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Dear Families,

We have found ourselves at the end of another half-term and, following the short break, look ahead to the end of this academic year. For students in Year 10 through to 13, the half-term will be a busy one as they prepare for the ongoing public and then end of year exams. I wish all the students preparing for their exams well and encourage them to balance their hard work with some time for themselves.



This week began with students returning following a weekend Duke of Edinburgh Silver Expedition. Tired and blistered underfoot they were successful in completing this award and became our first cohort to do so. Elsewhere, students competed against King Richard School in a rounders tournament and it was great to finish the week celebrating with parents the students whose attendance has met, or exceeded, our whole school attendance target 96%.

Today, we said goodbye to students in Year 13 who will now remain on study leave until their exams conclude. For Year 11, they are expected to return to school after the half-term break until they finish the school year on the 20th June. For both year groups we will formally recognise the end of the year with a leavers assembly to which parents are cordially invited on Wednesday 18th June at 1300hrs.

Upcoming School Events

Week Commencing 26th May

All Week

Half-Term Holiday

School closed to students and staff

Week Commencing 2nd June

Week 1

All Week

National GCE, GCSE and BTEC Examinations

Tuesday 3rd June

Year 10 & 12 Parent Afternoon : 1430hrs —1700 hrs @ School Hall

Thursday 5th June

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

Week Commencing 9th June

Week 2

All Week

National GCE, GCSE and BTEC Examinations

Tuesday 10th June

St John's School Annual Awards Afternoon @1600hrs : Akrotiri Astra Cinema

Thursday 12th June

SJS Coffee Morning 0800—1000 hrs

Bookings required via SJS.enquiries@modschools.org



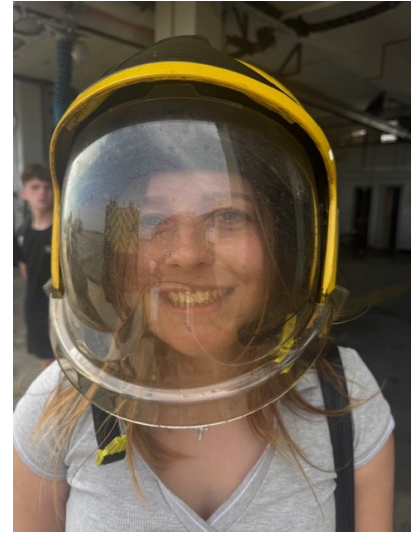
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This week at St John's School



On Friday 16th May our Year 10 and 12 students participated in a wide range of work experience opportunities across RAF Akrotiri. Students explored and experienced a wide range of careers that exist both in military and civilian life.



Students participated successfully in the completion of their Duke of Edinburgh Silver Expedition over 3 days and 2 nights last weekend.



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Congratulations to both our students and their parents who together have ensured their attendance has met and exceeded our whole school target of 96% school attendance. This week we held our annual 'Attendance Week' and it was great to end it by celebrating our students attendance with their parents.



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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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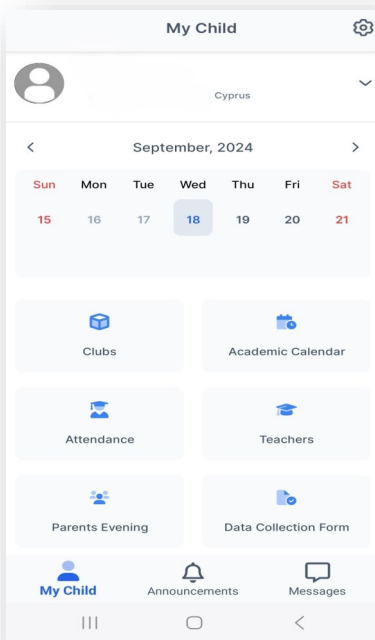
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Year 10 & 12 Parents' Afternoon

Tuesday 3rd June 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@modschools.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.

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Leavers



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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School Trips 2025—2026

Students report with frequency that they feel there are not enough opportunities to learn outside of school and participate in a variety of school trips. This is something we have planned to address for the next academic year as detailed upon the next couple of pages.

