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Dear Families,

Thursday saw our school come together to celebrate the 80th anniversary of VE Day. The day began with an assembly led by Mr Strang, before an extended breaktime allowed opportunity for our whole school to come together and participate in a 'street party'. It is very rare that as a school community we come together and eat in such a structured and communal way and it was great to bring everyone together with the support of the Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment who catered for us all.



Elsewhere this week students in Year 7 through to 9 competed in an interschools rounders tournament, which is a fixture of the summer term in any school. Students and parents alike enjoyed the opportunity to compete in a tournament hosted in Happy Valley.

School exams are also a fixture of the summer term with Year 11 and 13 underway. We also welcomed parents of students in Year 10 and 12 into school to consider what they must do to prepare for their exams that start in 5 calendar weeks time.

Upcoming School Events

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@modschools.org

Friday 23rd May

Last Day of Term

Year 13 Last day required to attend lessons

Week Commencing 26th May

All Week

Easter Holiday

School closed to students and staff



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This week at St John's School

On Thursday we celebrated VE Day, hosting a Street Party for our whole school catered for by PWRR.





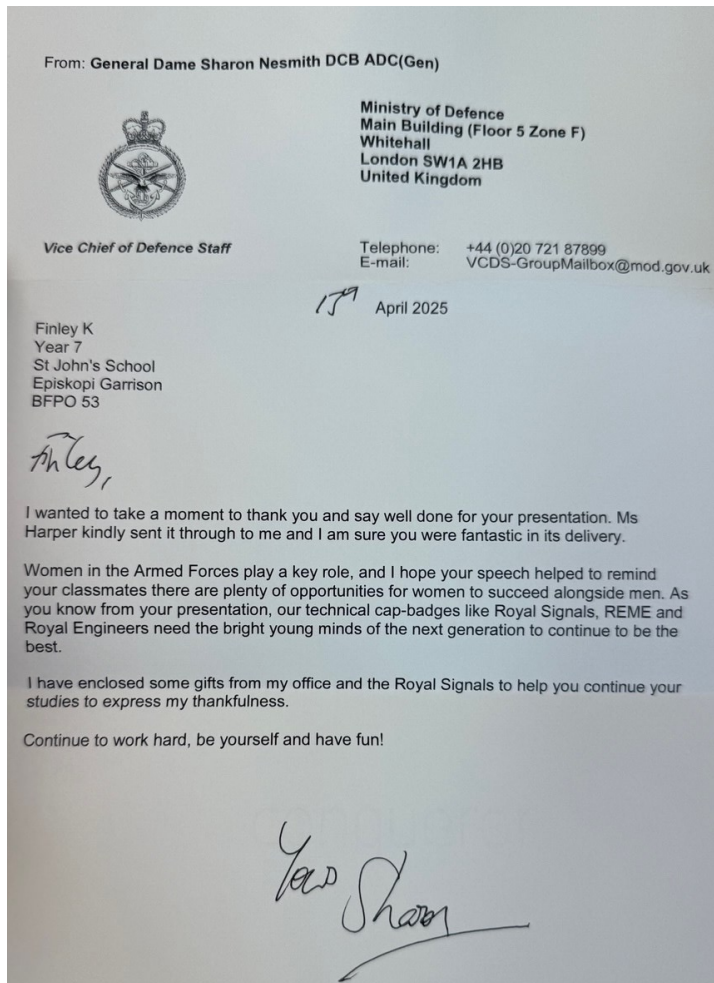
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You've got mail...



On Tuesday Finley received a letter from General Dame Sharon Nesmith, the Vice Chief of Defence Staff, recognising the quality of his recent presentation created and delivered in his English Lessons. His presentation focused upon the role of women in the military, specifically celebrating the work undertaken by General Dame Sharon Nesmith.

Upon receiving his letter and gifts, Finley described feeling extremely proud and looked forward to returning home to tell his parents.

The pride felt by Finley and his parents is also felt by us all here at St John's School and it is great that Finley has had his work recognised in this way. In addition to Finley's work, we are privileged to see and read work of such great quality by his peers who demonstrate our value of Commitment day in day out.





