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Dear Families,

As Mr Guyton meets families of the Princess of Wales' Royal Regiment, who will be joining our school at the start of the next academic year, I will deputise for him in compiling this week's newsletter.

On Tuesday some of our year 10 took part in a debate. The motion was *"This House Believes that Scrooge's transformation in 'A Christmas Carol' cannot be considered convincing.* Miss Harper said their arguments were convincing and well considered. Also on Tuesday our Key Stage 3 students were treated to a very special performance in assembly from two highly skilled actors (myself and Mrs Marsden!!) The theme was Valentines Day and we are encouraging all of our students to buy a small bag of chocolate and sweets and write their valentines message which will be delivered by our Sixth Form 'cupids' next Friday. We also look forward to the Valentine's disco next Friday.

'Grease' rehearsals are now well under way and, as you read this newsletter, stage sets are being constructed, costumes created and the cast put through their singing, dancing and acting paces. The publicity is now circulating and tickets are available very soon. I hope you have a very pleasant week ahead.



Mr Stephen Dixon, Deputy Headteacher

Upcoming School Events

Next week

Week 1

Tuesday 6th February

Peer Review conducted by King Richard School

Year 8 Parent Afternoon : 1430—1700hrs

Wednesday 7th February

School Governors Meeting : 1000—1200hrs

Thursday 8th February

Key Stage 3 STEM Workshop Day 1

SJS Coffee Morning 0800—1000 hrs

Bookings required via SJS.enquiries@modschoools.org

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

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

Friday 9th February

Key Stage 3 STEM Workshop Day 1

Key Stage 3 Valentine Disco

Last Day of Term

Week Commencing 12th February

All Week

Half Term : School Closed to Students and Staff

Week Commencing 19th February

Monday 19th February

New half-term starts—All students return to school

Tuesday 20th February

Year 11 & 13 Parent Afternoon : 1430—1700hrs

Wednesday 21st February

Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Practice Walk (All Day)

Thursday 22nd February

Headteacher's Surgery : 0900—1000 hrs @ Akrotiri Hive



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This week at St John's School in pictures



Rehearsals continue for our school production Grease, which takes to the stage in March.



St John's School
PRESENTS

GREASE

The Musical

Tuesday 19 Mar 2024
Wednesday 20 Mar 2024
Thursday 21 Mar 2024
7.00pm



Tickets available from:
St John's School Reception (Tel: 25 963888 or email: sjs.enquiries@modschoools.org)
Episkopi Hive, Akrotiri Hive

Adults €10.00 / Children €5.00 (Open to Non-Pass Holders)
Please call the school to give your details.



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Year 11 and 13 Parents' Afternoon



Tuesday 20th February 1430—1700 hrs

We look forward to welcoming parents of our Year 11 and 13 students into school for their first Parents' Afternoon of this academic year. The Parents' Afternoon will give you an opportunity, along with your child, to meet their teachers in a series of 1:1 meetings. During each meeting you will be able to find out how your child is progressing across each area of their curriculum.

Appointments must be made in advance of the Parent Afternoon. Appointments can only be made through our new Parent Portal, EPraise. The appointment book will open on Monday 5th February at midday.

Please ensure you have registered to use EPraise, either via the website or App in advance of Monday 5th February. Instructions on how to do so can be found on the final pages of this newsletter.

Once registered, to make your appointments, please visit the Community Tab after Midday on Monday 5th February and select Parents' Evening. You can then follow the prompts to make appointments for your child's teachers.

Having difficulties?

Should you encounter difficulties please email Mr Barber who will gladly support you in logging in for the first time and/or making an appointment. Mr Barber's email is Dave.Barber@modschools.org

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 .

Valentine's Disco 9th February
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Design your future Parent Meeting Post 18 Options

Thursday 8th February : 1400—1500hrs

Our Sixth Form students will be flying to the UK on their 'Design your future trip' in early March. They will have the opportunity to visit several universities including Manchester, Manchester Metropolitan and our Phoenix Partner University in Coventry.

The students will attend the UCAS Discovery Exhibition where they will visit different zones to speak with universities and colleges, apprenticeship providers and employers. There will be a Q & A stage with live talks and practical support.

Students will design their own independent day where they will plan their transport, budget and activities linked to their future career. Parents are invited to a meeting in the 6th Form Lecture Theatre on Thursday 8th February at 1400 hrs, where the final details will be discussed.

We would also like to remind parents/guardians that our payment deadline for the trip is Friday February 9th.

School Leaving Dates

The academic year is melting away and with the final exams on the horizon for Year 11 and 13, we can confirm the school leaving dates for these year groups.

Year 13

The last day students in Year 13 are expected to attend school and their timetabled lessons is Friday **24th May 2024**. After this date students may still have exams, however students only need to come into school for any remaining examinations.

Year 11

The last day students in Year 11 are expected to attend school and their timetabled lessons is Friday **14th June 2024**. After this date students will still have exams, however students only need to come into school for any remaining examinations.



