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Dear Families,

Our school football teams battled hard against King Richard School on Wednesday, with 50 students representing our school. Our girls narrowly lost in a hotly contested match, whilst our boys were convincing winners in the other matches.



On Thursday students in Key Stage 3 took part in the Junior Maths Challenge, a national competition which takes place in many UK schools, and I look forward to finding out how well our students achieved when we get their results in the coming months.

Tonight I look forward to joining our Sixth Form students at their Prom. Kindly hosted by the Akrotiri Officers Mess, I am sure we will enjoy a lovely evening which will provide the back drop to our Year 13 students leaving this summer, once their exams conclude.

## Upcoming School Events

### Week Commencing 29th April

Week 2

Tuesday 30th April

Year 10 and 12 Parents Afternoon : 1430—1700hrs

Wednesday 1st May

Art A-Level Exam (all day)

Thursday 2nd May

Art A-Level Exam (all day)

Art GCSE Exam (all day)

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

Year 11 Prom Catwalk, opportunity to purchase Prom attire @ 1400hrs

Friday 3rd May

Art A-Level Exam (all day)

Art GCSE Exam (all day)

GCSE and A-Level Public Exams Commence

### Week Commencing 6th May

Week 1

All Week

GCSE and A-Level Public Exams Commence

Monday 6th May

May Day Bank Holiday : School closed to staff and students

Thursday 9th May

SJS Coffee Morning 0800—1000 hrs

Bookings required via [SJS.Enquiries@modschools.org](mailto:SJS.Enquiries@modschools.org)

Community Health Fair @ 1230—1600 on Dodge

### Week Commencing 13th May

Week 2

All Week

GCSE and A-Level Public Exams

Tuesday 14th May

Year 9 Parents Afternoon : 1430—1700hrs

Wednesday 15th May

Year 6 Parents and Pupils Transition Meeting @ St John's School

Thursday 16th May

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

Year 6 Parents and Pupil Transition Meeting @ Akrotiri Primary School



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## The week at St John's School



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.

Today our students and staff wore an item of clothing that is purple in colour to mark the month of the military child.





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Congratulations to all of our students who competed on Wednesday against King Richard School in a series of football fixtures. Our girls narrowly lost in a hotly contested match, whilst our boys were convincing winners in the other matches.



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# DRESS

2ND MAY 2024 3PM

ENTRY 2 EUROS | ST JOHN'S SCHOOL

Opening bids of 2€ on ALL items  
Evening, Prom & Mess dresses available



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## THE EXAM SEASON

### What do the exam days look like?

#### My child does not have an exam

- Your child will come into school as normal on this day.
- They will work in lessons as usual.
- If they have a lesson where the curriculum is complete (i.e. they have sat the final exams) students will partake in supervised revision for subjects still to be examined.

#### My child has a morning exam

08:00 Tutor  
 08:15 Period 1 as usual  
 09:15 Pre-exam revision  
 10:15 Break  
 10:35 Extended break  
 10:45 Go to exam room  
 11:00 Exam start

At the end of the exam students will continue with the school day.  
 Additional time will be given for breaks where needed.

#### My child has an afternoon exam

With advance permission from you, students may have a later start on days when they have an afternoon exam. A bus will be provided from Akrotiri.

12:30 Arrive at school  
 12:35 Break  
 13:00 Pre-exam revision  
 14:00 Lunch available  
 students stay on-site  
 15:15 Arrive at exam room  
 15:30 Exam start

#### My child has two exams in one day

08:00 Tutor  
 08:15 Period 1 as usual  
 09:15 Pre-exam revision  
 10:15 Break  
 10:35 Extended break  
 10:45 Go to exam room  
 11:00 Exam start

12:15-13:30 Exam finish - students go to lessons

13:00 Pre-exam revision  
 14:00 Lunch available  
 students stay onsite  
 15:15 Arrive at exam room  
 15:30 Exam start

Please get in touch if you would **not** like your child to have a late start on days where they only have an afternoon exam.



