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Dear Families,

There were several personal highlights of this past week.



On Tuesday, I had the privilege to hear from six of our Year 12 students as they presented their views and ideas for a renewed approach to whole school student leadership. The students presented as part of the recruitment process that will culminate next week with formal interviews. Their presentations were exceptional, with many presenting at a level far exceeding their age. I wish them all well for the final interview round and look forward to sharing the results with you next week.



Another personal highlight from this past week was the chance to enjoy a slice of cake and a cup of tea with students from across Key Stage 3. The selected students were chosen after we looked at those with the highest effort scores from across all of their academic reports. It was a great opportunity to recognise and celebrate their commitment to their studies and I am grateful for their continued efforts.



In addition to these two highlights we welcomed colleagues from King Richard School and the Department for Children's Services.

Visiting on Tuesday, their focus centred upon Middle Leadership. Undertaking Ofsted styled curriculum conversations, Middle Leaders were challenged to articulate their curriculum intents and implementation, evidencing in their articulation the quality of their respective department's educational offer. Middle Leaders first undertook such an activity in February and it was impressive to see how far they have come since then. I am extremely confident in their understanding of their curriculum areas and the quality of their revised curricula ahead of the new academic year.

**Mr Colin Guyton** Headteacher



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## This week at St John's School



Joining Year 9 for a restaurant role play that allowed myself and the class to converse in French as we sat down in our pop up cafe 'Archies Anglais'



2023 Art Exhibition



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## School Values

You will hopefully recall from previous editions of this weekly newsletter, and from your own participation, that we have been consulting stakeholders around the future of our whole school values. The values of our school have long been Excellence, Leadership and Learning. Over the past couple of months, students, staff and parents had the opportunity to hear from representatives of the Army, Civil Service, Navy and Royal Air Force, who shared the values of their respective Service. Choosing from the values of each Service in an effort to align our school closer to the community we serve, we have arrived at a new set of school values.

### Integrity

The value of **Integrity** is common across all of our Services, be it Army, Civil Service, Navy and Royal Air Force. It was also the value that each and every stakeholder group identified as being one of their most preferred priorities for St John's School. Consequently, deciding upon the value of **Integrity** was easy and for ease of understanding it has been qualified as ***'doing the right thing'***.

### Commitment

A great deal of emphasis from adult stakeholders was placed upon the value of resilience in order to ensure the young people in our care reach their potential. Extensive discussion followed around the need to encourage students to do their best, particularly in face of any disadvantage they may face as a result of mobility. The discussion also commented upon our shared community commitment to eliminating educational disadvantage and it was from this discussion that we arrived at the Value of **Commitment** as shared by the Army and Royal Navy. **Commitment** at St John's School is to be demonstrated through ***'a determination to succeed'***.

### Respect

The value of **Respect** was universally the most preferred value of all as chosen by our students. A value common across the Tri Service, it is a value that, together with that of Integrity, will further promote the harmonious and healthy school environment that exists at St John's School, underpinning the whole school improvement priorities that link to student satisfaction and staff wellbeing. In showing **Respect** at St John's School, ***'we value ourselves and others'***.

A formal launch of our school values will follow in September 2023 and underpin a student and staff charter that will soon be developed.



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## Year 6 Transition Days



We have recently completed two short student assemblies at both Akrotiri and Episkopi Primary School. It is great to see our prospective students excited about joining St John's School next year.

This coming week we will welcome students from both schools to their secondary school transition days, where they will experience what life is like at St John's School.

## School Leavers



## 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](mailto:Kate.Parkinson@modschoools.org).



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## Progress Tests

Students in Years 7, 8 and 9 will sit Progress Tests in English, Maths and Science this coming week.

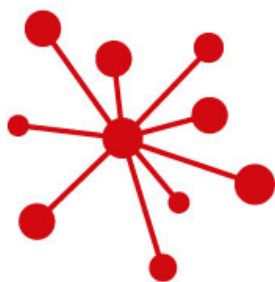
Progress Tests were used at the beginning of this academic year and now again at the end of this academic year. They are designed to measure attainment and allow comparison at an individual, cohort and school level with national averages.

