



# Newsletter

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Dear Families,

A busy few weeks ahead leaves me little space this week other than to welcome you back to a very short half term (5 weeks), which is punctuated with two Bank Holidays. We will of course fit a huge amount into the coming 5 weeks by ensuring the term starts and continues with a purposeful energy and enthusiasm that maximises the time available to us this term.



I hope that you all managed to enjoy some well deserved time together over the Easter Holidays.

## Upcoming School Events

### Week Commencing 28th April

### Week 1

Wednesday 30th April

A-Level Art Exam begins (all day)

GCSE Art Exam begins (all day)

Thursday 1st May

A-Level Art Exam continues (all day)

GCSE Art Exam continues (all day)

Junior Maths Challenge

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

Friday 2nd May

A-Level Art Exam continues (all day)

DofE Silver Qualifying Expedition

### Week Commencing 5th May

### Week 2

Monday 5th May

Early May Bank Holiday School closed to students and staff

Tuesday 6th May

Commander of British Forces visit to St John's School

Wednesday 7th May

National Reading Tests : Year 7—12 (excluding Year 11)

MFL GCSE Speaking Examinations

Thursday 8th May

National Reading Tests : Year 7—12 (excluding Year 11)

Year 10 & 12 Parent Information Event—Preparing for Mock Examinations

VE Day Street Party @ 1015hrs

SJS Coffee Morning 0800—1000 hrs

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

Year 7—10 Rounders House Competition @ 1300hrs in Happy Valley

National Reading Tests : Year 7—12 (excluding Year 11)

Friday 9th May

### Week Commencing 12th May

### Week 1

All Week

National GCE, GCSE and BTEC Examinations

Thursday 15th May

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

Year 9 Parent Afternoon : 1430hrs —1700hrs @ School Hall

Friday 16th May

Year 10 and 12 Careers Information Workshop



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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.

Today, Friday 25th April is 'Purple Up' Day, where students and staff alike were encouraged to wear an item of clothing that is purple in colour.

In addition to wearing purple, students will also contribute to a new art mural, where each student contributed their own dandelion seed to the art piece. Elsewhere to celebrate the Month of the Military Child our students also submitted poems as part of a national poetry competition organised by [Never Such Innocence](#).





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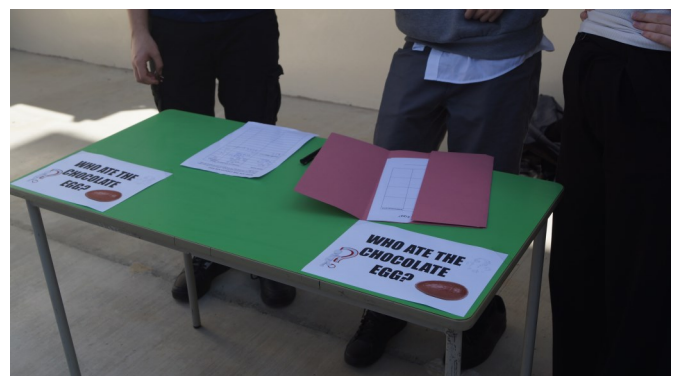
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## This week at St John's School

On the final day of last term, our Student Leadership Team designed and delivered a wider range of Easter themed activities for our student body to participate in. The activities were extremely well designed and saw students racing to complete an Easter egg hunt; designing protective casings to ensure their egg survived a drop and creatively decorating eggs, amongst other activities. The vast majority of students got involved over an extended break and had a great time doing so.

All of the students involved had a great time and it was great to see our Student Leadership Team deliver such an outstanding variety of activities. On behalf of all of the students, thank you to all of those involved in their design and delivery.





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## School Term Dates 2026—2027

The term dates for Academic Year 2026/27 have been published by HQ BFC and can be found below. The dates for both this and the next academic year, as well as those for 2026-2027 can be found on our school website and accessed using this link [Term Dates - St John's School Cyprus](#)

### DCS Schools and Settings Cyprus Calendar 2026-27

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School term
Staff Development Days (up to 5x)
School Holiday
Bank Holiday

## Water Bottles

The temperatures are beginning to rise as we head into the Cyprus Summer. It is essential that students come to school prepared for the warmer months that are a feature of this Summer Term. Students are therefore asked to come to school with their own refillable water bottle to ensure they can stay hydrated. Students should use break times to fill their water bottle. Students are also able to wear a hat during breaktimes when enjoying breaktimes in the sunshine.



