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Dear Families,

As mentioned in previous newsletters, this week saw our school visited by an external educational consultant. The consultant is a former secondary Headteacher and an experienced and practicing Ofsted Inspector who has worked extensively with secondary schools in England. The purpose of the visit was to quality assure what is happening in lessons through lesson visits and subsequent conversations with students. Over 100 lesson parts were observed and 80 children were spoken to across the two day visit.



We will be provided with a visit report in due course, however ahead of this report our school has been reassured that we have a very accurate understanding of our areas of strength and improvement priorities. The consultant commented upon areas of excellent practice, which included safeguarding, student behaviour and exam outcomes. Suggested aspects to continue to pursue centre upon our educational offer by ensuring students are challenged to think harder and engage in planned collaboration and pupil discussion. These areas link to our Pedagogy Wheel and supporting strategy.

Elsewhere this week, our students supported the Student Leadership Team initiative to raise awareness around Breast Cancer with money raised to support Cancer Research. On Thursday we were visited by 'Never Such Innocence' that allowed students to participate in a variety of literacy workshops that aimed to provide our students with a voice on conflict.

Upcoming School Events

This Week

Monday 23rd October

Year 11 and 13 Information Evening : Preparing for Mock Examinations : 1500—1600hrs in our school hall.

Thursday 26th October

SJS Coffee Morning 0800—1000 hrs

Bookings required via SJS.enquiries@modschoools.org

Friday 27th October

School closes at 1400hrs for half term

Next Week

Monday 6th November

Inset Day—School Closed to students

Tuesday 7th November

First day of the half term. Schools opens to all students @ 0800hrs

Friday 10th November

Remembrance Commemorations

Sunday 12th November

Episkopi and Troodos Station Remembrance Sunday Service @ 1030hrs



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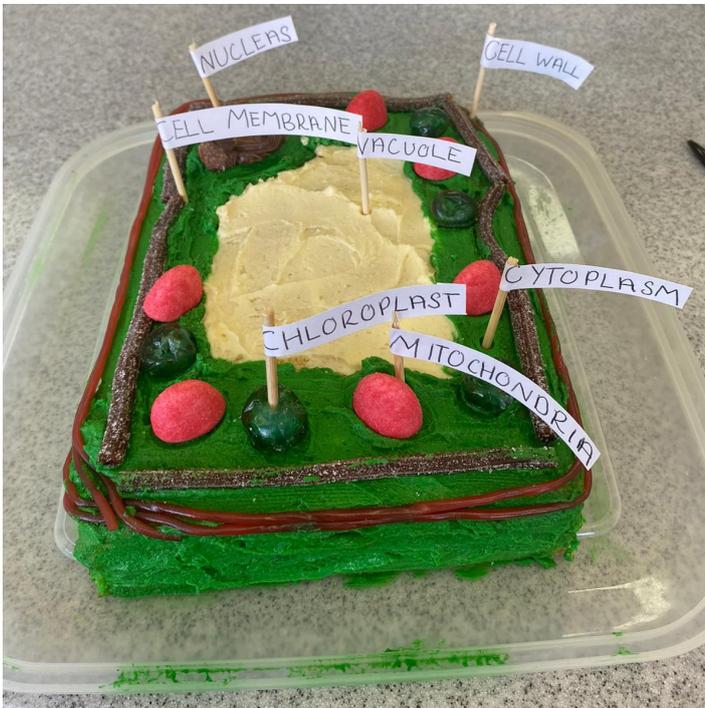
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This week at St John's School

A cell produced in science by Year 7, earlier this week
(below)



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awareness for Cancer Research
(above)

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Autumn Exam Series : Timetable



Exams Timetable

Autumn 2023

Date	Start	Exam Level	Time Allowed	Board	Option Code	Component
07/11/2023	11:00	GCSE	105 mins	AQA	8700/1	8700/1: English Language Paper 1
08/11/2023	11:00	GCSE	90 mins	Edexcel GCSE	1MA1F/1F	1MA1F (1MA1 1F): Mathematics Option F (Non Calculator (f))
09/11/2023	11:00	GCSE	105 mins	AQA	8700/2	8700/2: English Language Paper 2
10/11/2023	11:00	GCSE	90 mins	Edexcel GCSE	1MA1F/2F	1MA1F (1MA1 2F): Mathematics Option F (Calculator (f))
13/11/2023	11:00	GCSE	90 mins	Edexcel GCSE	1MA1F/3F	1MA1F (1MA1 3F): Mathematics Option F (Calculator (f))

This exam series is for students looking to retake either GCSE English and/or Mathematics to improve their grade and/or achieve a Grade 4 or above. Students to whom this applies will have already been notified and will receive an individualised timetable.

Reading Success

Key Stage 3 students were awarded certificates in assembly this week by our SENDCo, Andrew Holden, in recognition of their commitment, hard work, and progress during their participation in the Reading Booster groups. The groups aim to support students with their reading confidence and other literacy skills and are run by the Learning Support team.





