



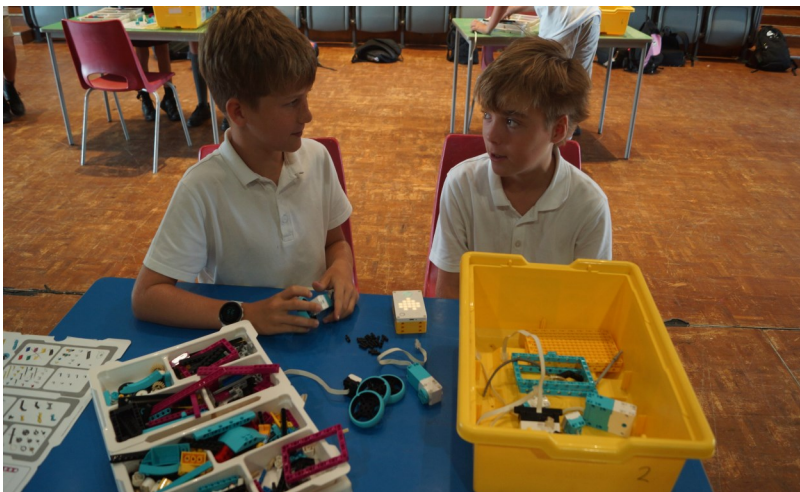
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Dear Families,

It has been a busy week with lots running concurrent to our work in the classroom. On Monday our A-Level Geography students set off upon a week long residential that allowed them to undertake a wide range of fieldwork techniques ahead of their A-Level



examination. Thursday allowed our Year 7 students to engage in a variety of practical activities that facilitated students' problem solving skills through their application of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). Whilst on Friday the week ended with students participating in our interschool swimming gala which is continuing as this newsletter is being published.

## Upcoming School Events

### Week Commencing 6th October

Week 2

Tuesday 7th October

Year 10 & 12 SMSC School Trip (optional)

Wednesday 8th October

SJS Vs KRS Swim Gala 1015—1230hrs @ SJS

Thursday 9th October

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

Year 11 & 13 Parent Afternoon @ 1430—1700hrs

### Week Commencing 13th October

Week 1

Monday 13th October

Parent Information Evening unpacking CAT, NGRT and PASS Results @1430—1515 in Exam Room

Tuesday 15th October

School Governors Meeting @ 1000hrs

Thursday 16th October

St John's School Peer Review: All Day

SJS Coffee Morning 0900—1000 hrs

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

### Week Commencing 20th Oct.

Week 2

All Week

Autumn National Public Exam Series

Monday 20th October

Mock Exam : A Parental Information Evening @ 1430hrs in Exam Room

Thursday 23rd October

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

Last Day of Term





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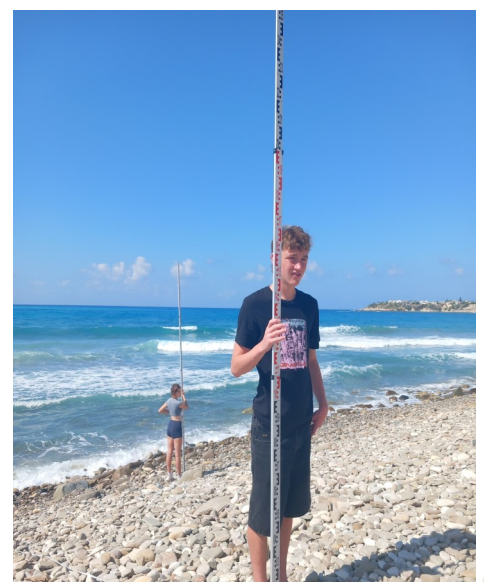
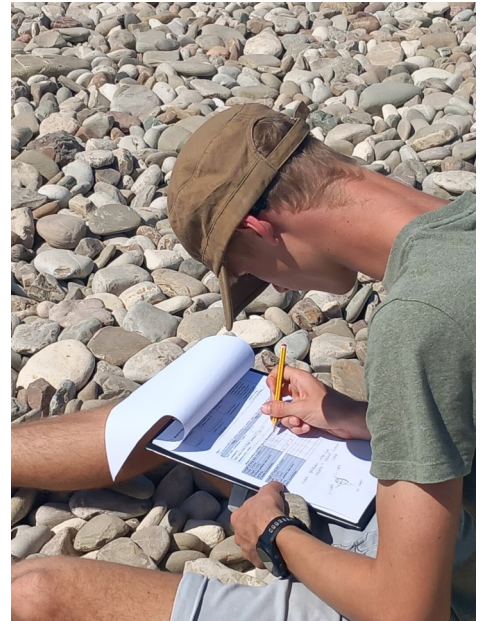


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## This week at St John's School



Our Sixth Form Geography students have been on a week long residential undertaking a wide variety of fieldwork activities in eastern Cyprus. Their work was undertaken in support of their A-Level course.







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On Thursday we were visited by the RAF STEM Team allowing our students to develop and construct robotic prototypes for evacuating areas afflicted by natural disasters.





