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Dear Families,

I write this week's edition from Kathikas, a village just north of Paphos, where I have accompanied students in Year 11 as they undertake their GCSE Fieldwork Residential. It has been a great opportunity to spend time with students outside of school, whilst also giving me chance to get back to teaching Geography, which is my primary teaching subject.



Whilst most of Year 11 have spent time in and around Paphos, our Year 12 students have been in Manchester attending the annual UCAS Discovery Exhibition. I have been in frequent contact and it seems that they have all had a great time as they ponder their Post 18 options with visits to universities in Coventry, Liverpool and elsewhere.

At school we launched our Aspire Programme of our current Year 7 cohort - we are really excited about this new programme and look forward to student enrolment and participation from September 2025. On Thursday, lessons were interrupted by Reading Raiders, who were members of our community interrupting lessons to show the joy of reading a good book in celebration of World Book Day.

Upcoming School Events

Week Commencing 10th March

Week 1

Wednesday 12th March

DCS Peer Review of St John's School

Thursday 13th March

SJS Coffee Morning 0800—1000 hrs

Bookings required via SJS.enquiries@modschoools.org

Parent Information Event: Year 9 Options Afternoon @ 1430 hrs

Friday 14th March

Comic Relief Non School Uniform Day €1 donation to Comic Relief

Week Commencing 17th March

Week 2

Monday 17th March

Year 11 Core Mock Examinations

Tuesday 18th March

Year 11 Core Mock Examinations

Thursday 20th March

Headteacher's Surgery : 0900—1000 hrs @ Akrotiri Hive

Post 16 Options : A Parent Information Event @ 1500 hrs

Friday 21st March

Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Expedition

Week Commencing 24th March

Week 1

Monday 24th March

Year 11 Core Mock Examinations

Tuesday 25th March

Year 11 Core Mock Examinations

Wednesday 26th March

SGC Meeting @ 1000 hrs

Thursday 27th March

SJS Coffee Morning 0800—1000 hrs

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This week at St John's School

Our Year 11 Geographers based themselves at the European Field Studies Centre in Kathikas from Wednesday through to Friday. They undertook a wide range of fieldwork activities to support them in their upcoming Geography examination that will test their ability to apply fieldwork skills to a series of scenarios and require them to draw upon their real work experiences.





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Year 12 visited Manchester and the UCAS Discovery Exhibition. They had the opportunity to meet with a large number of University and Post 18 providers to help them formulate what they may wish to do upon leaving St John's School at the end of Year 13. Students also had the opportunity to visit different universities, including Liverpool John Moores University, where they met some familiar faces and alumni of our school.





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Thank you to our Reading Raiders from across our WSBA community who stormed lessons with the gift of reading in celebration of World Book Day.





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Year 9 Options Afternoon—Thursday 13th March at 1430 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 the above meeting in our school hall at 1430 hrs. 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 for completion.



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.



If you know you will be leaving us before the new academic year, please can you inform the School Office as soon as possible by completing a [Departure Form](#). 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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Red Nose Day | Comic Relief

On Friday 14 March St John's School will be celebrating Red Nose Day and we will be raising money for people who are living in poverty.

Friday 14 March will be a Non-School Uniform Day and

we would like students to come to school wearing their own clothes and ideally something **red** whilst inviting them to donate 1 Euro in support of Comic Relief.



Alongside this, KS3 will be running a Talent Contest during period 5 on 14 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 (cash only) so please provide them with pocket money on the day.

This year we are supporting Comic Relief a week ahead of the Nation owing to competing calendar priorities.

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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Has your child accessed Kooth?

It is a free, safe and anonymous place for young people to find online support and counselling. There is a bunch of features and tools to support young people if they are not feeling their best. The website provides advice and tips on all sorts of things from anxiety and relationship advice to ideas for relaxing after a stressful day.



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FRI 14 MAR 25

13:30 - 17:00



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St John's School Writers

We recently invited students from across the school to submit entries to Never Such Innocence's annual poetry competition. This year's theme is 'How Can We Prevent Future Wars?' and we are delighted to share a small selection of the entries below. Competition winners will be announced by 1st May 2025. Good luck to all of our entrants!

A Life Without War

What if we could stop the fighting,
And choose a peaceful way?
Where people help each other,
And choose love over hate every day.

We can all make a difference,
No matter who or where we are.
A kind word, a smile, a helping hand,
Can take us very far.

In our communities, let's unite,
No matter where we're from,
We can learn from one another,
And work together as one.

Leaders, it's up to you,
To keep the peace, not fight.
To talk, to listen and to care,
An to guide us to what's right.

The wars of the past have shown us,
How much pain we've had to bear.
Let's choose to learn from history,
And show the world we care.

So let's work for peace, all of us,
No matter young or old,
With hearts of hope and open minds,
A future holds to be bright and bold.
- A life without war

Evie-Rose E (Y8)





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Peace

Peace is a dove,
Soaring over violence,
Proclaiming love,
Bringing joy to those who despair.
Peace is a flower,
Tall against the jagged briar,
Giving hope to those who cower,
In the face of war and death.
Peace is a child,
Young and innocent,
Yet warm and mild,
The future of humanity.

We need peace,
Our hope and salvation,
But peace needs us,
To work as a nation.
Laws and rules,
Must be passed,
Injustice and discrimination,
Cannot last.

We must prevent future wars,
Do our part and save peace,
Untangle the dove from the vicious claws,
That stem from growing insecurity.

In our local groups,
We can set up workshops,
That teach of other countries and the problems they
may face,
To help the dove swoop.
If that doesn't work, we can try,
To promote understanding,
Help misconceptions die.

As an individual we can do even more,
Talk to politicians,
Preach the evils of war.
We can even promote,
A diplomatic approach,
Let the idea float,
That speech solves issues better than violence

But actions can sometimes speak louder than words,
So, join the herds,
That follow the dove.



James G. (Year 8)



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Stop Mankind's Mistake!

No poppies in bloom,
But bluebirds on Dover.
How to make this last forever?
How to keep the world at peace,
When peace is no more?

Ukraine, Russia, Israel, Gaza.
The list goes on and on.
Hard not to feel that this whole game,
Isn't just some kind of con?

So how to stop it?
Well, we'll see,
The future isn't up to me,
But maybe with us combined,
We can set the world's thoughts aside,
Come together and we will stride,
And what will we do?
We'll just be kind.

Learn to forgive,
Learn to love,
Then all the world will be a dove,
Learn to fly high above
The world we are today.

Maybe one day,
The world will have a fresh start,
Where everyone thinks and feels from the heart,
No one would need to feel loss or pain,
From the same mistakes made again and again.

Lyra C (Y7)

