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Dear Families,

The highlight of this week was our annual end of year awards celebrations, which we held at the Astra Cinema in Akrotiri on Tuesday. Over 100 students were nominated for a range of awards which included subject awards as well as those that focused upon our core values of Integrity, Commitment and Respect. Congratulations to all of our award winners and nominees.



Today was the last formal day of school for our Year 11 cohort, who move into the last week of exams. They have approached each exam in exemplary fashion and remained positive throughout. Next week we will host a leavers assembly prior to their Promenade the following week.

Upcoming School Events

Week Commencing 16th June

Week 1

All Week

National GCE, GCSE and BTEC Examinations

Monday 16th June

Year 8 Parent Afternoon : 1430hrs —1700 hrs @ School Hall

Wednesday 18th June

Year 11 and 13 Leaver Assembly @ 1430hrs

Thursday 19th June

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

Friday 20th June

Sixth Form End of Year Dinner : An Evening Event

Week Commencing 23rd June

Week 2

All Week

Year 10 and 12 Mock Examinations

Wednesday 25th June

Year 11 Promenade

Thursday 26th June

Armed Forces Day Celebrations (all day)

SJS Coffee Morning 0800—1000 hrs

Bookings required via SJS.enquiries@modschoools.org

Friday 27th June

INSET Day : School Closed to students

Week Commencing 30th June

Week 1

All Week

Year 10 and 12 Mock Examinations

Tuesday 1st July

Transition Swimming Gala @ SJS

Interschool Water Polo Tournament @ KRS

Thursday 3rd July

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

Year 8 Parent Afternoon : 1430hrs —1700 hrs @ School Hall

Friday 4th July

Year 6 Transition Day 1

Year 6 Transition Day 2



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This week at St John's School





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Year 12 Mathematicians...

...take aim at learning on Akrotiri firing ranges

Year 12 Mathematics students recently swapped textbooks for targets on an exciting and educational trip to the Akrotiri live firing ranges, led by Miss Fox. This unique experience gave students a chance to see how mathematics—particularly the topics they're covering in their A-Level syllabus—applies in real-world, high-pressure environments.

The highlight of the day was an engaging talk by Warrant Officer Kelly, who discussed how various external factors—such as wind speed, air resistance, and elevation—affect the trajectory of bullets in different weapons. His insights helped students connect the abstract world of equations and vectors with practical ballistics, bringing concepts like parabolic motion and differential equations vividly to life.

After the theory came the hands-on experience. Students had the opportunity to test their aim and apply what they had learned by trying their hand at firing under controlled supervision. To everyone's credit, all the students proved to be excellent shots—calm under pressure and quick to adjust their aim using the principles discussed earlier. However, it was Miss Fox who stole the spotlight with her unmatched accuracy on the rifle. Rumour has it she may have missed her calling in competitive shooting! Hayden took the lead with fantastic aim and grouping with the pistol; showing true skill and a very steady hand.

The trip was not only educational but also immensely enjoyable, giving students a new appreciation for the power of mathematics beyond the classroom.





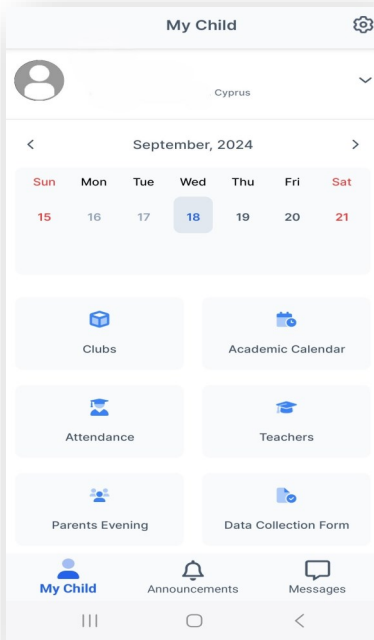
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Year 8 Parents' Afternoon



Monday 16th 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@modschoools.org

PE Uniform for September 2025 onwards

Over the past year Nike Pro Training shorts have become increasingly popular amongst students participating in Physical Education (PE). The shorts and similar compression-style athletic shorts (pictured) are made to be close fitting with stretchy material and from September 2025 will no longer be permitted to be worn for PE.

