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Dear Families,



We reach the end of the penultimate week of this academic year. As you would expect, there remains a firm emphasis upon ensuring students are provided with an educational offer that is consistently 'Good' right up until the end of the term. To this end we continue to share best practice, undertaking frequent learning walks through a wide range of lessons. I was particularly impressed by the work of our Year 10 students as



they learnt about the structure of the eye through a very exciting dissection. In addition to our routine approach to quality assurance, we also undertook a subject Deep Dive, focusing upon the Humanities faculty as we mirror Ofsted's approach to quality assuring the curriculum.

Elsewhere this week, students in Year 12 enjoyed the opportunity to accrue work experience through the generous support of colleagues from across RAF Akrotiri. Such an opportunity is a statutory requirement and one not previously met. Thank you to everyone involved in putting on an enjoyable two days for our Year 12 students.



This penultimate week also saw students compete in our termly inter-house sports competition, which with the rising temperatures, focused upon the swimming pool. Next week we will unveil the winning house from a year long of competition in a wide range of competitions.

Looking ahead to next week, we are about to enter into the final week of the academic year!

The term will finish on Thursday 20th July at 1230 hrs. Lessons will continue throughout the week, concluding at the end of lesson 3 on Thursday. During Period 4 on Thursday students will participate in our end of term Reward Auction and attend our end of year assembly, before leaving at 1230 hrs. On Thursday there will be a limited food offer available from our Snack Shack.

Colin Guyton Headteacher



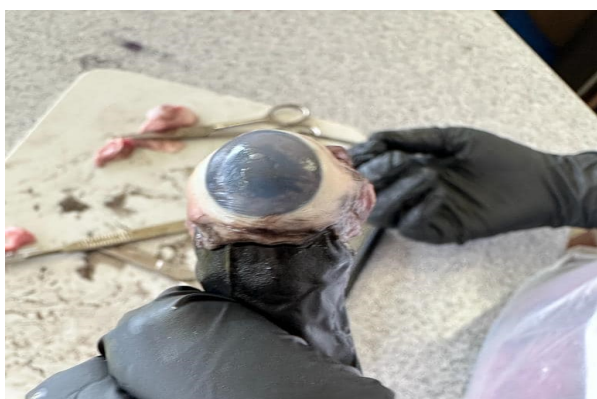
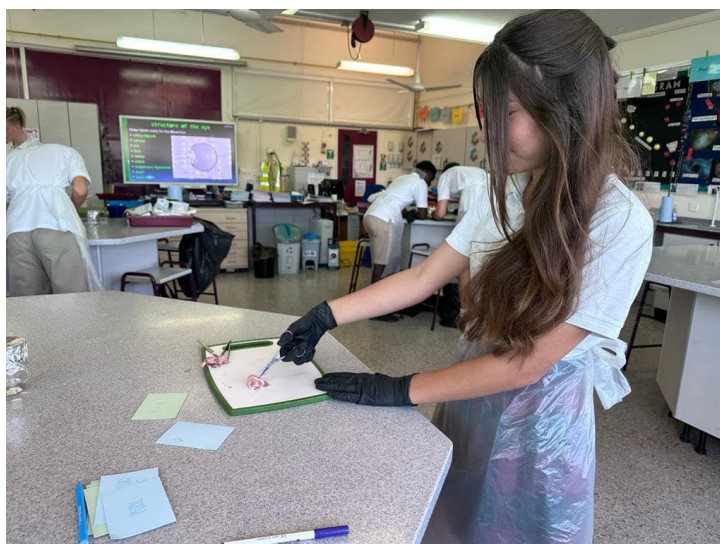
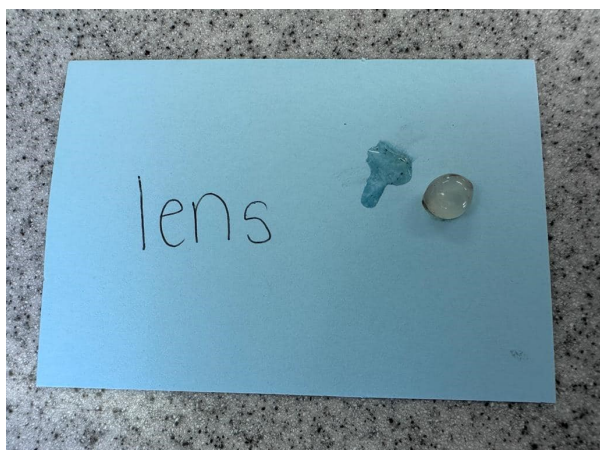
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This week at St John's School



Year 10 Scientists dissect an eye as they learn about the different parts of the eye.



