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Dear Families,

It doesn't seem five minutes since we returned from the Christmas break, yet this short five week term has come to an end! The final week was undertaken with equal pace to those preceding it.



On Tuesday we were joined by colleagues from King Richard School and the Department of Children's Services for a peer review. I continue to be encouraged by the progress we are making as a school. The review team cited a clear improvement in the challenge offered by lessons and how students are being asked to think hard. Furthermore, students applauded our whole school response to inappropriate language, stating that there had been a noticeable reduction and a perceived eradication of homophobic language.



Elsewhere this week we enjoyed the opportunity to host parents of Year 8 at Tuesday's Parent Afternoon. This was followed on Wednesday with a pre-trip meeting ahead of our school trip to Berlin and then on Thursday with our Parent Forum and Post 18 Careers Event.

Throughout this week you may have heard Jacob and Kaitlyn on BFBS. They have been advocating Children's Mental Health Week, following up their radio broadcasts with whole school assemblies at Akrotiri Primary School and Episkopi Primary School.

Upcoming School Events

Week Commencing 12th February

All Week

Half Term : School Closed to Students and Staff

Week Commencing 19th February

Week 2

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

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

Week Commencing 26th February

Week 1

Wednesday 28th February

SJS Coffee Morning 0800—1000 hrs

Thursday 29th February

Bookings required via SJS.enquiries@modschools.org

Peer Review of King Richard School



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This week at St John's School in pictures



Congratulations to our Year 11 students who this week undertook their examined practical in GCSE Food Preparation and Nutrition.





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Year 11 and 13 Parents' Afternoon

Tuesday 20th February 1430—1700 hrs

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



Transport Costs

As has become commonplace in UK schools, we are now in a position where we are unable to fund transport costs for residentials and school trips from the school's delegated budget. We still wish to provide these enrichment opportunities and therefore must add this element to the overall trip cost. We will continue to try and minimise costs, by exploring grants and continued fund raising, but there will likely be some increase when compared to previous years. This is with the exception of sporting events, where your child may have been selected to represent the school.

Headteacher's Surgery - Akrotiri Hive

On Thursday 22nd February 0900—1000hrs, parents and/or members of the BFC community are welcome to drop into the Akrotiri Hive, without appointment, to meet the Deputy Headteacher, Stephen Dixon, 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





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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@modschools.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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St John's School Writers

Key Stage 3 students will continue with their study of Shakespeare, alongside developing their extended writing after half-term.

This week's submissions come from Year 7, who have produced some insightful posters about Shakespeare's life.



William Shakespeare

- Also known as: **Bard of Avon**, **Swan of Avon**
- Born April 23 1564, Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwickshire, England—died April 23, 1616,
- English poet, dramatist, and actor often called the English national poet and considered by many to be the greatest dramatist of all time.
- Shakespeare spent his early life in Stratford-upon-Avon, receiving at most a grammar-school education, and at age 18 he married a local woman, **Anne Hathaway**.
- William Shakespeare had three children: **Susanna** and twins **Judith** and **Hamnet**.
- Altogether Shakespeare's works include 38 plays, 2 narrative poems, 154 sonnets, and a variety of other poems.
- Shakespeare died in Stratford-upon-Avon at the age of 52. He is buried in the sanctuary of the parish church, Holy Trinity.
- Interesting Fact—Anagram of William Shakespeare is *"I am a weakish speller"*



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william-shakespear
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WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE



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23/04/1564 - Born

William was born in Stratford-upon-Avon and was one of 8 children. His parents were John and Mary Shakespeare. He was the eldest boy.



1571 - 1579 - School

William attended the local Grammar School - established by King Edward VI, to offer all the town's boys a free education.

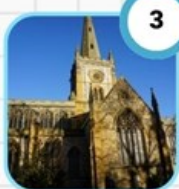
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November 1582 - Married

At the young age of just 18, Shakespeare married Anne Hathway, then 28 as she was already pregnant with their child. In the Elizabethan era, this was not acceptable.



1583-Susanna is born

In 1583, Susanna, Shakespeare's first child, is born. She is then baptised on the 26th of May 1583.

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1585-The Twins Are Born

On the 2nd of February 1585, Shakespeare and Anne's twins are born. Their names being Hamnet and Judith.



1596-Hamnet Dies

Hamnet Shakespeare died on 11th of August 1596, of the bubonic plague. He lived a healthy life up to the age of 11 when he sadly passed away.

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1597 - New House

William buys the largest house in the centre of Stratford-upon-Avon. It is called 'New Place' and cost approximately £120



1601-John Shakespeare dies

In 1601, John Shakespeare (William's father) dies. No one knows exactly how he died but he was well into his seventies so it could have been old age.



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1608-Mary Shakespeare dies

In 1608, Shakespeare's mother, Mary dies. We don't know how or exactly when she died as there is no record of her death or dates of her death.



1608 - First Grandchild Born

In 1608, Shakespeare's first grand-child was born. Her name was Elizabeth Hall, she meant so much to him that he dedicated a sonnet to her.



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1609-Shakespeare's sonnets

In 1609, Shakespeare's sonnets were published for the first time. He wrote a total of 154 sonnets.

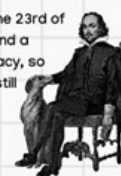


1616 - Shakespeare Dies

Shakespeare died on the 23rd of April 1616 and left behind a massive amount of legacy, so much so his plays are still performed today.



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WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE

By Olivia-Mae (Y7)

WHO WAS HE?

William Shakespeare was a famous play-writer, estimated to be born on the 23rd of April 1564 but back then they did not keep birth certificates but from what we have deciphered from his baptism dates we assume that this was his birth date. Shakespeare went on to go to a wealthy grammar school name Kings New School and then later went on to study drama and did theatre and acting for a while until he went down the play writing path. He wrote 154 sonnets and many famous plays consisting of



Romeo and Juliet, Hamlet, Othello and many more. When Shakespeare was 18 he married a woman named Anne Hathaway, it was rumoured that they decided to get married extremely quick because Anne was pregnant before the proposal which was extremely frowned upon in those days especially with how religious they were then.