Year 7			Year 8			Year 9		
Kolossi Castle	September 2025	€0	Kolossi Castle	September 2025	€0	Kolossi Castle	September 2025	€0
Local Church Visit	February 2025	€0	Akrotiri Environmental Centre	February 2026	€0	Hala Sultan Tekkesi	January 2026	€0
Whole School Beach Clean	March 2026	€0	Whole School Beach Clean	March 2026	€0	Whole School Beach Clean	March 2026	€0
Khirokitia / Tenta	May 2026	€0	Tomb of the Kings	March 2026	€0	Khirokitia / Tenta	May 2026	€0
Camping in Happy Valley	May 2026	€10	York University (students participating on the Aspire Programme)	January 2026	€770	Troodos Overnight Trip	June 2026	€50
			Khirokitia / Tenta	May 2026	€0	Borneo Expedition	July 2026	£5350
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* costings remain approximate with specific details published to parents closer to the date of each trip



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School Trips 2025—2026

Year 10			Year 11			Sixth Form		
Paradox Museum and Escape Room	October 2025	€20	Yoga on the beach	November 2025	€0	Paradox Museum and Escape Room	October 2025	€20
Whole School Beach Clean	March 2026	€0	Geography Residential Fieldwork	February 2026	€TBC	Geography Residential Fieldwork	September 2025	€TBC
Nicosia Green Line Walking Tour	April 2026	€TBC	Whole School Beach Clean	March 2026	€0	Walking Tour of Varosha	January 2026	€TBC
Borneo Expedition	5th July 2026	£5350	Tomb of the Kings	10th March 2026	€0	UCAS University Fair, Manchester	March 2026	€600
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Be sure to add us as a friend of Facebook to keep up to date with what is happening at St John's School



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Adoption Support Network Family Event

Join us for fun,
games and
light refreshments

A chance for
adoptive families
to meet in a
relaxed and
supportive
environment



Saturday 21st
June
1pm to 3pm

Happy Valley
Scout Hut



If you would like to register for
this event please email

contactuscyprus@forcessocialwork.com



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QUALIFIER DATES

June

Q1 4th June – 5th June

Q2 11th June – 12th June

Q3 18th June – 19th June

Q4 25th June – 26th June

July

Q5 2nd July – 3rd July

Q6 9th July – 10th July

Q7 16th July – 17th July

Q8 23rd July – 24th July

See Mr KB with any questions - sign up at

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St John's School Writers

This week, we are sharing some further examples of poetry written by our KS3 students to celebrate the 80th anniversary of VE Day. We have entered a range of poetry into this year's 'Never Such Innocence' competition and we have our fingers crossed for all entrants!



Trenches of time

In the trenches, darkness clings
Fear and doubt, the soldier's sting
The weight of war, the crushing load
As cities burn and hope is remote.

But still they fought through mud and blood
For freedom's dream and a future floods
From beaches of Normandy's shore
To the ruins of a world, gone poor.

In the ashes, a glimmer shines,
A chance for peace, a new design.
Though the scars will forever remain
Perhaps someday love will reign.

Olivia S (Y8)

Hope

In fields of mud, the soldiers lay
As darkened skies turned night to day.
The sound of bombs, the shouts, the cries
A world at war beneath the skies.

The tanks rolled in, the planes did roar
As battles rages on every shore.
The storm of war, it took its toll.
A shattered world, a broken soul.

But in the dark the hope remained
A glimmer through the endless pain.
The courage of those who chose to fight
To stand for peace, to make things right.

Ezekiel K-B (Y8)

Finally

The horror has finally ended,
The plane noises disappearing at last.
The sound of the guns and screaming
Once filled the air.

Now the sound of nothingness
Fills that
Void.

Young men, some not even sixteen
Out on the field, wielding a gun
But most of their bodies drop...

Dead.

The noise,
Horrific noise.

Torture,
Finally ended.

But, the damage is done

Aimee C (Y8)

We Will Remember

On the 8th of May, the bells rang from their towers.
Cheers of joy erupted across the country.

People poured onto the streets,
Relief etched on their faces.

Soldiers lined the streets, remembering,
Sons, brothers, and fathers not so fortunate.
Families shed tears of sadness for their lost ones,

Yet joy for the fact they're free
Free from pain, torture and terror
On the 8th of May, we remember
Those who fought but never made it home.

We will not forget.

Bella F (Y8)