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Year 12 Work Experience



This week students in Year 12 visited a wide variety of work placements from across RAF Akrotiri and Episkopi Stations to gain experience of life in the work place. Providing this opportunity was a huge undertaking on behalf of so many and I wish to take a moment to extend our sincere thanks to everyone involved, including:

- ⇒ Cpl K. Dyson
- ⇒ MT Transport
- ⇒ GEF
- ⇒ 84 Squadron
- ⇒ Fire Section
- ⇒ BARC
- ⇒ ATC
- ⇒ Medical Centre Physiotherapy Department
- ⇒ MTW
- ⇒ Akrotiri Primary School
- ⇒ Episkopi Early Years
- ⇒ JLS
- ⇒ Akrotiri Air Terminal
- ⇒ RAF Police
- ⇒ SSAFA
- ⇒ J6
- ⇒ Akrotiri Housing Office
- ⇒ Coffee Pot Akrotiri





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School Governance Committee

On Wednesday we held our final School Governance Committee meeting of this academic year. Composed of a team of volunteers I am extremely grateful to the support and challenge provided by the committee who have helped steer the strategic direction of the school and champion the needs of our community school to command groups on Island and in the UK.

The minutes of all meetings can be found on the school website and should you be interested in joining our School Governance Committee you are cordially invited to express an interest to Penny Demetriou, who is the secretary to the Chair of Governors. Penny's email is: Penny.Demetriou@modschools.org



Deputy Head Teacher



In recent weeks I undertook interviews for the vacant position of Deputy Head Teacher. This position has been vacant and covered by my extended leadership team since December 2022, when Mrs Alex Kerr left. I am delighted to announce that Mr Stephen Dixon, who has been our Assistant Head Teacher since September 2022, has been successfully appointed to the role of Deputy Head Teacher from September 2023, once the Civil Service recruitment ban has been lifted.

Mr Dixon has led upon significant changes associated with our educational offer and curriculum development and I look forward to him continuing this work within his new role.



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English Vacancy

You may have heard that Miss Athy Pallas, one of our English teachers, is leaving at the end of this academic year. Athy leaves us for a promoted position at a school in North London.

Athy's departure after 17 years of service to St John's School and the WSBA community leaves a vacancy, one that unfortunately cannot be recruited for on a permanent basis owing to a national ban on recruitment across the Civil Service. To mitigate any impact upon our students, we are spoilt with as many as six qualified English teachers on island all of whom are already employed in various roles by St John's School. I am expecting to be in a position to provide further details upon who will replace Athy on a temporary basis next week.

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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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New Arrivals Briefing

I look forward to welcoming any new families arriving to Cyprus this summer and have children starting St John's School in September.

On Friday 1st September I will be joined by my Senior Leadership Team for a new arrivals briefing, which will start at 0900 hrs. This briefing will be an intimate affair and allow myself and colleagues to introduce you to our school, provide a short tour and answer any questions you may have.

For families arriving this summer, should you need to make contact with someone at the school, you are invited to email the following addresses. You should expect a response within 48hours and should you not, please email me directly at Colin.Guyton@modschoools.org

Admissions: SJS.Admissions@modschoools.org

General Enquiries: SJS.Enquiries@modschoools.org

Uniform Sales

St John's School

Uniform can be purchased throughout the final week of the school holidays from our School Reception between 0900 hrs and 1300 hrs. Uniform will also be available to purchase from Tuesday 29th August until school reopens, daily between 0900 and 1300 hrs.

Akrotiri Hive

Uniform can also be purchased from the Akrotiri Hive on Thursday 31st August between 0900 hrs and 1000hrs.



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SJS Coffee Mornings

Today was the last of this year's Coffee Mornings. Each week we held a coffee morning alternating between St John's School and Akrotiri Hive. I have enjoyed the opportunity to meet with so many of you on these occasions and I look forward to continuing these established events as we move into the next academic year.

Next year these mornings will move from Friday to Thursday. I look forward to hosting the first coffee morning of the year at St John's School on Thursday 14th September, further details to follow in the new academic year.



Year 10 End of year exam results and reports

Students in Year 10 have recently completed their end of year exams and will be collecting their exam results, along with their end of year reports, on the following date:

- Year 10 on Tuesday 18th July at 1330hrs in the school hall.

You are invited to come to a session to collect the results with your son/daughter. There will also be an opportunity to ask questions or discuss the next steps.

Upcoming School Events

This Week

Tuesday 18th July

Attendance Reward Trip

Year 10 Mock Exam Results Released

Wednesday 19th July

Attendance Reward Trip

Thursday 20th July

Last Day of Term—School closes at 1230hrs

Next Week

Monday 4th September

Inset Day—School closed to students

Tuesday 5th September

Inset Day—School closed to students

Wednesday 6th September

School opens to Year 7 and 11

Thursday 7th September

School opens to all students