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Dear Families,

We are a week out from the end of this term, it has been comprised of two very short five week halves, however we have packed so much in! As you read on, you will see pictures from two residential trips that returned last weekend. These trips took students in Year 10 to Germany and students in Years 12 and 13 to the UK to consider their Post 18 options. Catching up with students and staff upon their return, they had an outstanding time and left me wondering why I didn't get to go?



The past week has been jam packed, with GCSE Options Afternoon and a Post 16 student and parent information event. Throughout the week students involved in Grease have taken time to rehearse for next week's show, whilst others have been rewarded with a trip to My Mall with their friends. The week ended with our support of Comic Relief, whilst some students embarked upon their Duke of Edinburgh weekend expedition.

Upcoming School Events

Week Commencing 18th March

Week 2

Tuesday 19th March

Grease : A St John's School Show : 1900 hrs
Year 11 English Language Paper 2 : 0815—1000 hrs

Wednesday 20th March

School Governors Meeting : 1000 hrs
Grease : A St John's School Show : 1900 hrs

Thursday 21st March

Head Teacher's Surgery : 0900—1000 hrs @ Akrotiri Hive
Grease : A St John's School Show : 1900 hrs

Friday 22nd March

Last day of term : School Closes at 1230 hrs

Week Commencing 25th March

All Week

Spring Break : School Closed to Students and Staff

Week Commencing 1st April

All Week

Spring Break : School Closed to Students and Staff

Week Commencing 8th April

Week 1

Monday 8th April

INSET Day : School closed to students

Tuesday 9th April

School opens to students at 0800 hrs

Thursday 11th April

SJS Coffee Morning 0800—1000 hrs
Bookings required via SJS.enquiries@modschools.org
GCSE Music Practical Examination



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Design your future: Our Sixth Form Residential to Manchester

Last week students from our Sixth Form based themselves in Manchester as they looked to design their future by visiting a wide ranging number of universities and attending the annual UCAS Fair. It was a fabulous week, enjoyed by all. Our students were a credit to us all as they independently navigated their way between universities, whilst also enjoying downtime together in Manchester. Thank you to our staff and students for the design and undertaking of such a successful and worthwhile trip. We were able to establish some excellent links at many of the universities visited who have committed to support our students and families through a reduction in UCAS points needed for places as well as financial support and help for some.





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Berlin: A Residential Trip

Following the global pandemic, overseas travel and school residentials have become a thing of the past in UK schools. Responding to this, I am extremely grateful to staff who committed to organising and providing an offer to students in Year 10. The landscape and challenges associated with offering a school trip has significantly changed in this post-Covid era, however an outstanding offer was provided to our students who applauded their recent visit to Berlin, Germany. Visiting many of the city's landmarks on a cross curricular trip, students benefitted from a historical, linguistic and cultural insight of this European city. Thank you to the staff, students and parents for your support of this trip and in making it such a success.





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This week at St John's School in pictures

Meet the professionals

On Tuesday we hosted a number of professionals from the BFC Community as they shared with students an insight into their profession, the qualifications needed and skills they have acquired. Thank you to all of those who lent their time in support of our students and their career aspirations.



Grease

As we approach opening night, the cast of Grease are finalising their rehearsal of this year's production. Having had the opportunity to pop into one of their rehearsals, we are sure to be in for a treat! Thank you to staff and parents for your continued support of the students in their endeavours.



Learner of the month

On Friday we celebrated our 'Learner of the Month', surprising her with the presence of her parents, which gave opportunity for tea and cake.



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Design Ventura : Final

You may recall from December students at St John's School entered into the annual Design Ventura Competition. They were tasked with presenting their design idea, which was submitted to be considered alongside entries from schools around the world. One of our student groups have been selected to compete in the final round to see if they can win this year's competition. The group's idea is 'Lose Conetrol,' an innovative idea that catches melting ice-cream from a wafer cone. We wish them well in the final round which comprises of two other groups from other schools.



Snack Shack : An Update

Healthy Schools Lunchtime Provider

UKFM ADVERT

Vacancy Campaign Number: HR/24/28

Terms & Conditions of Employment

1. Contract Type: Permanent, Term - Time
2. Grade: New Recruits: LS22
The below grade is for current employees:
NEW TACOS: Local Skill Zone 2
3. Salary: €9.44 per hour

For information on the process or the application please contact the Resource Administrator: Mr Demetris Symeonou on 00357 25 96 3852
Operating hours:
Monday to Thursday: 08:00 – 14:00
Friday: 08:00 – 12:00

Unfortunately the Snack Shack remains closed, however we are now in a position where we are able to recruit into this vacant role and hope to do so in the coming month. Should you be interested in such a position or know someone who may, please direct them to the SBAA Vacancies website [Vacancies \(sbaadministration.org\)](https://sbaadministration.org).

Cyprus Day

Our Student Leadership Team are hosting a Cyprus Day celebration on Friday 22nd March. The celebrations will involve Cypriot cultural dance and the opportunity for students to purchase and eat Cypriot food prepared and cooked by a local restaurant. These celebrations will take place during the final hour of the school day, with normal lessons taking place between Periods 1 and 3. Should your child wish to purchase food they must pre-order using the QR Code displayed.

Cyprus Day Kebab Order





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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 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.



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

www.facebook.com/stjohnsschoolcyprus



School Equipment – The Top 5!

Items you must bring to school everyday

- ◆ Pencil
- ◆ Ruler
- ◆ Calculator
- ◆ Reading Book
- ◆ 3 Pens (Black x2, Green x1)



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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.

Please note that access to the school will only be through the main school gate as the Episkopi School Gate will be locked from 2000hrs.



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St John's School Writers

After Easter, Year 7 will return to their study of short story writing (with a focus on cohesion) and will learn how to respond to unseen poetry.

This week, members of 7A studied the 'nonsense' poem 'The Jabberwocky', about the killing of a creature named 'the Jabberwock'. Enjoy an assortment of the playful and whimsical below!

Inspired by 'The Jabberwocky'

by Lewis Carroll

The Hayerd

They charged through the whimsob.
Not knowing the presence of the Hayerd.
And very shortly got caught in a wob,
Upon which they were onsiered.

Olivia S (Y7)

Shmunguss

Welcome to the Land of the Shmunguss.
The tyner albungs slige about
Where there are no trees, only fungus.
The shmunguss could help them all, no doubt.

Oscar C (Y7)

Spooderley

'Twas joyous in the bandgyre
And the woth was catdog.
The juxtajoy was tyre
when the ooly was aiday.
But then came the Spooderley,
Kapwing and Noxosy. The saljent Spoodereley was zelay,
But the ooly, compasy.

James A (Y7)