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School Photographs

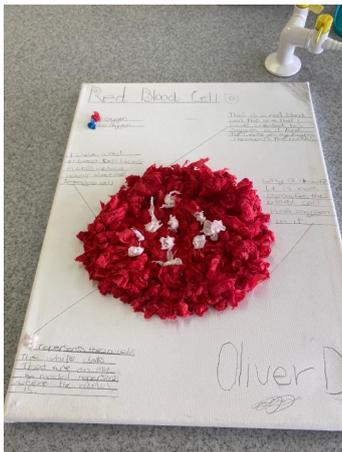
The proofs of our recent school photographs have arrived in school. Students will return home with the proofs of their photographs next week.

Photographs can be ordered online using the unique reference number provided on the proof image. Parents need to order their preferred photos online.

Please do not tick the direct option for posting as all orders will be sent as a bulk order back to St John's School.

Geography Revision Classes

Starting on Monday 13th November Year 11 students studying GCSE Geography are invited to attend weekly revision classes to help prepare them for their upcoming mock examinations that will take place in December.



Further cells,
produced in science
by Year 7, earlier
this week.



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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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flu: 5 reasons to have the vaccine

1. Protect yourself

The vaccine will help protect you against flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia

2. Protect your family and friends

Having the vaccine will help protect more vulnerable friends and family

3. No injection needed

The nasal spray is painless and easy to have

4. It's better than having flu

The nasal spray helps protect against flu, has been given to millions worldwide and has an excellent safety record

5. Avoid lost opportunities

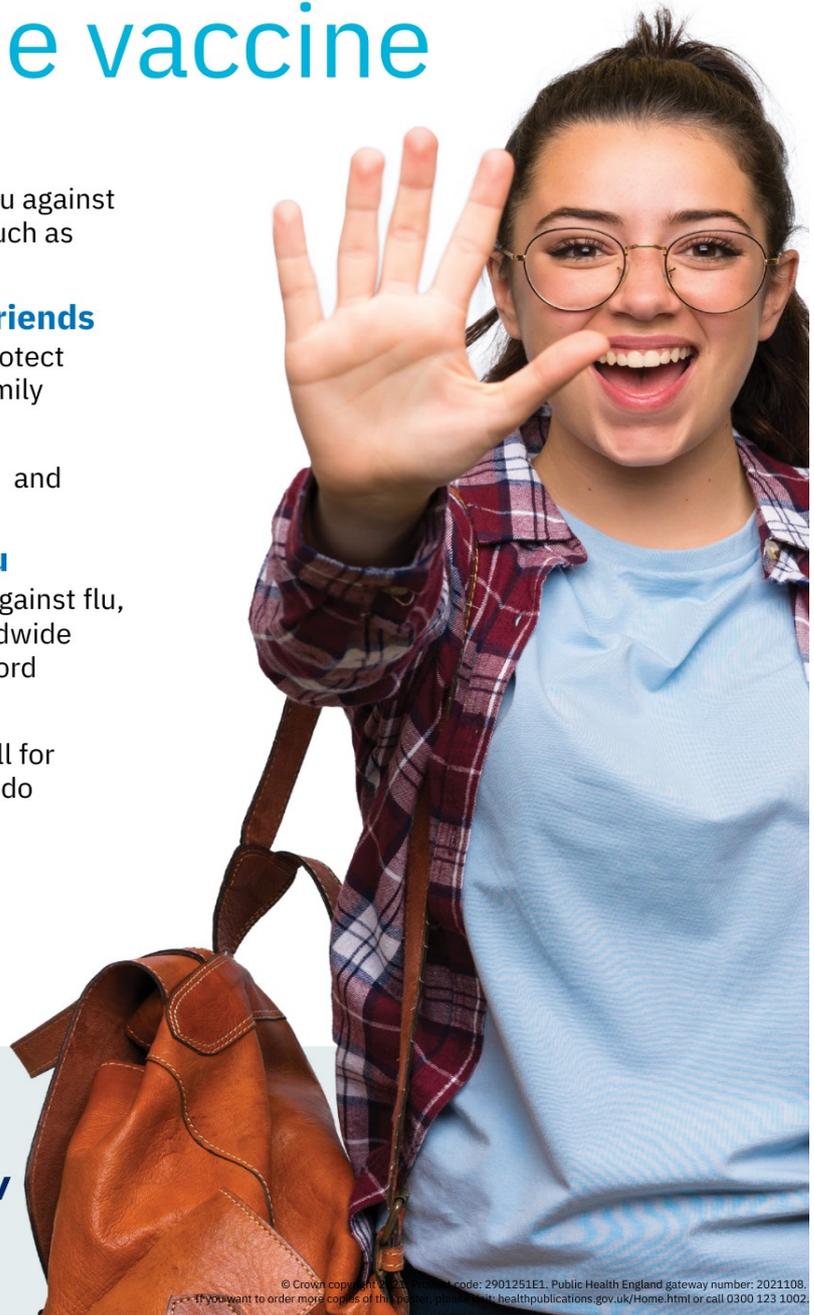
If you get flu, you may be unwell for several days and not be able to do the things you enjoy

For more information visit
www.nhs.uk/child-flu

St John's School
with signed consent forms

Wednesday 22nd Nov

For any questions or further info
please call **+357 2596 3413**





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Key Stage 3 Halloween School Disco

Tuesday 24th October 2023 @ 1800—2000hrs

Key Stage 3 students will be offered the opportunity to attend a School Disco in the St John's School amphitheatre on **Tuesday 24th October 2023 between 1800hrs and 2000hrs**. The event will involve a disco, games and a tuck shop with students being encouraged to take part in Halloween fancy dress. The disco will cost €2 for attendance and students should also bring money to buy from the tuck shop.