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Year 8 Parents' Afternoon

Tuesday 6th February 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



Peer Review

On Tuesday 6th February I look forward to welcoming colleagues from King Richard School who will undertake a whole school peer review. The purpose of this review is to examine the steps taken by our school in response to an external review that took place in October 2023. The day will provide opportunity to reflect upon initiatives and actions which have helped to promote:

- Greater challenge in lesson where students think hard
- Further opportunities for collaboration
- A strategy that develops teachers' confidence to model reading and whole school literacy
- A school culture in which students are respectful to one other in their use of language and actions

Parent Forum

On Thursday 8th February 2024 at 1500hrs Mr Colin Guyton will be hosting our Parent Forum Meeting. The meeting will take place at St John's School and will have a focus on a series of new policies to ascertain parental input prior to their completion and publication. Parents are cordially invited to attend, either in person or via this [Teams Link](#)



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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@modschools.org.

School
Leavers



Headteacher's Surgery

On Thursday 8th February 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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Y11 Valentine's Bake Sale

This week we established our Prom Committee and their first order of business was to start fundraising. Next Friday, 9th February, they will be hosting a Valentine's Bake Sale with a range of biscuits and cakes available to purchase from 50 cents up to 2 Euros each. Any community cake donations are welcome (please remember that we are a nut free school). Please contact Hayley.Stonier@modschools.org if you have a donation for us.



Valentine's Delivery Service

The Pastoral Team have organised a Valentine's delivery service. For 1 Euro students can buy a gift card from The Pastoral Hub on which they can write a Valentine's message. On Friday next week, 9th February, this card will be delivered, along with a small gift, to the recipient during tutor time. Gift cards are already available in The Pastoral Hub.





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Y11 Revision Offer

This is the plan for our afterschool session this year. You will notice that some sessions are 'invite only' - this is because these are targeted for specific students and those students will be made aware the week before. All other sessions are open and anyone can attend.

Revision OFFER

Monday

- Mathematics (invite only)
- Triple Science
- Art
- RE (invite only)
- Geography

Tuesday

- Staff Training - revise at home

Wednesday

- Triple Science
- Combined Science (invite only)
- French
- RE (invite only)

Thursday

- English WK2 (invite only)
- English
- Art

Friday

- RE
- Food Tech

Reminders

- Stay hydrated
- Sleep well
- Eat well



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St John's School Writers

Year 9 students recently took on the challenge of writing a Shakespearean sonnet in the style of The Prologue in 'Romeo and Juliet'. However, to make this even more challenging, students were required to write the sonnet as an introduction to 'Frankenstein' (a text they had studied during their exploration of Gothic Literature). The following examples creatively explore the themes of 'Frankenstein', whilst replicating the style and sophistication of Shakespeare – not easy to do!

Style-model: The Prologue from 'Romeo and Juliet'

Two households, both alike in dignity,
In fair Verona, where we lay our scene,
From ancient grudge break to new mutiny,
Where civil blood makes civil hands unclean.
From forth the fatal loins of these two foes
A pair of star-cross'd lovers take their life;
Whose misadventured piteous overthrows
Do with their death bury their parents' strife.
The fearful passage of their death-mark'd love,
And the continuance of their parents' rage,
Which, but their children's end, nought could remove,
Is now the two hours' traffic of our stage;
The which if you with patient ears attend,
What here shall miss, our toil shall strive to mend.





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The Prologue – Frankenstein

A story of man's creation and death
To disobey science and summon a life,
Where one man's life is another one's theft
For starting with strife and ending with strife.
An act of revenge for abandonment
With departure of life from family
Within two beings, endless resentment
This is a tragedy so you will see.
With anger in heart, revenge must be made
And hands and blades flying everywhere
Both taking their turn to hit and erode
An intent to fight, both left in despair
Now at the end of this long rivalry
Their deaths brought an end to this dynasty

James K (Y9)

The Prologue – Frankenstein

East England is where we set our story
Where dark creations are made by a man
In a strange laboratory
He invented an ingenious plan.
All he wanted to do was create new life,
From dead body parts dug up from a grave.
Instead his creation killed his dear wife
Heartbroken, he had to act very brave.
From his unkind monster revenge, he sought
After he abandoned him from his care
There was no forgiveness instead they fought
Left isolated, lonely, sad and bare.
Watching carefully will fill in the gaps
That this prologue has not covered, perhaps.

Emilia T (Y9)



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The Prologue – Frankenstein

After years and years of tremendous toil
A monster made at his mercy arose,
Stood in a repulsive stance in the soil
Fear striking the creator with his pose.
With rejection the monster had no right,
Its anger becomes its most fatal flaws,
With a bright red haze glowing in the night,
It seeks to break not all hearts but all laws.
A killing spree Victor will now attend,
His innocent wife, the latest victim
Its so-called master does not want to mend
Those watching see its old heart start to dim.
Body and soul overtaken with death,
No one could have stopped its final breath.

Heidi D (Y9)

