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Dear Families,

The weather this week has been rather familiar to what we would expect in the UK, so the timing of this week's Duke of Edinburgh practice expedition was perfect. The rain cleared by Wednesday afternoon leaving mud underfoot and an authentic and very enjoyable DoE experience. The week ended with sunshine and blue sky, a great back drop for the Year 8 educational visit to the Akrotiri Environmental Centre.



This week our students in Year 11 and 13 received their Mock Exam results. Last year this event was a key turning point in our students' approach to their independent study and exam preparations and we hope that, once again, Tuesday's event and release of these grades will serve as a similar catalyst for exam success.

On the theme of exams, well done to all of our students who undertook their BTEC exams this past week. Their exam results are published at the end of March.

Upcoming School Events

Next Week

Tuesday 23rd January

Thursday 25th January

Friday 26th January

Year 10 and 12 Parent Afternoon : 1430—1700hrs

SJS Coffee Morning 0800—1000 hrs

Bookings required via SJS.enquiries@modschoools.org

Sixth Form Psychology Guest Speaker @ 1030hrs

Week 1

Week Commencing 29th January

All Week

Wednesday 31st January

Thursday 1st February

Head Teacher visit to Princess of Wales' Royal Regiment

Start of LGBTQ+ History Month

Intermediate Maths National Challenge - Years, 9, 10, 11

Deputy Head Teacher's Surgery : 0900—1000 hrs @ Akrotiri Hive

Week 2

Week Commencing 5th February

Tuesday 6th February

Wednesday 7th February

Thursday 8th February

Peer Review conducted by King Richard School

Year 8 Parent Afternoon : 1430—1700hrs

School Governors Meeting : 1000—1200hrs

Key Stage 3 STEM Workshop Day 1

SJS Coffee Morning 0800—1000 hrs

Bookings required via SJS.enquiries@modschoools.org

Design you future Parent Meeting Post 18 Options : 1400—1500hrs

Parent Forum @ St John's School : 1500—1600hrs

Week 1

Friday 9th February

Key Stage 3 STEM Workshop Day 1

Key Stage 3 Valentine Disco

Last Day of Term



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This week at St John's School in pictures



An authentic DofE experience



Rugby training at Happy Valley



Congratulations to both students, one who was awarded a 'Head Teacher's Commendation' and the other 'Student of the Month'





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This week at St John's School in pictures



Art and Geography Environmental Trip

Yesterday half of Year 8 students visited the Akrotiri Environmental Centre as part of a joint Geography and Art trip. The trip involved visiting an area of wetlands to make various tests, in establishing the level of conditions to support the diverse micro habitat. Students also engaged in a variety of interactive activities in the centre, which explained the evolution of the Akrotiri peninsular. All students found the day extremely valuable in developing an awareness of the environment around them, and more importantly their role in protecting it.





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Year 10 and 12 Parents' Afternoon

Tuesday 23rd January 1430—1700hrs

Have you made your appointments? Appointments must be made in advance of the Parents' Afternoon. Appoints can only be made through our Parent Portal, EPraise.

Trouble Registering?

Should you encounter difficulties it is possible the email address we have for you is out of date. To update your email address or to notify us of difficulties please email Mr Barber who will gladly assist you in logging on. Mr Barber's email is

Dave.Barber@modschoools.org



Leavers - Year 7 to 12

Sadly this academic year will see a significant number of students leave St John's School. We are aware that a number of you are starting to receive details of your next posting and that many members of our regiment will be returning to the UK through a staggered approach starting in early Spring.

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.

School
Leavers



Headteacher's Surgery

On Thursday 25th January 0900—1000hrs, parents of students at St John's School are cordially invited to join our coffee morning. Should you wish to book a place, please email SJS.Enquiries@MODSchools.org.

Limited to 15 people, I look forward to touring you around the school, visiting lessons and answering any questions or concerns you may have.



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School Buses

Students have recently been reminded of the code of conduct they created for travel on school buses. As a reminder it is listed below with a link to the supporting policy, which can be found on our website.

