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Dear Families,

We have made it to the end of the first half of what has so far been a very good term. Our students have settled extremely well, embracing our three new values of Respect, Commitment and Integrity. These values were further underlined by Capt Keva Hackshaw of the BFC Race Network who led us in assembly at the end of Black History Month on Tuesday. Further assemblies also took place this week, celebrating the achievements of many this term. Students were rewarded with medals for their participation in the recent Swimming Galas. There were also rewards for how students have demonstrated each of our three values.



Elsewhere this week we hosted a Key Stage 3 Halloween Disco on a balmy October evening, where we could dance in costume in our Amphitheatre. On Thursday, Lt Col Paul Francis hosted our Student Leadership Team to aid students in their reflection upon what skills and attributes are required to be effective leaders.

Now the half term break is upon us, I hope that despite the pressures and long hours that many of you are currently enduring that you may carve out some time (no matter how short) together as a family. We look forward to welcoming your child(ren) back to school on Tuesday 7th November at 0800hrs.

Upcoming School Events

This Week

Monday 6th November

Tuesday 7th November

Thursday 9th November

Friday 10th November

Sunday 12th November

Next Week

Monday 13th November

Thursday 16th November

Friday 17th November

Inset Day—School closed to students

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

Head Teachers Surgery : 0900—1000 hrs @ Akrotiri Hive

Remembrance Commemorations

Episkopi and Troodos Station Remembrance Sunday Service @ 1030 hrs

Safeguarding whole school review

UCAS deadline for applications

SJS Coffee Morning 0800—1000 hrs

Bookings required via SJS.enquiries@modschoools.org

Sports Day @ Happy Valley

Children in Need



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This week at St John's School



Students from across Key Stage 3 danced the evening away to an eclectic series of song requests as part of our Halloween Disco.



Capt. Keva Hackshaw of the BFC Race Network who led us in assembly at the end of Black History Month on Tuesday.



Some of the recipients of our end of half term rewards for students who have modelled our values of Integrity, Commitment and Respect



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Student Leadership Team update

Members of our Student Leadership Team met on Thursday with the Episkopi Station Commander, Lt Col Paul Francis. The opportunity provided allowed students to hear of Lt Col Francis' 37 year career in the Army from a Private soldier guarding Rudolf Hess at Spandau Prison, through his tours to Northern Ireland and most recently Afghanistan. Students learnt how these tours and others provided an arena from which the Lt Col could reflect upon the attributes of an effective leader.

As the opportunity concluded, our Student Leaders reflected upon an attribute shared by Lt Col Paul Francis that they would take away and try to adopt in their leadership of our school. The attributes included:

- Consistency
- Perseverance
- Relationships
- Communication
- Integrity
- Empathy
- Team work
- Empowerment



Headteacher's Surgery - Akrotiri Hive



On Thursday 9th November 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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Mock Examinations

As we look ahead to the next half term the mock examination period will soon be upon us for students in Year 11 and 13. The Mock Exams will start on Monday 4th December 2023. The purpose of the Mock Examinations is to provide students, parents and the school with an accurate insight into what each student knows and what exam content or skills need to be sharpened ahead of the final exams in the summer of 2024. In the unlikely event that there maybe disruption to the Summer Exam Series the mock exam grades may play a greater significance in their importance.


To support students in their preparations and revision that they are undertaking at home the school will:

- Facilitate Walking Talking Mocks during the week of the 20th November for GCSE English, Maths and Science. These Walking Talking Mocks will provide students with a teacher led experience of what it is like to take a full exam and the thought processes of the teacher.
- Expose students to different revision techniques that will assist in their revision approach

For students in Year 11 there will be a further round of mock examinations in March 2024 for English and Mathematics.

Students will receive their bespoke individual mock exam timetable after the half term, however students should already have their revision underway.

