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Dear Families,

The summer exam series got underway this week with students sitting exams in some of the Modern Foreign Languages, whilst others undertook exams in Art and Maths. The speed at which further exams follow accelerates in the coming weeks and we wish all of the students the best of luck and success.



Looking ahead to next week, we have packed a lot into a four day week and I am particularly excited to host a whole school 'Street Party' with the support of PWRR and in celebration of the 80th anniversary of VE Day.

## Upcoming School Events

### Week Commencing 5th May

### Week 2

All Week

National GCE, GCSE and BTEC Examinations

Monday 5th May

Early May Bank Holiday School closed to students and staff

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 @ 1015 hrs

SJS Coffee Morning 0800—1000 hrs

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

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

Friday 9th May

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

### 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 —1700 hrs @ School Hall

Friday 16th May

Year 10 and 12 Careers Information Workshop

### Week Commencing 19th May

### Week 2

All Week

National GCE, GCSE and BTEC Examinations

DCS Attendance Awareness Week

Tuesday 20th May

KRS Vs. SJS Interschool Rounders Tournament @ 1130 hrs

Wednesday 21st May

School Governors Committee Meeting @ 1000 hrs

Thursday 22nd May

SJS Coffee Morning 0800—1000 hrs

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

Friday 23rd May

Last Day of Term—School Closes at 1230 hrs

Year 13 Last day required to attend lessons



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## This week at St John's School



On Wednesday students at St John's School contributed to a second mural within our school environment. Coinciding with the end of the Month of the Military Child, each student cast their individual representation of a dandelion seed, which is the logo that captures the mobility of our students.



Students participated in the recent APOEL FC Academy Tournament held in Nicosia, enjoying success as they won the U15 competition.



Two of our students competed in the Cyprus National Championships Downhill Race on Sunday. Both have shown great dedication to their sport, practicing weekly and attending the Gravity Academy to help hone their skills.



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## Victory in Europe Day

### Thursday 8th May 2025

Thursday will mark the 80th anniversary of VE Day. Throughout the United Kingdom this historic event will be celebrated by families and communities across the nation. Encouraged by HM Government, the day is to be one of joy, reflection and celebration, reaffirming our nation's commitment to world peace. To this end, our school community will participate in a 'street party' that will take place in our courtyard over first break.

### How students of St John's School are marking this event

Students will begin the day in assembly that will recall the events leading up to VE Day in 1945 and how it was celebrated across the United Kingdom. They will attend their first two lessons as normal before coming together in their respective tutor groups along tables laid out in the courtyard. A range of food will be laid on for students and staff, which will include sandwiches, quiche, sausage rolls and scones with cream and jam. Students have been canvassed to cater for individual dietary requirements. All of the food is being prepared courtesy of the Princess of Wales Royal Regiment for which I am extremely grateful. All students are able to participate free of charge, however I would welcome a contribution of one euro per student to help offset the cost of ingredients.



**VE DAY** ©  
80<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
A SHARED MOMENT OF CELEBRATION  
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A range of soft drinks and other snacks will be available for purchase on the day with money raised supporting students participating in next year's Borneo Expedition.

Following an extended break (45 minutes), students will return to Lesson 3 at 1100 hrs and continue the rest of the day as normal.





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## Year 9 Parents' Afternoon