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## Year 10 and 12 Parents Afternoon

### Tuesday 30th April 1430—1700

Have you made your appointments? Appointments must be made in advance of the Parent 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](mailto:Dave.Barber@modschoools.org)

[www.facebook.com/stjohnsschoolcyprus](http://www.facebook.com/stjohnsschoolcyprus)

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 which has already begun.



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 6 Transition

A letter with details regarding how St John’s School will support students moving up from Year 6 into Year 7 will be shared with parents through Akrotiri Primary School and Episkopi Primary School next week. There will be a number of events to support the transition process, which will also include two Secondary Year 7 Taster Days on Thursday 4th and Friday 5th July 2024. These days will be extended to include all Year 6 students irrespective of whether they will or will not be attending St John’s School in September 2024.

## Headteacher’s Surgery - Akrotiri Hive

On Thursday 2nd May 0900—1000 hrs, parents and/or members of the BFC community are welcome to drop into the Akrotiri Hive, without appointment, to meet the Headteacher, Colin Guyton, 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 people in our care.



**SLIP** on a t shirt



**SLOP** on some suncream



**SLAP** on a hat



**SLIDE** on some sunglasses



**SHADE** wherever possible



**5 S's of sun safety**

## Sun Safety

As we enter into the Summer Term and the temperatures are on the rise, please can I ask parents to ensure students attend school with a refillable bottle so they can stay hydrated throughout the day.

During breaktimes students are encouraged to wear a hat to protect their head from the sun. Students are also encouraged to wear sun cream to school and for outdoor physical activity.



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## Limassol Art Exhibition Re:Source 2.0

We invite you and your kids to a unique event — the ecological art exhibition "RE:SOURCE 2.0", organized by the charity organization City Friends Club presenting art works on the theme of ecology in various techniques, ranging from sculpture and painting to installations and video art.

The mission of RE:SOURCE 2024 is to draw the attention of the audience to the environmental protection and resources of Cyprus, featuring not only works by top local and international artists but sustainable fashion pieces, too. At the same time, everyone will have a chance to create their own artwork at workshops.

**Dates:**

**May 17th to May 21st, 2024**

**Time:**

**11am - 7pm  
(Friday - Wednesday)**

**Location:**

**The Warehouse by ITQuarter,  
20 Sinergatismou, Limassol**

Entry is free!

You can stay updated on exhibition announcements and learn more about the artists by following our Instagram account [@re.source.cy](https://www.instagram.com/re.source.cy)





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## St John's School Writers

This week's contribution is another Y8 masterpiece! Inspired by Y8's work on the sonnet form and slam poetry, Tye (Yr.8) produced this very clever poem at home. Enjoy.

### Sign of the Times

In the heart of our home, where love and laughter  
entwine,  
Our meals grow smaller as the bills grow,  
It's a Sign of the Times.  
The cost of war,  
A burden we did not choose.  
A Sacrifice,  
A payment,  
We didn't get to refuse.

"Money, money, money, must be funny, in a rich  
man's world"  
ABBA sang,  
But for my family  
it's no laughing matter,  
as we struggle  
and we're left in tatters.

"Breaking the rules, Breaking the rules"  
The Matrix whispered in our ears.  
But who made these rules,  
And why should we follow,  
When it means our family's dreams are hollow?

"We're all in this together,"  
High School Musical preached, but why should  
we suffer,  
when the rich have been reached?  
The UK pays the price, for another's war,  
leaving us hungry.

"It's a hard knock life, for us," Annie cried,  
As we watch our dreams,  
and hopes,  
subside  
But we won't give up,  
we'll fight for our right,  
To live a life,  
free from this plight.

So, let us stand, and be heard,  
For our family's future,  
we'll break these chains. And  
We'll rise up, and  
We'll break the rules,  
For a better life,  
That's our tool.