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Dear Families,



Our school show, Grease, is fast approaching and takes to the stage during the final week of this term. The students, staff and parents involved continue to invest a huge amount of time rehearsing late into the evening and over weekends. This year's school show will be as spectacular as last year's and tickets are already selling fast. Should you wish to attend please contact reception to book your ticket!



Away from Grease, over 45 of our students competed against Foley's School in a football tournament. Well done to all who participated and the victories secured. On Wednesday we hosted fifteen contractors who have been charged with the building of our new school's premises as part of Project Apollo. It is hoped that the new building will open its doors in September 2027.

Upcoming School Events

Next Week

All Week

Wednesday 6th March

Thursday 7th March

Friday 8th March

Week Commencing 11th March

Monday 11th March

Wednesday 13th March

Thursday 14th March

Friday 15th March

Week Commencing 18th March

Tuesday 19th March

Wednesday 20th March

Thursday 21st March

Friday 22nd March

National Careers Week 2024

Various School Residential Trips

Year 9 Vaccinations

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

RAF STEM Workshops

Year 9 Options Afternoon @ 1500hrs

Pastoral Reward Trips

Year 11 Post 16 Information Evening @ 1415hrs

Pastoral Reward Trips

SJS Coffee Morning 0800—1000 hrs

Bookings required via SJS.enquiries@modschoools.org

Comic Relief

Duke of Edinburgh Qualifying Expedition

Grease : A St John's School Show : 1900hrs

School Governors Meeting : 1000hrs

Grease : A St John's School Show : 1900hrs

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

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Last day of term : School Closes at 1230hrs

Week 2

Week 1

Week 2



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This week at St John's School in pictures



Year 11 Geography Fieldwork

Year 11 students took to a river to undertake a wide variety of fieldwork activities in support of their upcoming GCSE exam which will assess their understanding and application of fieldwork techniques.



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Year 9 Options Afternoon

On Monday 11 March at 1500 hrs we would like to invite parents of students in Year 9 who are intending to continue their studies at St John's School in Year 10 to an Options Afternoon meeting. The purpose of this meeting is to provide students and parents with important information about the GCSE programme and to have the opportunity to meet with subject leaders to find out information about specific courses, including content and exam requirements. I do hope that many of you will be able to attend this event at which your child will be given their Options Form.



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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Careers Information Advice and Guidance

Click on the link below to discover the career updates for March 2024

<https://sway.cloud.microsoft/9QdEVS4XZbAMoU6F?ref=Link>

In this months edition you will find:

Parent Guides:

- Apprenticeship Guide 2024
- The parent perspective podcast

Thinking of medicine:

- Information on virtual experiences to find out more for anyone interested in a career in Medicine

National Careers Week

- Virtual Careers fair and useful career terms.
- Link to BBC careers and Skills for careers websites

March online job and apprenticeship webinars

March University virtual events

UCAS updates

- UCAS hub to offer virtual work experience from March

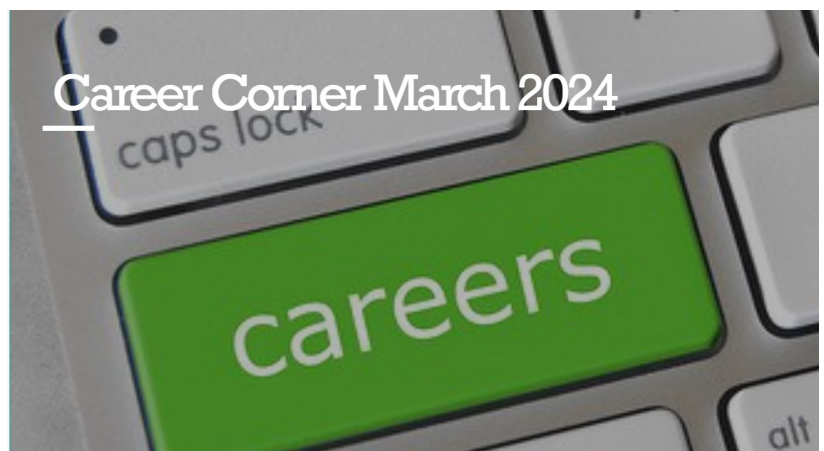
Job of the week

- February job of the week all in one place.

Student Finance

- 2024 - 2025 application information released

Career Corner March 2024





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Snack Shack

Unfortunately we are being forced to take a very difficult decision and close the Snack Shack, withdrawing our in-school food provision from Monday 11th March. Grateful to a very large number of colleagues and 6th Form students who have tried to continue this service whilst we await permission to appoint into this vacant role, we now find ourselves in a position where we are unable to. I am so sorry to all of the students and parents who rely upon this service. I do hope to re-open our



Snack Shack at the earliest opportunity, although at present I have not been given a timescale. In the absence of the Snack Shack it is vitally important that students bring in their own lunch and drinks to fuel them through the day.