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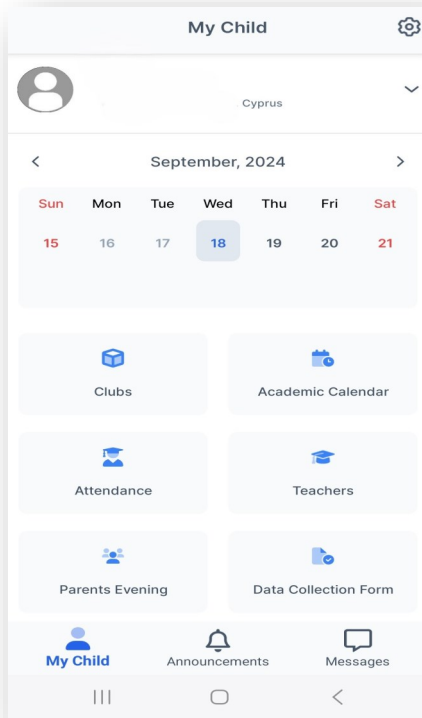
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## Year 11 and 13 Parents' Afternoon

**Thursday 9th October 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](mailto:Hayley.Twyford@modschoools.org)



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hard at times**

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to get started



### **Has your child accessed Kooth?**

It is a free, safe and anonymous place for young people to find online support and counselling. There is a bunch of features and tools to support young people if they are not feeling their best. The website provides advice and tips on all sorts of things from anxiety and relationship advice to ideas for relaxing after a stressful day.





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## School Photos

Parents recently received a letter regarding this year's school photographs. School photos, both group and individual photos, will be taken on Wednesday 5th and Thursday 6th November. The cost for the photographs will be €11, which will include 1 large and 2 small individual photographs, as well as a year group photograph. To help us plan accordingly, please confirm your intention for your child to have a school photograph by completing the proforma at the bottom of the letter with payment by Friday 10th October.



## Bring in a Reading Book

We ask that students attend school with a book in their bag. They can bring their own book or one borrowed from a library, whether it is our library or one of the libraries on Episkopi or Akrotiri.



## Headteacher's Surgery - Akrotiri Hive



On Thursday 9th October 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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# It's time for a Macmillan Coffee Morning and you're invited

As well as cakes and bakes to buy we will also have games and competitions, such as quizzes, word search and guess how many sweets are in the jar.

Let's do whatever it takes  
to support people living with cancer.

**Place:** St John's School, courtyard

**Date:** Friday 10th October

**Time:** Second break

**Contact:** Miss Dunmore

Calling all bakers and bakers! There will be a competition for the best homemade cake or bake and for the best shop brought for both students and staff!



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## RAF Akrotiri Safety Day

Organised by the **Safety & Assurance Squadron (S&A Sqn)**, this engaging event brings together teams from across the Station and the wider BFC community to showcase safety best practices, equipment, and procedures in a hands-on format. The event is open to families and students, with activities suitable for all ages.

### Highlights include:

Fire Section with Fire Truck

Police Safety  
Demonstrations

Marine Section Boat Display

STEM Team with Interactive  
Science & Engineering  
Activities

Safety-Themed Activities for  
Children

Refreshments available  
from The Coffee Pot

# RAF AKROTIRI SAFETY DAY

9 OCT 2025  
1300-1600

RAF AKROTIRI - RUGBY PITCHES

## FEATURING:

Fire Section

Police

Marine Boat showcase

Safety-themed activities  
for children

FREE REFRESHMENTS





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## St John's School Writers

This week we have celebrated National Poetry Day in the English Department. This year's theme was 'Play'. This was interpreted in really interesting and inventive ways. Please enjoy these fantastic poems written by our talented students.

### Play

I once knew a guitarist, his fingers sliced against the nylon strings,  
Blood trickling down his hand, arm and onto his thigh,  
On which the guitar rested softly, sighing its beautiful melody,  
Its perfectly carved wooden body sat content in his lap.

But his fingers still bled.

"Buy a pick", I'd told him, maybe 3 or 4 times now,  
But he couldn't do that, he wanted what he had before,  
Before his fingers had been slit and leaked that crimson pain,  
When the sweet melody she would play had only been heard by his ear.

But his fingers still bled.

His fingers eventually scarred over, not fully gone, would they ever be?  
His guitar had been sold and was singing her sweet melodies to another,  
Whilst he sat alone, missing the feeling of his bloodied fingers,  
It may seem so odd that he missed the pain, but maybe he just missed her.

When his fingers still bled.

Eventually, he had a new guitar, maybe with bronze strings,  
Ones that didn't bite at the hand that fed them,  
Ones that hummed with purpose rather than reluctantly,  
Or maybe he relapsed into those bloody nylon strings.

The ones that made his fingers blood red.

Don't be like him, you wouldn't make it far,  
And in case you hadn't noticed, this is not about guitars

Lennon W. Y10





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### In Play We Find Our Way.

In morning's light or evening hush,  
Where time forgets its measured rush.  
No map, no rules, no cage.

A cardboard box becomes a ship,  
A broomstick sprouts a rocket's tip,  
The grass is lava; the skies are wide.

Imagination is the guide.

We chase the wind, we laugh, we fall,  
A stick, a stone – these are our call.  
The games we play both loud and small  
Make children kings and fences walls.

So, let the grown world pause today –  
And join the dance, the leap, the fray.  
For it is in play we find our way;  
The soul remembers how to stay.

Zeke KB.Y9

### Ready for the Race

Axle on and sprockets spin,  
The race-day prep is about to begin.  
Chain tightened, give the chain spray a shake,  
Making it smooth, for safety's sake.

Tyres on and ready to race,  
Making sure I keep my pace.  
I change the setting, adjust the seat,  
Making sure comfort is priority, head to feet.

Helmet polished, other drivers in sight,  
My visor down, ready to fight.  
Fuel in the tank, engine beginning to warm,  
This way I know I'll be on form.

The grid is waiting, tyres are warm,  
The green flag waved and off I stormed.  
The race I've practiced for is finally here,  
The sound of my engine is all I want to hear.

Each part I've played with, tested, and checked,  
Has ended in the result I was beginning to expect.  
Each part I played with, has come in clutch,  
That's why this race win means so much.

Aiden C. Y9