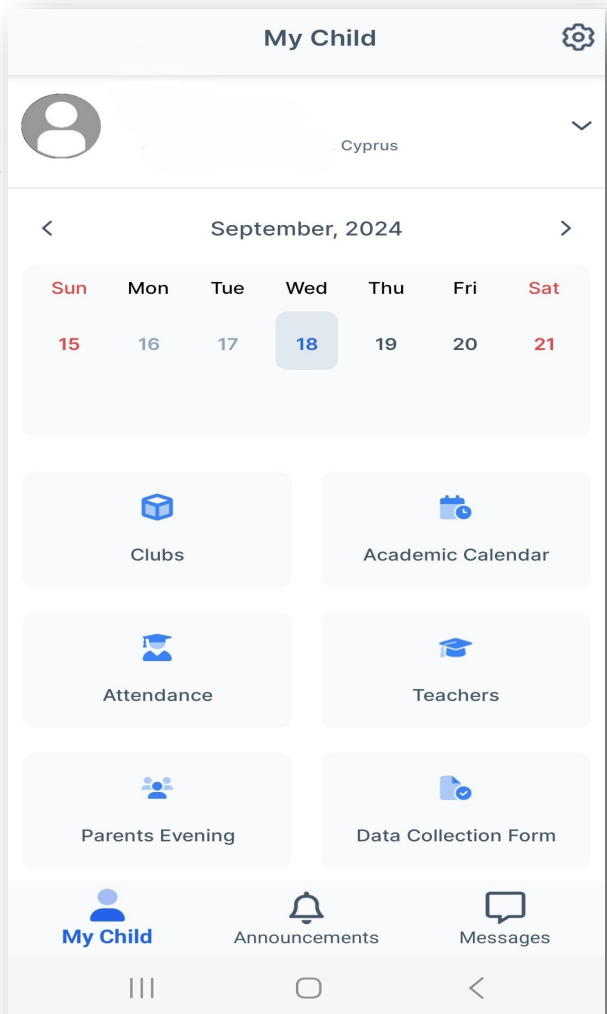
**Tuesday 15th May 1430—1700 hrs**

We look forward to welcoming parents of our Year 9 students into school for their upcoming Parents' Afternoon. The Parents' Afternoon will give you an opportunity, along with your child, to meet their teachers in a series of 1:1 meetings. During each meeting you will be able to reflect upon your child's progress since the start of this academic year across their curriculum.

Appointments must be made in advance of the Parents' Afternoon. Appointments can only be made through the My Child at School (MCAS) App. The appointment book will open on Monday 5th May at midday.

Please ensure you have registered to use the MCAS App in advance of Monday 5th May.

Once registered, to make your appointments, please visit the Parents Evening tab via the MCAS homepage after midday on Monday 5th May. You can then follow the prompts to make appointments for your child's teachers.



## Having difficulties?

Should you encounter difficulties please email Mrs Twyford who will gladly support you in logging in for the first time and/or making an appointment. Mrs Twyford's email is [Hayley.Twyford@modschools.org](mailto:Hayley.Twyford@modschools.org)



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## Year 10 and 12 Mock Exam Preparation Afternoon : 1430 hrs

Students in Year 10 and 12 will soon begin their Mock Examinations. On Wednesday students and parents are invited to attend a short briefing led by Mr Dixon that will explore different revision strategies and how best to prepare for the upcoming exams.

The outcomes of the Mock Examinations will inform academic interventions that will take place in the new academic year. They will also be of particular importance for Year 12, as the grades will be used on UCAS, university applications and there will be no future opportunity to adjust them.

## 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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## Nut Free School

As you will likely be aware, a significant number of our staff, students and visitors have a severe allergic reaction to nuts and peanuts. Severe allergic reactions result in anaphylaxis.

Nuts and Peanuts can cause severe allergic reactions in a wide range of ways. A person with an allergy does not have to eat nuts or peanuts to have a severe reaction, this can be caused by surface contact and airborne particles. This allergy affects approximately 1/50 children and adults.

In recent years we have seen a sharp increase in snacks containing peanuts and a rise in the use of peanut butter in sandwiches.

As a school we have a responsibility to keep our students, staff and visitors safe and to reduce risk of harm. As you can imagine in a busy school environment this can be a challenge and following consideration, we feel the only way to protect those students is by removing the allergens from the school.



### What this will mean?

- Peanut and nut based products will no longer be sold in the canteen.
- Students, staff and visitors **will not** be able to bring products containing nuts or peanuts into school.

Items that are found to break this rule will be confiscated and disposed of safely.

### What products will not be allowed in school?

- Peanuts and nuts and products containing peanuts or nuts.
- Peanut butter or peanut based chocolate snacks (Snickers/ Reece's pieces etc).
- Items where peanuts or nuts are listed as main ingredients.
- Nut or peanut based oils or products.

### What products are allowed?

- Items that "may contain nuts" and "may contain traces of nuts" or "made in factories that use nuts" These present a low risk and are not direct ingredients in the products.
- All other non- nut based snacks and food stuff.



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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?