Each test assesses a student's knowledge, understanding and application in the core subjects, helping to externally validate student attainment against national benchmarks as the academic year comes to an end. For students continuing at St John's School in the new academic year these tests will help to indicate possible gaps in learning in order to inform interventions. Detailed reports are obtained from these tests, which will be made available to parents. Each report analyses key dimensions of learning for each subject and provides staff with question-by-question breakdown to help identify those students who require greater challenge and those who may need extra support.

The purpose of doing so is to externally validate teacher assessment and track progress at an individual and cohort level. Individual reports will show you as the parent how your child is performing against standardised national expectations, whilst providing specific suggestions for addressing areas for development. Cohort reports will provide me, my senior and middle leaders with a higher level view to inform class-wide activity, as well as staff training and development needs ahead of the new academic year.

For more information, please visit

[www.gl-assessment.co.uk/assessments/products/progress-tests-series-for-secondary](http://www.gl-assessment.co.uk/assessments/products/progress-tests-series-for-secondary)



# GL Assessment



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## New Epi - Limassol Bus Service

*Starting in July 2023***Open Day:** Wednesday 28th June 2023**Location - Time:** Dodge Car Park Epi 0900-1100hrs

BUS ROUTE	BUS TIMETABLE (INDIVIDUAL STOP TIMINGS TBC)	
Limassol Marina/ Old Port	MONDAY TO FRIDAY	
Lady's Mile	<i>From Limassol Marina</i>	<i>From Episkopi - British Forces</i>
My Mall	08:00	09:00
Fassouri Water Park	10:00	11:00
Kolossi Castle	12:00	13:00
Curium Beach	13:15	14:15
Episkopi Pass Office	14:00	15:00
Kensington Estate	16:45	17:45
Happy Valley (Valid ID card Required)	18:45	19:45
Paramali Quarters	SATURDAY & SUNDAY	
<b>No.33</b>	09:00	10:00
	13:00	14:00
	16:45	17:45

### PRICE - CASH OR CARD ACCEPTED

- €1.50 per journey
- Day Tripper Ticket €5
- Weekly Ticket €20
- Monthly Ticket €40
- Yearly Ticket €400
- UNDER 6 years of age travel for free



A huge thank you to the Republic of Cyprus, Ministry of Transport and Limassol's Bus Company Emel. ***You will improve the lives of our community!***



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**RAF Akrotiri Voluntary Band presents**

## SUMMER CONCERT

WITH AKROTIRI AND EPISKOPI  
MILITARY WIVES CHOIRS  
& CHILDREN FROM ST JOHN'S SCHOOL

**WEDNESDAY 5TH JULY, 2023  
7:30PM**

*ST JOHN'S SCHOOL, AMPHITHEATRE,  
EPISKOPI*

**ADULTS: €5      UNDER 12 YEARS OLD: FREE**  
**BFC PASSHOLDERS ONLY**

TICKETS AVAILABLE ON THE DOOR  
AND AT THE HIVE (AKROTIRI AND EPISKOPI)





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## Headteacher's Surgery - Akrotiri Hive

On Friday 7th July 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 may be 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

#### All Week

Year 10 and 12 Mock Examinations A-Level, GCSE and BTEC Exams

Key Stage 3 Progress Tests in English, Maths and Science

Wednesday 5th July

RAF Akrotiri Voluntary Band Summer Concert hosted by SJS @ 1930hrs

Thursday 6th July

Year 6 Transition Day 1

Friday 7th July

Year 6 Transition Day 2

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

### Next Week

#### All Week

Key Stage 3 Progress Tests in English, Maths and Science

Tuesday 11th July

Inter House Water Polo

Wednesday 12th July

Year 12 Work Experience Day 1

Thursday 13th July

Year 12 Work Experience Day 2

Parent Forum—Chris Blue Beach

Friday 14th July

SJS Coffee Morning 0800—1000 hrs

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