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Dear Families,

We edge ever closer to the end of the academic year, however the pace at St John's School remains high. This week students in Year 10 and 12 enjoyed a wide variety of work experience opportunities across the WSBA. Thank you to all of the departments who have accommodated our students and given them a taste of working life. Our focus upon career information and guidance carries onto into next week and on Monday involves all of our students from Year 7 through to Year 12. On Monday we will be joined by over 40 professionals from a wide variety of industries who will carousel through our students explaining the different career opportunities that exist, the qualifications needed and role each career entails. Thank you in advance to everyone involved, we look forward to welcoming you to St John's School.



Elsewhere this week two of our students visited Episkopi Primary School to help lead an assembly celebrating the contribution of Brigadier Andrew Dawes (CBE) who during his time in Cyprus has been a determined advocate of our schools and families.

The week ended with our students visiting King Richard School to participate in the end of year swimming gala. At the time of writing the results were not known, however, I am certain our students have competed with the commitment and respect that exemplify a St John's student.

## Upcoming School Events

### Week Commencing 14th July

**Monday 14th July**

**Thursday 17th July**

**Friday 18th July**

### Week Commencing 21st July

**Monday 21st July**

**Tuesday 22nd July**

**Careers Fair**

**Year 12 into 13 1-1 Transition Meetings**

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

**Year 12 into 13 1-1 Transition Meetings**

**End of Year School Reports published.**

**Lessons as normal**

**Last day of the academic year—school closes at 1230 hrs**

### Week 1

### Week 2



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## This week at St John's School



Students in Year 10 and 12 enjoyed opportunity to undertake work experience across a range of departments within the WSBA.





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On Tuesday we recreated our end of year awards ceremony recently held at the Astra Cinema in Akrotiri for our award nominees, winners and their families. Tuesday provided opportunity for all other students to applaud the award recipients and a chance for the Episkopi and Troodos Station Commander, Lt Col Paul Francis, to award a small number of students with the Station Commander's Commendation for their service to the wider community and demonstration of our 'One Team Ethos'.





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## Snack Shack—Limited Service

Sadly Manisha, who has successfully run our Snack Shack over the past year, leaves St John's School today, Friday 11th July. Manisha, has done an outstanding job, providing a range of snacks for students including the very popular hotdogs served on a Friday. Manisha is returning to the UK with her family and, on behalf of the students, we thank her for keeping us fuelled up over the past year.

We have been successful in recruiting a new Healthy Lunchtime Provider who will begin in this role in September. However, for the final few days of this term there will be a more limited offer in our Snack Shack. Each day there will be an array of sandwiches, jacket potatoes, jelly, rice bars, yogurts and fruit drinks.

## Headteacher's Surgery - Akrotiri Hive

On Thursday 17th July 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

As it continues to warm up, please can you ensure your child attends school with a bottle to refill at breaktimes.



Don't forget to  
bring your own  
bottle to refill



## Contacting the school

Parents are reminded that contact can be made through:

- [SJS.Enquiries@modschools.org](mailto:SJS.Enquiries@modschools.org)
- [SJS.Attendance@modschools.org](mailto:SJS.Attendance@modschools.org)
- 00357 2596 3888 (0730—1500hrs)



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## New academic year arrangements

The school will close on Tuesday 22nd July for students with only a skeleton number of staff in school throughout the holiday period. Should you need to contact the school during this period, please email [sjs.enquiries@modschools.org](mailto:sjs.enquiries@modschools.org), however, please note there may be a delay in response, particularly over the Cypriot summer holiday period.

The table below details when the school will be open throughout the summer period, as well as the start of term arrangements.