Should there be any community volunteers who may be able to assist in helping to open the Snack Shack, we would love to hear from you.

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 RIB 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 that 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.

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Parental Contact Details

Should you have changed your contact details over the course of this academic year, be it your email address and/or telephone number, please can I ask you to let us know your current contact details to allow us to communicate effectively with you and contact you in an emergency.

You can update your contact details by contacting reception on 00357 2596 3888 or by email through

SJS.Enquiries@modschoools.org



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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

Post 16 Options Information Afternoon

Wednesday 13th March 2024 @ 1415 hrs

As Year 11 draws to a close, student thoughts are turning to their Post 16 options, whether here at St John's, in the Blackpool area or elsewhere. Students and parents are invited to attend an information event, which will be hosted by external speakers who will provide an overview of the Post 16 options. Students and parents will learn about the different qualifications that range from A-Levels, T-Levels, V-Cert's and more. The merits of apprenticeships will also be considered.

As the event progresses, students and parents will be invited to branch off into one of three breakout sessions as follows:

1. A presentation by Blackpool & The Flyde College for families returning to Blackpool
2. A presentation provided by a Careers Advisor to look at the application process more broadly
3. A presentation by Mrs Bonar detailing the St John's School Sixth Form offer



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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@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

At St John's, we have a number of students who enjoy writing poetry in their spare time as a means of developing their creativity and working through their personal experiences. If you enjoy writing poetry and would like to share some of your work, please share your work with your teacher or with Ms Harper. We would love to share it!

This week's submission is a piece from a Year 10 student:

Soulmate

So loud in his heart, everything so bright to see
A lyric fuller than the room and you're all I can see
My written romance is a song you can't believe,
If you saw me the way I saw you,
Maybe you could be with me.

I've seen you cry, I've seen you despise,
The hatred full in your eyes,
Did you hear the song yet or maybe you're trying to hide?
Have you heard the song I've sung more than a million times?





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St John's School—RAF STEM DAYS

Interested students in Years 7, 8 and 9 have been invited to submit an application to take part in these days on Thursday 7 and Friday 8 March. Students and their parents will be notified via email on Monday 4 March of who has been successful and will be attending the STEM days.

Please see one Year 7 student's application below:

STEM

My inspirational stem person is Katherine Johnson

Katherine Johnson loved science from a young age. Katherine Johnson worked at NASA for 33 years and was the first African American to work for NASA. Katherine Johnson, was a mathematician who helped people in NASA. I chose Katherine Johnson because I think she is very inspirational as she used her mathematical skills to help people come off the moon safely and unharmed. I think she is very brave for being the first African American to work for NASA. I know a few more inspirational people but I think that Katherine Johnson is the most inspiring out of all of them for her high intelligent skills.



I think it will be a great opportunity if I could be part of the stem days as I am very intrigued about it and I want to learn as much as possible on these stem days, if I was to be chosen. I would also like to learn about many more inspirational people that have changed the world.



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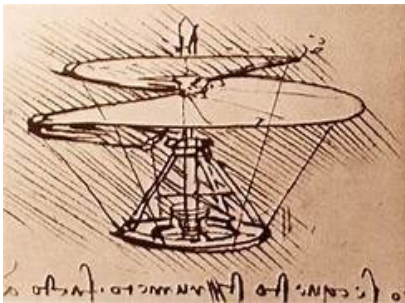
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Please see one Year 8 student's application below:

LEONARDO DA VINCI

Most people think 'Mona Lisa', when you say Leonardo Da Vinci, but in fact he was a creative engineer and mathematician, with ideas beyond his time, which makes him fascinating for me.

Da Vinci incredibly thought of designs that could not always be created with the resources and technology that they had in his generation. He was never afraid to look past the boundaries of the average mind and invented many devices and contraptions which were the foundation to machines that we have today, such as the Helicopter, tank, aircraft and scuba gear etc.



Aerial screw = early helicopter Diving contraption = scuba gear Armoured car = modern tank

Surprisingly, even though Leonardo was a pacifist, many of his designs were military machines. Da Vinci was a problem solver and knew being mobile was vital. His 'triple canon' design, was light and fast, rather than heavy and fixed like cannons of his time. He made armies more mobile by creating the 'revolving bridge' that could cross rivers and moats and could be packed up and moved easily.

Many of his designs were inspired by his study of nature, such as his armoured car (an early tank) with a turtle shell-like protective roof and his flying machine based on a bird's skeleton.

Most interestingly, Bill Gates, a famous STEM king bought Leonardo's design notebooks. Can there be any better STEM ruler, than this Renaissance engineer?

