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Dear Families,

We had the opportunity to welcome students from our two Year 6 WSBA primary schools to St John's School this week. As part of the transition process students had opportunity to experience two days in our school, attending a wide range of lessons that gave a real taste of what secondary school life is like. The two days culminated in a further opportunity to meet with parents. Whether the Year 6 students are joining St John's School next year or not, I am glad that they had a really positive experience of a secondary school that will hopefully place them in good stead for September, be it here, in the UK or further afield.

Elsewhere this week students in Year 10 and 12 completed their end of year examinations. Year 10 will receive their results on Tuesday 16th July at 1330 in an assembly to which parents are also invited. Year 12 will receive their results ahead of their upcoming Year 12 into 13 transition meetings.

Aside from transition and examinations lessons proceed with the same urgency and purpose as you would expect. Having undertaken visits to over 25 lessons this week I am delighted and encouraged by the hard work of students and staff. School attendance continues to exceed 95%, significantly above the UK national average (91%) and together with what is happening in lessons ensures we continue to eliminate educational disadvantage caused by mobility.

Upcoming School Events

Week Commencing 15th July

Week 1 **Week Commencing 8th July**

All Week **Pupil Attitude to School and Self Assessments**

Monday 8th July Year 12 Work Experience Tuesday 9th July Year 12 Work Experience Wednesday 10th July Year 10 Work Experience

> SGC Meeting @ 1000hrs Year 10 Work Experience

Thursday 11th July SJS Coffee Morning 0800—1000 hrs

Bookings required via SJS.Enquiries@modschools.org

Friday 12th July **Year 12 to 13 Transition Interviews**

Tuesday 16th July Duke of Edinburgh Awards Afternoon

Wednesday 17th July **Reward Trip: All Day** Thursday 18th July **Reward Trip: All Day**

Headteacher's Surgery: 0900—1000 hrs @ FDLC Classroom 3

Friday 19th July Last Day of the school year, school closes at 1230hrs

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The week at St John's School





On Wednesday we were joined by the Royal Navy STEM Team, who ran a series of workshops for our students in Year 7, 8 and 9.

The workshops ranged from life on a submarine, to the design and flight of drones and robotics in a range of different scenarios.

The participating students volunteered for this opportunity and thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to see how science, technology, engineering and mathematics come together in real life situations.





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Year 6 Transition Days













It has been fabulous to welcome pupils from Akrotiri Primary School and Episkopi Primary School to St John's School for their taster days. Pupils enjoyed the opportunity to experience what a secondary school is like as they prepare to join our school or a secondary school back home in the UK.



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Virtual Summer School

This summer the University of Brighton is providing a virtual summer school, giving students in Year 12 the opportunity to experience a wide range of subjects taught at University. Taking part in such an opportunity will give prospective university students opportunity to gain an insight into subjects they maybe interested in reading whether at the University of Brighton or elsewhere.

Taking part in such an opportunity will aid your applications to University, supporting your personal statement and helping to set your application apart from others.

University of Brighton Virtual Summer School

23-26
Open to year 12

Subjects:

Architecture and product

design

Art and design

Business, economics, law, and marketing

Media, film, and journalism

Computing

Euglinearing and construction

Geography and environment

Biological sciences and

pharmacy

Sport

Health and social work

Education and teaching

History, politics and English

Griminology, psychology and sociology







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Leavers School Reports

We are receiving high volumes of requests for historic school reports for students leaving this summer. Should you require you child's historic reports, please can you email Nicola.Anders@modschools.org no later than Friday 12th July and we will email the requested reports to 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 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@modschools.org.



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St John's School Writers

It is always rewarding to hear that students are honing their writing skills outside of curriculum time. This week's writing is an extract from a longer piece by a Y8 student who is writing in the horror/fantasy genre. It is an excellent example of balancing description and action whilst building a sense of suspense and trepidation.

Please share your extra-curricular writing with us – we love to read it!

The dirt path was narrow, forcing the teens to walk in a single file line. On each side, the dark intimidated them, the pure emptiness was there, but the lurking feeling of something hiding within its harrowing, dark, almost inky abyss. The wolves in the forest beside them howled, mixed with a strange metallic clank, their loud screeches echoed, before clashing with the, seemingly closer, owls hooting. The lack of trilling birds, and the crunching beneath their feet had everyone on edge. The cabin was surely close by now, right?

They had left just before sunset, and the darkness was a tell-tale sign they were a little bit past their curfew. Akori tripped, but caught himself on the metal gate. They had arrived at the cabin. Mollie huffed. She wasn't ready.

As Tentel stood by the open gate, Akori couldn't help but notice he was considerably taller than both him and the gate. The rusty parts were obvious, but apparently the warning signs weren't. They were covered in ivy, and other weird overgrown plants. There were loose parts of the fence that stuck out, and were very sharp. As Mollie walked past, her pink-ish beige woollen jumper was caught and torn by the excess rusted metal. Tentel carefully helped her pull it out, without doing too much damage to the jumper.

Arru trailed behind Akori, still quite meek and scared at the back - she wasn't ready either. The cabin was quite tall, about three storeys, including the big-looking attic. Akori stared in what could only be described as a star-struck state, completely oblivious to Tentel snapping his fingers to snap him out of his trance. Tentel grabbed a chunk of wood from the cabin, it was dusty and almost crumbled, but the part that stayed seemed to be quite sharp.

The cabin loomed over Mollie as she took a few steps closer, the doors almost inviting her inside. The cracked and boarded-up windows are what kept her out, it was strange to see somewhere here, and definitely unnerving. Mollie turned back at Akori and Tentel, but they were in shock. What had they witnessed? "Hey, Aki? Ten? What happened? Where is..." Mollie figured out the answer to her own question.



She saw a disgusting, mutilated, green, human-like vermin grabbing onto Arru's leg. She tripped and, as she reached out for Mollie, she impaled her hand on the rusty, spiked fence. The creature opened its jaws, revealing discoloured, twisted teeth, and horrific red saliva drooling as it leaned toward Arru, who was now trapped in place. Akori and Tentel rushed forward, arriving just in time to cave the head of the creature in. Its horrible black eyes rolled back into its head, before closing them, never to be opened again.