Thursday 14th August 2025	1000—1200	A-Level Examination Results Published	SJS Episkopi
Thursday 21st August 2025	1000—1200	GCSE Examination Results Published	SJS Episkopi
Tuesday 26 August 2025	0900 – 1200	Purchase of Uniform	SJS Episkopi
Wednesday 27 August 2025	0900 – 1200	Purchase of Uniform	Akrotiri Hive
Wednesday 27 August 2025	All day	Year 11 into 12 Sixth Form Interviews (letter being sent by Sixth Form)	SJS Episkopi
<b>Friday 29 August 2025</b>	<b>0900</b>	<b>New Student/Parent Induction Briefing</b> Meet the Head Teacher School Tour Purchase of Uniform	SJS Episkopi
Monday 1st September 2025	All day	Staff Inset Day	SJS Episkopi
Tuesday 2nd September 2025	All day	Staff Inset Day	SJS Episkopi
Wednesday 3rd September 2025	0800-1400	School opens to Y7 and Y11 only	SJS Episkopi
Thursday 4th September 2025	0800-1400	School Opens for all students	SJS Episkopi



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## 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.

## 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@modschools.org](mailto:Kate.Parkinson@modschools.org).





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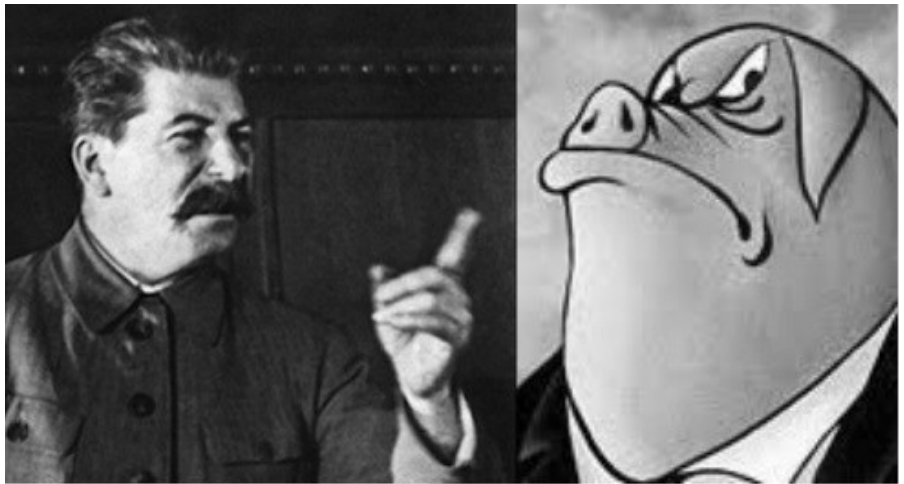
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## St John's School Writers

Year 8 will be completing their study of 'Animal Farm' during the last week of the academic year. Through their study of the text, pupils learn about the novella's function as an allegory for the Russian Revolution of 1917. The following piece of writing looks at parallels between the rhetoric used by Stalin and the character of Napoleon. Ewan has demonstrated excellent progress through this piece of work – well done!

### **How do Stalin and Napoleon use similar techniques?**

Napoleon and Stalin both changed history. We know this because the source states that 'Stalin rewrote Soviet history to give himself a more significant role in the overthrow of Tsar Nicholas II'. This is similar to how Napoleon changed history to take away Snowball's Animal Hero First Class and say that he did everything in the fight for the Battle of the Cowshed.



Stalin and Napoleon use similar techniques to put up paintings of themselves. Stalin put up paintings of himself to make sure everyone would know that he was the strongest out of all of the people. Stalin makes himself look tall or strong, just like Napoleon. Just like Stalin, Napoleon also got a poem made of him, saying that if a person and his wife had a child, his first word would be 'Stalin'. Just like how a pig said the same for 'Napoleon'.

Stalin was given nicknames to make himself look good and so that people didn't think he was terrifying, similar to how Napoleon was given names for himself. The names were: 'Father of all animals, Terror of Mankind, Protector of the Sheepfold and Duckling's Friend' and so control show people see him. Stalin tried to change Russia for 'good', just like how Napoleon changed Animal Farm to get out all bad people or animals from it.

The press was controlled by Stalin to make him look wise, bold and inspiring or a genius. This is like how the sheep were taught to say 'four legs good, 2 legs bad' or how other animals were controlled to give up something like the cows' milk or the chickens' eggs to Napoleon to trade to get more food for himself.

Both Stalin and Napoleon make people agree with them. Stalin would torture people to make them do things he wanted and Napoleon tortures others by making the other animals do what he says.

Ewan S (Y8)