Year 13 Mock Exam Timetable (December 2023)

<div>  EXAMINATIONS TIMETABLE GCE/BTEC MOCK EXAMS 2023-2024 </div>				
DATE	SUBJECT	START TIME	DURATION	LOCATION
Monday 04 December 2023	Chemistry (Paper 1)	08:30 am	2 hours	Conference room
	English Literature (Paper 1)	08:30 am	2 hours 15 mins	Conference room
	Geography (Paper 1)	08:30 am	1 hour 30 mins	Conference room
	Mathematics (Paper 1)	11:35 am	2 hours	Conference room
	Business Studies(Paper 1)	11:35 am	2 hours	Conference room
Tuesday 05 December 2023	Psychology (Paper 1)	08:30 am	2 hours	Conference room
	Biology (Paper 1)	11:35 am	2 hours	Conference room
Wednesday 06 December 2023	Chemistry (Paper 2)	08:30 am	2 hours	Conference room
	English Literature (Paper 2)	08:30 am	1 hour 15 mins	Conference room
	Geography (Paper 2)	08:30 am	2 hour 30 mins	Conference room
	Mathematics (Paper 2)	11:35 am	2 hours	Conference room
	Business Studies (Paper 2)	11:35 am	2 hours	Conference room
Thursday 07 December 2023	Psychology (Paper 2)	08:30 am	2 hours	Conference room
	Biology (Paper 2)	11:35 am	2 hours	Conference room
Friday 08 December 2023	Chemistry (Paper 3)	08:30 am	2 hours	Conference room
	English Literature (Paper 3)	08:30 am	2 hour 15 mins	Conference room
	Mathematics (Paper 3)	11:35 am	2 hours	Conference room
	Business Studies(Paper 3)	11:35 am	2 hours	Conference room
Monday 11 December 2023	Psychology (Paper 3)	08:30 am	45 mins	Conference room
	Travel and Tourism BTEC	11:35 am	1 hour 30 mins	Conference room
Tuesday 12 December 2023	Health and Social Care BTEC (Y12/Y13)	08:30 am	1 hour 30 mins	Conference room
	Sports BTEC (Y12/13)	11:35 am	1 hour 45 mins	Conference room
Wednesday 13 December 2023	Art and Design	08:30 am	All Day	Art Department



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Year 11 Mock Exam Timetable (December 2023)

EXAMINATIONS TIMETABLE GCSE MOCK EXAMS 2023-2024				
DATE	SUBJECT	START TIME	DURATION	LOCATION
Friday 01 December 2023	MFL (French/German) Speaking	08:30 am	(Please see subject teacher)	DCS Music Centre
Monday 04 December 2023	Combined Science (Biology Papers 1 and 2)	08:30 am	2 hours	Exam room
	Triple Science (Biology Papers 1 and 2)	08:30 am	2 hours 30 mins	Exam room
	Mathematics (Paper 1)	11:35 am	1 hour 30 mins	Exam room
Tuesday 05 December 2023	Combined Science (Chemistry Papers 1 and 2)	08:30 am	2 hours	Exam room
	Triple Science (Chemistry Papers 1 and 2)	08:30 am	2 hours 30 mins	Exam room
	Mathematics (Paper 2)	11:35 am	1 hour 30 mins	Exam room
Wednesday 06 December 2023	Combined Science (Physics Papers 1 and 2)	08:30 am	2 hours	Exam room
	Triple Science (Physics Papers 1 and 2)	08:30 am	2 hours 30 mins	Exam room
	Mathematics (Paper 3)	11:35 am	1 hour 30 mins	Exam room
Thursday 07 December 2023	English Literature (Paper 1)	08:30 am	1 hour 45 mins	Exam room
	MFL (French/German) Listening	11:35 am	35 mins (F) / 45 mins (H)	Exam room/USB/Conference Room
	MFL (French/German) Reading	12:35 am	45 mins (F) / 1 hour (H)	Exam room/USB/Conference Room
Friday 08 December 2023	English Literature (Paper 2)	08:30 am	2 hours 15 mins	Exam room
	Business (Paper 1)	11:35 am	1 hour 30 mins	Exam room
	Physical Education	11:35 am	1 hour	Exam room
Monday 11 December 2023	Food Preparation and Nutrition	08:30 am	1 hour 30 mins	Exam room
	History (Paper 1)	08:30 am	55 mins	Exam room
	Engineering	08:30 am	1 hour 30 mins	Exam room
	Music	08:30 am	1 hour 45 mins	Music room
	Geography (Paper 1)	11:35 am	1 hour 30 mins	Exam room
Tuesday 12 December 2023	MFL (French/German) Writing	08:30 am	1 hour 15 (F) / 1 hour 20 mins (H)	Exam room
	Religious Studies (Paper 1)	08:30 am	2 hours	Exam room
	History (Paper 2)	11:35 am	1 hour 20 mins	Exam room
Wednesday 13 December 2023	Art and Design	08:30 am	All Day	Art Department
	Religious Studies (Paper 2)	08:30 am	1 hour	Exam room
Thursday 14 December 2023	Business (Paper 2)	08:30 am	1 hour 30 mins	Exam room
	Geography (Paper 2)	11:35 am	1 hour 30 mins	Exam room