Don't forget to bring your own bottle to refill



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## Relate—Young People's Counselling

### Background

HQ BFC have successfully secured access to [Relate](#), a virtual counselling service that has long supported military personnel and families over the past decade, having delivered over 6000 counselling sessions annually. As part of a twelve month pilot, this service has been extended to serving personnel, with an assignment order to British Forces Cyprus.

### What is Relate?

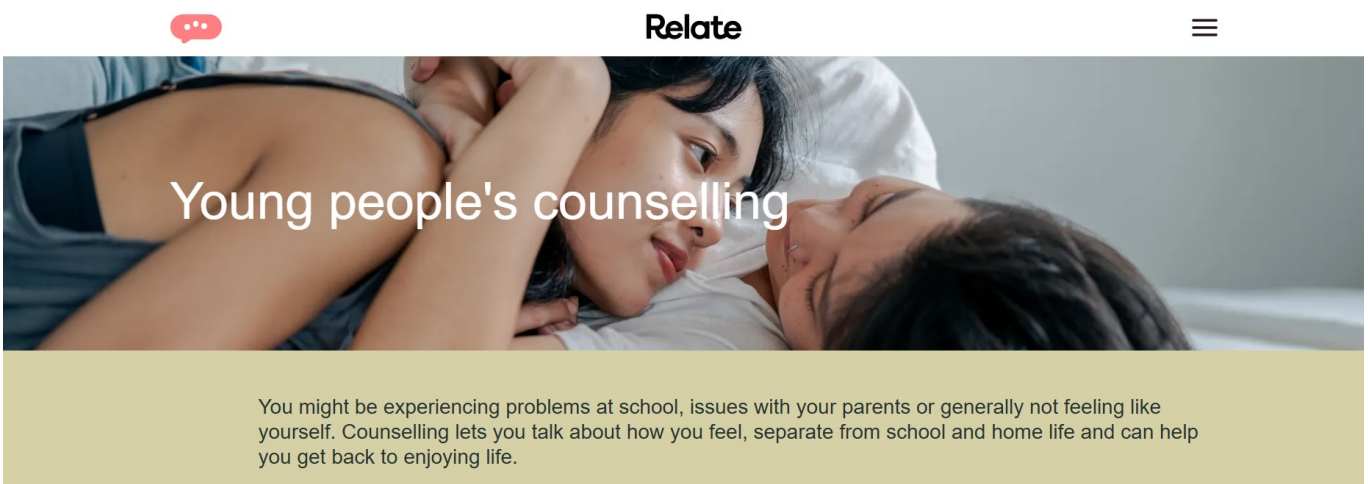
[Relate](#) is a free service provided to BFC personnel and their family members with a wide range of relationship counselling services with as many as six counselling sessions provided virtually to individuals, couples, families and children aged 11-18.

### How do I access Relate Counselling Services?

You can access the services provided by Relate at Family Action by self-referring through the [ACF/Relate -Referral-Form](#). Alternatively, you can email [armycentralfund@relate.org.uk](mailto:armycentralfund@relate.org.uk) quoting the Service Persons Service Number. Young people can be referred by a parent.

### Further Information

Further information can be found by visiting their website. For students of St John's School, they can start at the pages that provide specific details regarding [Young People's Counselling](#)



**Relate**

### Young people's counselling

You might be experiencing problems at school, issues with your parents or generally not feeling like yourself. Counselling lets you talk about how you feel, separate from school and home life and can help you get back to enjoying life.



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## Career Exploration Fair

As part of our **Careers Programme** at St John's School, we invite community members to share their work experiences with students at our **Careers Fair on Monday 14 July 2025**.

This is a great opportunity to inspire and inform our young people about your career path and essential employability skills in your field.

All areas of work are of interest to our students, including but not limited to: **hair and beauty, fitness, public services, Armed Services, farming, business, finance, construction, computing, security, nursing, vet, photography** and more...

## WE NEED YOU



Careers Stall

Practical  
Demonstration

Careers Talk

Something else?

If you feel you maybe able to support us, we would welcome you to complete the form to share your details if you are able to help in some way <https://forms.office.com/r/UrNNgggwJF> or contact [Samantha.Papaioannou@modschools.org](mailto:Samantha.Papaioannou@modschools.org) for more information.



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**SLIP** on a t shirt



**SLOP** on some suncream



**SLAP** on a hat



**SLIDE** on some sunglasses



**SHADE** wherever possible

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**5 S's of sun safety**



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## St John's School Writers

Seven of our students across Key Stage 3 received Certificates of Commendations for their poetry submissions in this years *Month of the Military Child* international writing competition. Congratulations to each of them and all of those who submitted their poetry into this years competition.

