



# Newsletter

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Dear Families,

Welcome back to the start of a new school year. Whether you stayed on Island, returned to the UK or ventured further afield I hope you had an enjoyable summer. For families joining St John's School, a very warm welcome. I am extremely grateful to you, as I am all families, for entrusting our school in caring for your child and in providing their educational provision.



This academic year marks the second year of my Headship here at St John's School. I am extremely proud of what we as a school community, which very much includes you as parents, have managed to achieve. You will have no doubt have heard of the outstanding exam results our students achieved this summer. In every Government measure our cohort performed significantly above the National Average, marking a transformation when outcomes are compared between this year and last at GCSE. Congratulations to everyone associated in securing these outcomes, particularly our students, who we are confident will enjoy further success as they continue their Post 16 qualifications at university, in work and/or in embarking upon a career in the military.

## Upcoming School Events

### This Week

**Monday 11th September**

**Curriculum Information Evening : all parents welcome : 1500—1600hrs @ St John's School**

**Thursday 14th September**

**SJS Coffee Morning 0800—1000 hrs**

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

**Friday 15th September**

**Grease Auditions 1400—1500hrs**

### Next Week

**All Week**

**Year 7 Progress and Cognitive Ability Testing (All Week)**

**Wednesday 20th September**

**Marines Careers Event : All Years**

**Thursday 21st September**

**Head Teachers Surgery : 0900—1000 hrs @ Akrotiri Hive**

**Friday 15th September**

**Grease Auditions 1400—1500hrs**



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## St John's School celebrates outstanding exam results

**90% achieved a GCSE Grade 4 (C) or above in both English & Maths**

The National Average was just 64%

*Last year we achieved 69%*

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**52% achieved a GCSE Grade 5 (B) or above in both English & Maths**

The National Average was just 43%

*Last year we achieved 47%*

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**The average grade achieved was a Grade 5 across all subjects**

The National Average was just Grade 4

*Last year the average grade at St John's School was Grade 4*

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**90% of students passed their Post 18 qualifications**

The National Average was also 90%

*Last year we achieved 72%*

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**School attendance was 94.3%**

The National Average was just 90.8%

*Last year our attendance was 88.2%*



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## Our School Improvement Priorities

Last year we were guided by our moral purpose to eliminate educational disadvantage caused by mobility.

Evidenced by our exam results and outcomes from Progress Tests in Key Stage 3, I can confidently say we have not only eliminated educational disadvantage, we have instead ensured an advantage for students being educated here. However, as we enter a new academic year our moral purpose remains and we will continue to pursue the seven school improvement priorities established at the beginning of the last academic year. Apart from the adjusted layout of the document below, some may notice that we have raised our attendance target to 96%, matching our aspiration to meet HM Government's expectation for schools. We have also added an eight school improvement priority providing specific emphasis on inclusion.

### SAFEGUARDING PROVISION

Safeguarding provision is '**exemplary**' and supports other MOD Schools in improving their provision.



INTEGRITY • COMMITMENT • RESPECT

ST JOHN'S  
SCHOOL

### EDUCATIONAL OFFER

The educational offer is consistently '**Good**' ensuring St John's School ranks in the **Top 5%** of schools nationally for student progress.

## Eliminating educational disadvantage caused by mobility

### ATTENDANCE

Student attendance is **above 96%**, exceeding the national average.

### INCLUSION

The learning needs of our varied and diverse student community are effectively met through well planned lessons that provide **support and challenge**, underpinned by a caring pastoral ethos.

### STUDENT MOBILITY

St John's School is a centre of best practice; eliminating educational disadvantage caused by mobility. **Student progress exceeds 0.38**

### STAFF WELLBEING

Staff at St John's School feel valued and motivated by a shared moral purpose. There is a collective sense of achievement. **Employee turnover is less than 5%**

### STUDENT SATISFACTION

Students are **highly satisfied** at St John's School, possessing an attitude towards their learning that exceeds that of all other students nationally.

### COMMUNITY PRIDE

The community is **proud** of St John's School, celebrating the strengths and successes of a school which exceeds their child's previous school experience.



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## Our Values

In the latter half of the last academic year I led a community consultation around the values of our school. The consensus was that our values had become irrelevant to school life and new values were needed. Drawing upon the values from the Army, Civil Service, Royal Air Force and Royal Navy, the community chose the three values of Integrity, Commitment and Respect. Over the coming week we will formally launch these values with our students, embedding them across the coming year into every aspect of school life.



## Curriculum Information Evening : 1500—1600hrs @ St John's School

Parents of new students, whether joining in Year 7 or other year groups are cordially invited to attend a short information evening, which will focus upon the curriculum offer here at St John's School.

Hosted by Mr Dixon and Miss Robertshaw, they will together provide an overview of how our curriculum is constructed and our new approach to assessment.

Should parents of children who attended last year, they too are most welcome to attend





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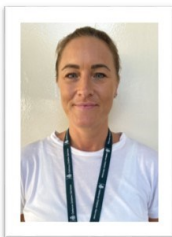
## Our Safeguarding Team



### Safeguarding Team



If you have any concerns regarding your safety or anyone else's safety please report it to:



**Kate Parkinson**

Safeguarding Lead  
Designated Safeguarding Lead



**Steve Dixon**

Deputy Headteacher  
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead



**Colin Guyton**

Headteacher



**Katie Gardiner**

Head of Key Stage 3  
Deputy Designated Safeguarding  
Lead



**Hayley Stonier**

Head of Key Stage 4  
Deputy Designated Safeguarding  
Lead



**Kelly Bonar**

Head of Key Stage 5  
Deputy Designated Safeguarding  
Lead



**Andrew Holden**

SENDCO  
Deputy Designated Safeguarding  
Lead



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