This decision has been made in order to uphold the school's standards for appropriate dress, ensure a consistent and respectful learning environment for all students, and maintain a focus on physical activity over personal attire. While Nike Pro shorts are popular for athletic performance, they are not aligned with the school's expectations for modesty and uniformity during school hours.



Approved PE attire includes the following:

- Loose-fitting black athletic shorts of mid-thigh length or longer
- PE T-shirts provided by the school
- Athletic shoes suitable for physical activity

Suitable loose-fitting black athletic shorts can be purchased from school directly for €5 or elsewhere.

Students who arrive to PE in non-compliant attire, including Nike Pro shorts, will in the first instance be asked to change with repeated non-compliance being addressed through the use of our behaviour policy.



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School Governance Committee (SGC)

School Governance Committee (SGC) members are interested members of the community, including parents of children at St John's School.

We work with the Headteacher and school staff to assist in making key decisions vital to the successful running of the school, contribute to decisions directly affecting the education and wellbeing of pupils, assist in improving standards throughout the school and monitor the school budget.

The SGC meets each half term as a whole committee to review and discuss school business, and represent the views of parents.

Main Roles

Provide a Strategic Overview

- Focusing on the key issues of raising standards of achievement, establishing high expectations and promoting effective teaching and learning

Act as a Critical Friend

- Providing the Headteacher and staff with support and advice using members' knowledge and experience

Ensure Accountability

- Questioning and openly discussing with the Headteacher the school's performance and other issues, whilst respecting both the professional roles of the Headteacher and school staff and their responsibilities for the management of the school

Are you interested in joining our SGC?

We currently have a number of vacancies upon our School Governance, should you be interested we welcome a short expression of interest detailing your suitability by email to:

Penny.Demetriou@modschoools.org



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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.

School
Leavers



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@modschools.org.

Headteacher's Surgery - Akrotiri Hive

On Thursday 19th June 0900—1000 hrs, parents and/or members of the BFC community are welcome to drop into the Akrotiri Hive, without appointment, to meet the Headteacher, Colin Guyton, to discuss any ideas or issues concerning St John's School.

This approach draws similarities from the MP Local Constituency Surgeries you may be familiar with in the UK and it is hoped that it will prove a useful opportunity to share ideas that help improve the provision we provide to the young people in our care.



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Let's be friends!

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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Creative Faculty Exhibition



Come and join us in the celebration and showcasing of student work
Food, Music, Fine Art and Design Technology.

18th June 2025 from 15.30

In the Art Studios and Design Technology Foyer.

Refreshments available.



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The Crucible

Arthur Miller

The story of the infamous Salem witch trials

TICKETS

€5

Purchase at
Episkopi Early Years
OR
Reserve tickets
here



Not recommended for
children under 12



SHOWS

26th 27th 28th

JUNE

7PM

AT
ST JOHN'S
SCHOOL
EPISKOPI

This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Music Theatre International on behalf of Josef Weinberger Ltd. www.mtishows.co.uk / www.josef-weinberger.com



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St John's School Writers

This term, Year 7 are studying a collection of ancient tales and will look at the oratory tradition of storytelling. Year 7a recently considered how we define a story and explored a range of examples beyond fiction, including anecdotes, jokes and micro fiction.

Ernest Hemingway once declared that his best work was a six-word story:



Other authors have been similarly economical:

‘Set sail, great storm, all lost.’ John Banville

‘See that shadow? (It’s not yours.)’ Jim Crace

‘Megan’s baby: John’s surname, Jim’s eyes.’ Simon Armitage

‘Served the pie, watched him die.’ Maggie O’Farrell

Here are some of 7a’s six-word stories:

‘Enjoy your meal. It’s your last.’

‘Found love, as he woke up.’

‘Wanted happy ending, given what deserved.’

‘They kissed under the balcony. Oops!’

‘Rain falls. Bombs fall. Death rises.’

‘Saw him walking; saw him ‘falling’.