



# Newsletter

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Dear Families,

Congratulations to all of our students and staff who represented St John’s School at last weekend’s Dhekelia Dash. Our students and staff alike enjoyed the opportunity and the festivities that surrounded the Dash. Over the same weekend I was invited to attend the unveiling of a new sculpture park at Apostle Loukas Lyceum School, Kolossi. It was a lovely event with some outstanding student sculptures designed to mark 50 years of Turkish occupation. My invitation is an illustration of an emerging relationship between our school and our neighbouring Cypriot Schools, a relationship I am keen to harness further.



On Tuesday a small number of students joined members of CJPU for a sponsored Spinathon raising money for new cycle safety equipment for our schools. The stamina of our students was excellent as they cycled for 30 minute stints outside of the Forces Store at Episkopi.

## Upcoming School Events

<b><u>Week Commencing 22nd April</u></b>		<b>Week 1</b>
<b>Tuesday 23rd April</b>	<b>Art A-Level Exam (all day)</b>	
<b>Wednesday 24th April</b>	<b>Art A-Level Exam (all day)</b> <b>KRS vs SJS Football Tournament @ KRS : 1300hrs</b>	
<b>Thursday 25th April</b>	<b>Art A-Level Exam (all day)</b> <b>Junior Maths Challenge</b> <b>SJS Coffee Morning 0800—1000 hrs</b> <b>Bookings required via <a href="mailto:SJS.enquiries@modschoools.org">SJS.enquiries@modschoools.org</a></b> <b>Sixth Form Prom @ 1900hrs</b>	
<b>Friday 26th April</b>		
<b><u>Week Commencing 29th April</u></b>		<b>Week 2</b>
<b>Tuesday 30th April</b>	<b>Year 10 and 12 Parent Afternoon : 1430—1700hrs</b>	
<b>Thursday 2nd May</b>	<b>Head Teacher’s Surgery : 0900—1000 hrs @ Akrotiri Hive</b> <b>Year 11 Prom Catwalk, opportunity to purchase Prom attire @ 1400hrs</b>	
<b>Friday 3rd May</b>	<b>GCSE and A-Level Public Exams Commence</b>	
<b><u>Week Commencing 6th May</u></b>		<b>Week 1</b>
<b>All Week</b>	<b>GCSE and A-Level Public Exams Commence</b>	
<b>Monday 6th May</b>	<b>May Day Bank Holiday : School closed to staff and students</b>	
<b>Thursday 9th May</b>	<b>SJS Coffee Morning 0800—1000 hrs</b> <b>Bookings required via <a href="mailto:SJS.enquiries@modschoools.org">SJS.enquiries@modschoools.org</a></b> <b>Community Health Fair @ 1230—1600 on Dodge</b>	



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Students from St John's School represented the WSBA in last weekend Dhekelia Dash.





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Students attended Tuesday's Sponsored Spinathon, joining members of the CJPU to raise awareness for cycling safety and to raise money for school cycling equipment.



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## April : The Month of the Military Child



April is the month of the Military Child. Being a Service child can come with challenges, from parents being regularly away to having to move home and school regularly. Service children adapt to these challenges and the month of April looks to recognise these efforts.

Friday 26th April is 'Purple Up' Day, where students and staff alike are encouraged to wear an item of clothing that is purple in colour.

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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



## 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](mailto:Kate.Parkinson@modschoools.org).

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Year 8 this week turned their talents to composing and performing their own sonnets to the class.

The theme of the sonnets focused on the character Caliban from Shakespeare's play 'The Tempest' and the island where the play takes place.

Students were challenged to make their sonnets fit the structure of a Shakespearean sonnet, which is a single stanza of fourteen lines containing three quatrains and a rhyming couplet.

The next two pages share some of the sonnets students wrote and performed.

*The island was a beautiful magical place,  
an unknown paradise of which no one knew,  
the sound of the birds and the smell of the flowers,  
that is until he came.  
He brought death with him,  
he brought sorrow,  
no love came with him,  
his heart was hollow.  
The islands drained of all it's light,  
I was tormented day and night,  
The spirits that he released,  
never left me in peace.  
I don't know what this land has become,  
when will I ever see the sun.*

Written and performed by:

Gabriel H, William P & Talanoa M



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*The island is like a glisten to the eye,  
a capturing scenery thee's grateful to see,  
the sound of the harmony whistling around,  
every new wave a reminder to me.*

*Of how this island was before,  
the devils murdering peaceful land,  
slowly the atmosphere decaying away,  
the remains sinking down through the sand.*

*The island was like a glisten to the eye,  
before thee get taken advantage,  
shackles tightly holding me,  
every vision stranded.*

*The island won't ever be a glisten again,  
thee can now only dream to be free from men.*

Written and performed by:

Florence K

*The white sands are pure and untouched,  
the palms provide shade from the light,  
peaceful and unmanned,  
the island is lively and bright.*

*The animals thrive,  
sweet berries and plants,  
through day and through night,  
no humans to rant.*

*Through shrubbery and deep trees,  
past rocks and past carvings,  
you will find what you need,  
a place of no meaning.  
A haven free of burden,  
where you can relax and loosen.*

Written and performed by:

Lennon W & Olly R