Students agreed:

Passengers will sit in their allocated seat

Passengers will embark and disembark with consideration for others

Passengers will not eat or drink, whilst on the bus, with the exception of water

Passengers will ensure they take personal belongings and do not leave rubbish on the bus

Passengers will talk quietly and be respectful to fellow passengers, both students and staff

Passengers can listen to music, mobile phones, but only through ear phones

Passengers will respect the personal space of others

Passengers will respect the bus and ensure there is no damage or graffiti

The full policy can be found [here](#)

Football Fixtures

Wednesday 24th January, students in Key Stage 3
will take to happy valley to compete against King
Richard School



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Let's be friends!

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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Key Stage 3 Valentine School Disco

Key Stage 3 students are being offered the opportunity to attend a Valentine's School Disco on 9 February 2024 between 1800 and 2000 hrs. The event will involve a disco, games and a tuck shop.

Students can be dropped at Episkopi Primary School car park but will need to be collected from the St John's School Hall at 2000 hrs promptly unless permission has been given through the QR code below for them to make their own way home.

The Disco will cost 2 Euro for attendance and will take place in the St John's School Hall. Students can bring money to buy snacks and drinks from the tuck shop and to take part in games.

In order to confirm attendance, parents must complete the permission form via the QR code below prior to the event. This form will close on 8 February 2024 .



Red Nose Day | Comic Relief

On Friday 15 March St John's School will be celebrating Red Nose Day and we will be raising money for people who are living in poverty.

On Friday 15 March we would like students to come to school wearing something red and invite them to donate 1 Euro in support of Comic Relief.

Alongside this, KS3 will be running a Talent Contest during period 5 on 15 March and all Key Stage 3 students will be able to attend this, with a further 1 Euro donation. Drinks/snacks will also be provided during this lesson for students at a small price so please provide them with pocket money on the day.

We hope we can raise as much money as possible for this fantastic cause. If you would like further information on Red Nose Day please follow the website link below or contact Mrs Gardiner on the email address provided.

[Red Nose Day | Comic Relief](#)





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St John's School Writers

This term, students in Key Stage 3 are studying Shakespeare and will develop an appreciation of how and why The Bard's works are still so important to the world around us today.

Year 7 are studying 'A Midsummer Night's Dream', where they will learn about the conventions of Shakespearean comedy and life in Ancient Athens. Students will complete an evaluative essay question at the end of the unit where they will be invited to consider whether the love potion in the play is a force for good or evil.

Year 8 are studying 'The Tempest' and will build on their knowledge of Shakespeare from Year 7. They will learn about power and Italian city states; discovery and colonialism; and the more problematic aspects of the comedic genre with a view to considering how the character of Caliban is presented in a given extract and in the rest of the play.

Year 9 are studying 'Romeo and Juliet' and it is through the study of this play that they will learn the fundamentals of the tragic genre in readiness for KS4 study. They will use this knowledge of tragic conventions to produce an extended response to an essay question asking them to consider how far they agree that Juliet is a tragic character.

This week's writing is a piece submitted for homework by a Y7 student and the student took on the challenge of writing about Shakespeare's life in the form of a Shakespearean sonnet. This is no mean feat, considering that the form follows a rigid rhyming and rhythmical pattern:

14-lines in length; 10 syllables per line; ABAB CDCDEFEFGG rhyme scheme

William Shakespeare

William Shakespeare was and still is a
Spectacular playwright with ideas.
He was great at his job, that's what they say,
When his plays were put on, people said cheers.
The plays were from his heart, they had meaning,
So, people always went to watch the plays.
As they were so good, people were leaning,
To say things that night like hip, hip hooray.
When he wrote his plays, magic filled the air,
He wrote them with knowledge and happiness.
So, when people watched them they stand and stare
Some were tragedy, and some had a kiss.
His play company was called the King's Men
They were brilliant players but all were men.

Ava W (Y7)