Upcoming assessment dates for Mathematics

Year 9: Tuesday 14th November period 1

Year 10: Thursday 30th November period 1



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School Calendar for the 2024-25 Academic Year

The school dates for the next academic year have been agreed and can be found below. They will be uploaded to our school website over the half term holiday.

CALENDAR FOR MOD SCHOOLS IN CYPRUS 2024-25

September 2024						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30						

October 2024						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

November 2024						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

December 2024						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

January 2025						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

February 2025						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28		

March 2025						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

April 2025						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

May 2025						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

June 2025						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30						

July 2025						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

School term
Staff Development Days
School Holiday
Bank Holiday



Total = 190 days for pupils
Total = 195 days for staff = 5 inset days

Sum 1 - 4wks 3days
Sum 2 - 7wks 1days

Spr 1 - 5wks 4 days
Spr 2 - 6 wks

Aut 1 - 7wks 3 days
Aut 2 - 6wks 4 days



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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

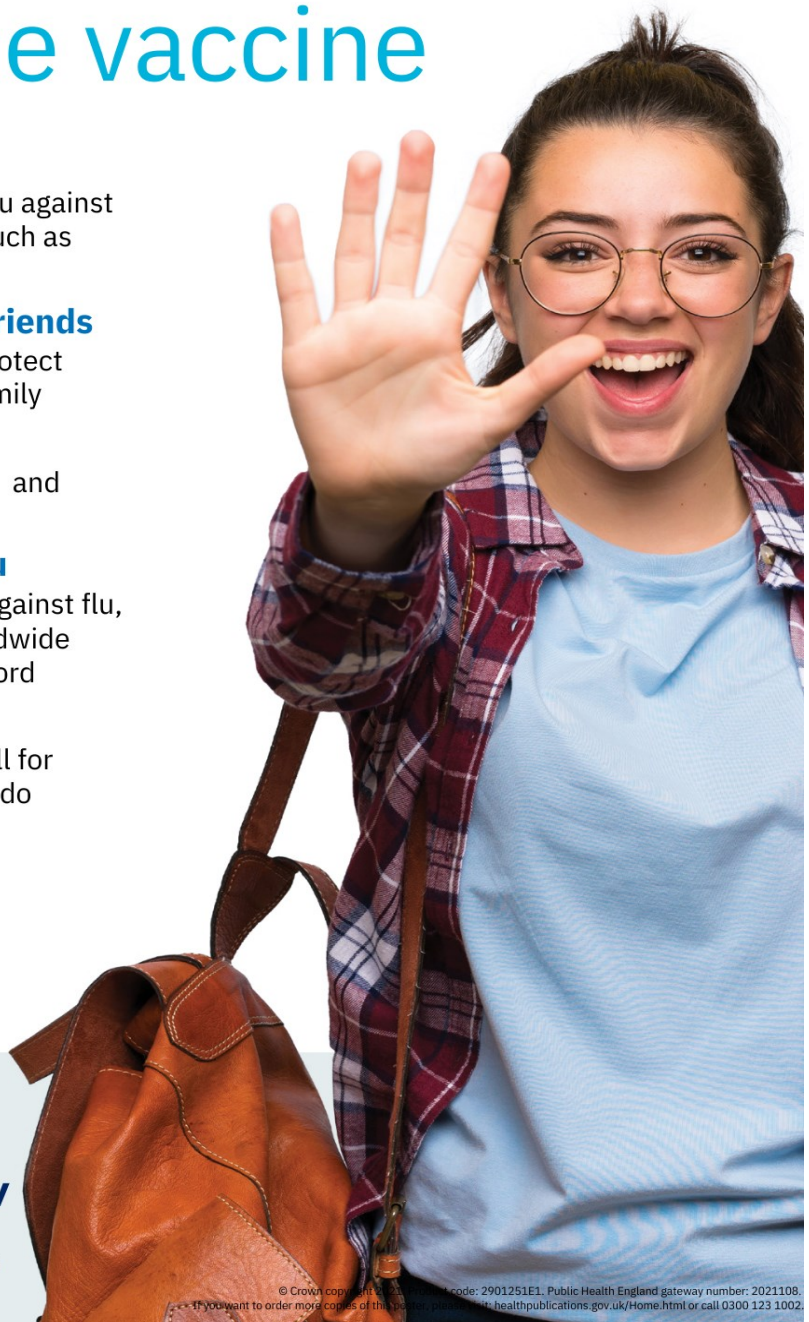
If you get flu, you may be unwell for several days and not be able to do the things you enjoy