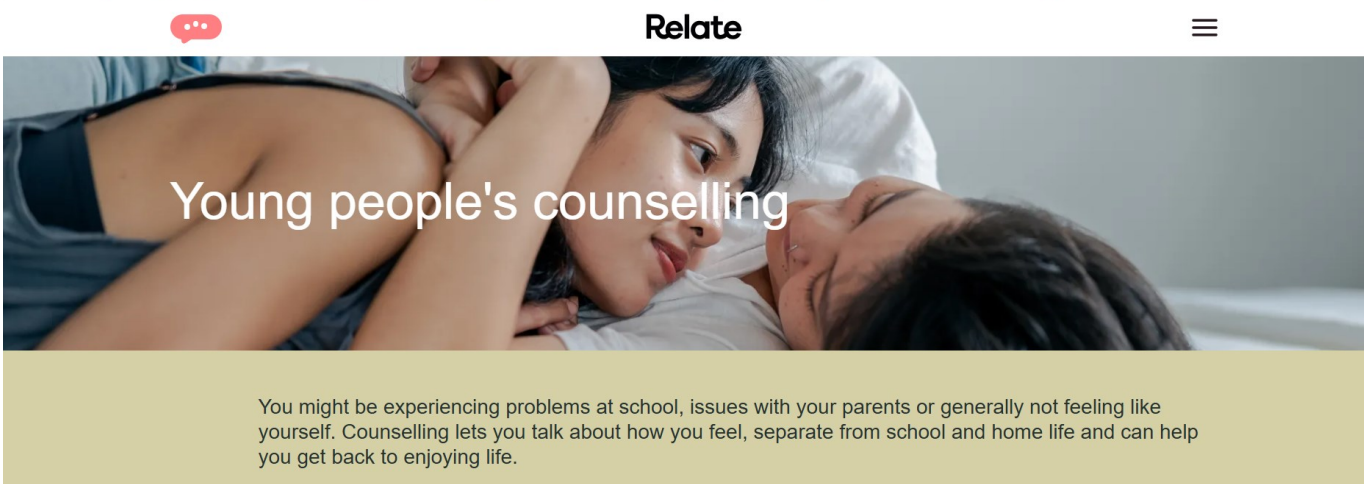
[Relate](#) is a free service provided to BFC personnel and their family members with a wide range of relationship counselling services with as many as six counselling sessions provided virtually to individuals, couples, families and children aged 11-18.

### 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](#)



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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## St John's School Writers

April saw the celebration of the Month of the Military Child and a number of students from SJS submitted entries to the Never Such Innocence international competition. The theme this year was 'How can we prevent future wars?'. The following two poems received commendations from Never Such Innocence for their imaginative exploration of the theme.

### A World Without War

Preventing war is a noble goal  
That must be pursued with hearts of hope  
We must build bridges, not war machines  
And work together for a better name

As individuals, communities, and nations  
We must spread understanding and peace  
Promote tolerance, fight bigotry and fear  
And work towards global harmony

Through education, dialogue and compassion  
We can create a world of less aggression  
By supporting peacekeeping and diplomacy  
We can prevent war and avoid calamity

Lessons from history show the way  
To build a future where conflict fade  
With cooperation and diplomacy in mind  
We can prevent war and leave suffering

In every nation, let leaders heed the call  
For peaceful discourse of aggression, let them stall  
Let us build together, side by side,  
And the light of peace will never die.



Mia M (Yr8)





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### Preventing Wars

Wars bring sadness,  
depression and shame.  
Preventing future wars,  
Now that is our aim.

Wars are started,  
By unnecessary fights.  
Where people shout,  
And argue their rights.

To prevent future wars,  
There are things we can do.  
Like learn from mistakes,  
We already knew.

We can stop world hunger,  
Create world peace.  
Help people out,  
And wars will cease.

The little things we do  
Matter a lot more  
In being a better person  
And stopping future wars.

We elect our leader,  
And give them our trust.  
As our countries voice,  
Our safety's a must.

But who's normally at fault,  
For starting a war.  
Well it's normally our leaders,  
Wanting more, more, more.

So, wars can be stopped,  
Prevented or calmed.  
If humans stopped hurting,  
others who are harmed.

If our leaders are happy,  
With their power, people and land.  
Then these rulers,  
Will be able to lend a hand.



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