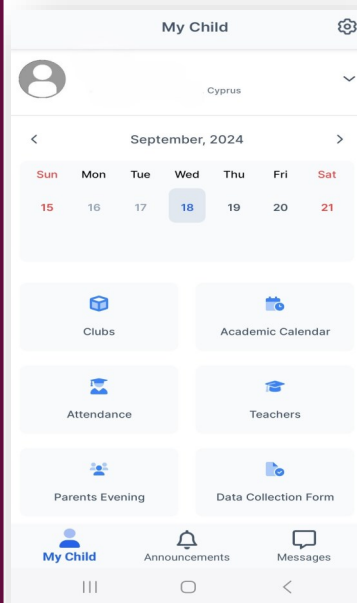
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Year 9 Parents' Afternoon



Thursday 15th May 1430—1700 hrs

Have you made your appointments? Appointments must be made in advance of the Parent Afternoon. Appointments can only be made through My Child at School (MCAS) App.

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 Mrs Twyford who will gladly assist you in logging on. Mrs Twyford's email is Hayley.Twyford@modschoools.org

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.



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Online Workshop for Parents

Keeping Children Safe in a Digital World

We are pleased to invite you to an important online workshop with Amit Kalley, former deputy headteacher, safeguarding expert, and founder of *For Working Parents*. Amit regularly writes for the *Daily Mail* and shares advice with thousands of parents through his professional online network.

This practical session will help you understand the online risks facing young people (aged 5-19) today, including:

- Harmful online communities (Manosphere, Incel)
- Sextortion and anti-feminist content
- Peer pressure, social media, and online slang
- Pressures on children's mental health and friendships

Amit will offer clear tips on how to talk to your child about these issues, spot warning signs, and support safe online habits.

Workshop details

Date: Thursday 22nd May 2025

Time: 12:30 PM – 1:30 PM

Join live online at home: Microsoft Teams

[Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 389 753 495 226 7

Passcode: cG94jp6s

Or watch live at Episkopi Primary School, where the meeting will be shown the School Hall.

We encourage all parents to attend and strengthen their understanding of how to keep children safe and confident online.



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Attendance Week

19th - 23rd May 2025

Attention all parents and carers

Your child's school is participating in an Attendance Week to celebrate student attendance and highlight the importance of reducing absence from school. Please look out for useful resources and information which will be shared from your child's school via email, newsletters, and social media.

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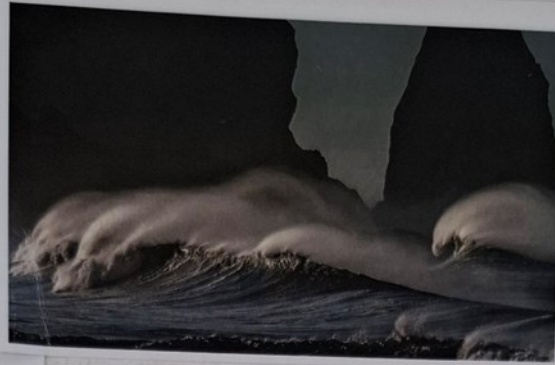
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St John's School Writers

This week, we would like to share some impressive imaginative writing from a student in Year 7.

Students were given an image as a prompt and asked to write a response with the title: 'I Am...'. The writing that follows showcases an impressive range of devices, level of control and breadth of vocabulary. Well done Junica!

I Am...



I am a crashing wave, intimidating and unwelcoming. My body crashes against the towering mountains, fighting and taking what's mine. The humans are scared of me, scared that I'll drown them, and use them as a decoration, or an ornament for the fishes and sharks to see. The white horses on the surface change at anything they see, engulfing the surrounding with my eerie waves. Beneath my horses I am dark and scary, absorbing any light I come across.

In my past, I was more friendly and calmer, befriendings sea life and humans. I was a protector and guardian of the sea life below my surface, feeding them, teaching them, and helping them as much as I can. Hundreds of years ago, humans and sea life were at peace. We helped each other, and fought off attackers with each other. This was before the humans had used wildlife for their own benefit. All human life started to litter in my oceans, like a toy to be messed up with. The sea life left, one by one - the fishes, the corals, everything left me. I knew this would happen. Everything worth wanting is lost the moment I obtain it. This is how it's always been for me. I try again and again, all just to lose everything. After that, I lost my trust for all human life. I isolated myself from the humans, I trusted them once, but now that trust is broken.