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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St John's School Writers

Last week, students in Years 7-10 worked with the writers from the charity 'Never Such Innocence' to produce poetry on the theme of conflict and remembrance. We will share a selection of remembrance poetry from KS3 leading up to the 11th November.

A number of students have requested prompts for writing poetry at home recently which is fantastic to hear! Please direct their attention to the post in the 'Other' section of Epraise, where we have posted a link to a range of UK National Poetry Competitions and prompts which students can enter independently or through the school.

Our selection of writing this week is from Year 10 students on the theme of how war affects people's lives.

How would war affect you?

Would it sadden?

Would it embolden?

Or would it make depressed everyone you once knew?

Would it? How do you –

Believe those who fight for you and how do your friends feel?

Those who miss their children's births,

Those who are accompanied by death –

Who cry until nothing is felt,

How do they feel?

Those accompanied by grief,

Friends buried under,

Hearts torn asunder,

Fighting on land, through air, by reef,

Those who are plagued by memories past.

I ask you now,

How do you feel?

Socrates C (Y10)



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How is there a home with no home?

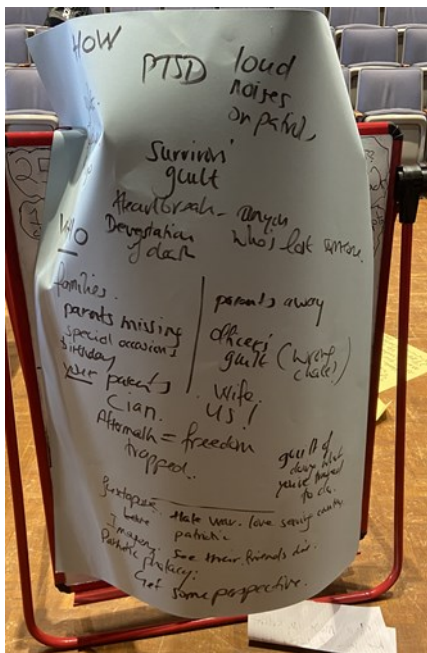
A house. A house of bloods-stained walls
that can't cover the fractured minds within.
Patriotic screams consume the imagination
of young minds.

Love is not love to the fatal, two-faced
monsters. Madness takes control of actions.
Manipulation of looking up at these stars.
Stars of fear and murderous actions above.

Why did they do it? Are we safe?

Do you really know who they are?

Chloe L (Y10)





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I don't understand how to put war into words
but soldiers are surrounded by death and grief.

Still, I don't know how I feel about war.

War?

What is it?

People loving their country, but fighting with no
patriotism, lost in thought.

Mothers, fathers, brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles.

These are the people that are affected.

Fathers missing births,
mothers missing birthdays,
brothers missing school dances with their little sister,
sisters missing graduations,
but still I don't know how I feel about war.

Homes destroyed, families broken, friendships missing
children crying, mothers breaking, fathers keeping
a stern face, but a patriotic tear falls down this face.

War?

Why does it happen?

Still I don't understand war.

I am asking you,
take 5 seconds,
five minutes,
to think about how we can do this differently,
make a change,
start this differently,
think about what war means to you.