Students will need to be dropped at Episkopi Primary School car park and picked up from the same location. Collection and drop off for the event will be from the overflow car park next to the Youth Club. Please can you walk to collect your child from the Primary School gates.

In order to confirm attendance, students must complete the sign-up form on the QR code below prior to the event. This form will close on 20 October 2023.

For any queries or further information please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Gardiner by email: Katie.Gardiner@modschoools.org





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It has been a busy couple of weeks for our English and Drama students at St John's School. Last week, on Thursday 12th, Year 11 were involved in a remote live lesson featuring the actors in the current Royal Shakespeare Company production of 'Macbeth', culminating in a practical exploration of two key scenes before and after King Duncan's murder.

On Thursday, Years 7-10 worked with 'Never Such Innocence' on their own works of imaginative writing, inspired by the theme of remembrance and war. Selected pieces from these workshops will be shared in next week's newsletter.

Lastly, Mrs Marsden and Mrs Glencross are hosting an exciting KS4-KS5 book club for students over the coming year. This will launch during second break on Wednesday 25th October in C2 and will continue on a monthly basis throughout the year. We hope to see as many KS4-KS5 students there as possible!

This week, we are sharing two further poems from our National Poetry Day competition (Y8 and Y10) as well as an analytical appraisal of Sherlock Holmes' character (Y8).

Rescue Them

With hope that we'll make it.

Shivering in the middle of the
ocean. Suffering with hunger.

Lack of oxygen. Too many people.

Having hope that we'll be rescued. Babies hungry with ruined
clothes struggling to stay on.

Rescue them...

Travelling for hours, children
with no food. Shivering with

no clothes. Baby
struggling to sleep.

Feeling sick. Rescue
them. They need help.

Rescue them...

By Chloe N (Year 8)



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Refuge

Travelling.

Clothes as colourful as rainbows,
Shoulders carrying the weight of the world.
Leaving our lives; worried, scared, confused.
Thinking about light, hope, survival.



Worrying.

Clinging closely to children,
Shielding them from pain.
Faces breaking under the strain.
Thinking about uncertainty and poverty.

Sailing.

Danger, dehydration and desperation.
Surrounded by water and worry.
Land: the scales of justice fall in our favour.
Thinking of the possibilities that await us.

Settling.

Makeshift tents: a campsite of necessity not choice.
Working, sleeping, surviving together.
Waiting for food, water, death.
Thinking about those left behind.

Surviving.

A new place, new friends.
United by emotion and experience.
Feeling safer with others nearby.
Thinking positively about the future.

A Year 10 group poem



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Why does Sherlock Holmes' dual nature make him such a great detective?

Sherlock Holmes' quiet, calm and introspective side is one of the reasons behind his great detective work. Dr Watson, one of Sherlock's companions, describes him to be in a 'poetic and contemplative mood' and in a state of 'extreme languor' (inactivity). This characteristic shows he is calm and peaceful and can take time to introspect: he can silently think to himself, being philosophical yet still logical. This is important for a detective because he needs to deduct the correct answer to a problem, however this needs focused thought as the first answer that comes to mind is most likely the wrong one. Detective work can be difficult, sometimes gruesome, which is a reason to calmly forget about the nasty thoughts of gore and puzzling detective work. Furthermore, the way he does this is by 'gently waving his long, thin fingers in time to the music'.

Mr Sherlock Homes' energetic, detecting side is one of the reasons he is a great detective. Dr Watson describes him as 'the most perfect reasoning and observing machine'. This shows that he can observe down to the smallest detail, analysing his surroundings. In addition, he can theorise with his given facts to reason almost any problem. This is important for a detective as if there were an important detail to be overlooked, that would be a massive risk. Watson also describes him as a 'sleuth-hound', showing he is hasty to search using clues, using every piece of evidence with great energy. He can also be seen as sneaky; this is important for a detective as they need to be able to adopt a disguise and use it well. 'The lust of the chase' shows he enjoys putting criminals to justice and solving crime. This means he tries hard because he wants to try and catch criminals or solve problems that others couldn't by using his vast intellect, described as 'knowledge [that] was not of other mortals'. This compares his abilities to a god or someone of great power. Yet again, it is important for a detective to be intelligent, otherwise they may never be able to solve certain problems, crime or situations.

By Mason T (Year 8)

