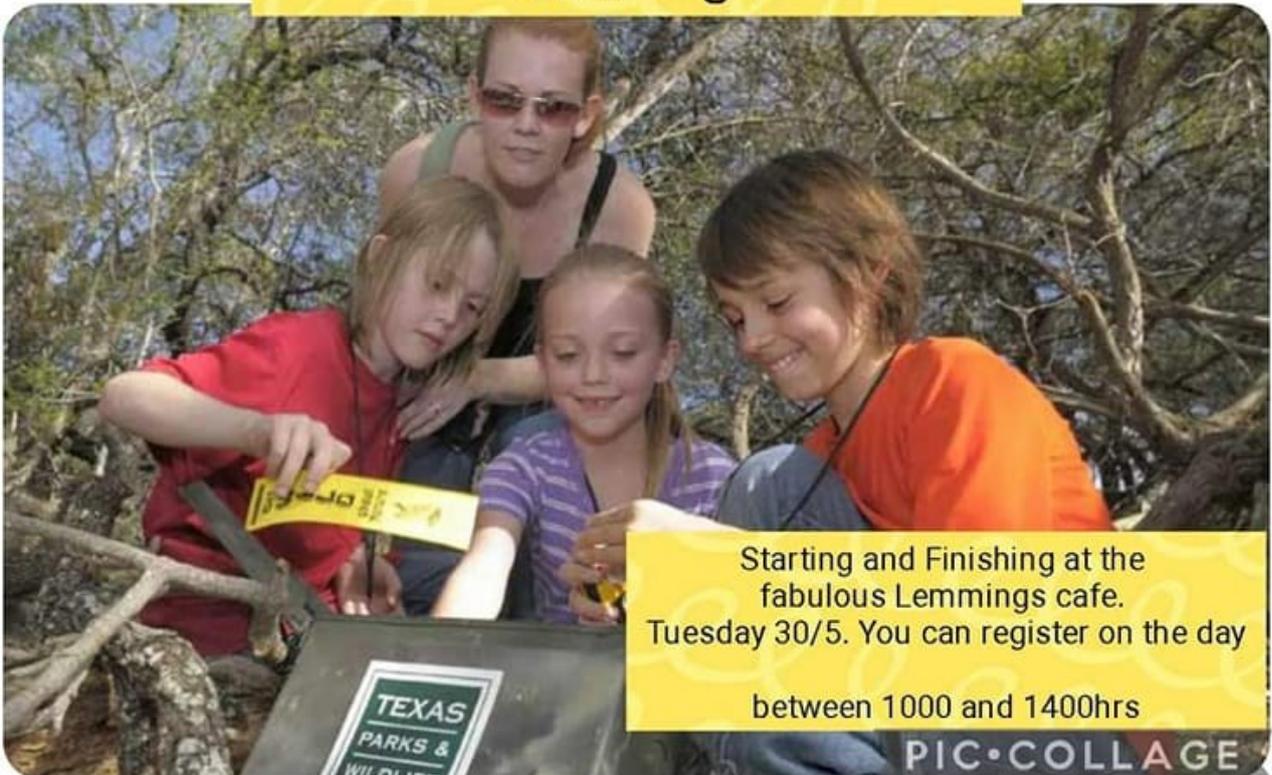


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Whitsun Half Term



Family Geo Cache Trail and Orienteering challenge



Starting and Finishing at the
fabulous Lemmings cafe.
Tuesday 30/5. You can register on the day

between 1000 and 1400hrs

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SJS Coffee Mornings

On Friday 26th May 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.

Limited to 15 people, I look forward to touring you around the school, visiting lessons and answering any questions or concerns you may have.

Year 8 Parents’ Afternoon

Thursday 25th May 1430—1700 hrs

Have you made your appointments? Appointments must be made in advance of the Parent Afternoon. Appoints can only be made through our new Parent Portal, EPraise.



Upcoming School Events

This Week

All Week

Monday 22nd May

Tuesday 23rd May

Wednesday 24th May

Thursday 25th May

Friday 26th May

Public A-Level, GCSE and BTEC Exams

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

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat—1900 hrs

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Year 8 Parents’ Afternoon : 1430—1700 hrs

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Study Leave begins for Year 13

End of Half Term : 1400 hrs

SJS Coffee Morning 0800—1000 hrs

Bookings required via SJS.enquiries@modschools.org

Next Week

All Week

Monday 5th June

Thursday 8th June

Friday 9th June

Public A-Level, GCSE and BTEC Exams

First day of the new Half Term : 0800 hrs

Year 7 Parents’ Afternoon : 1430—1700 hrs

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