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Dear Families,

Our ambition to broaden our students school experience continued to be realised this week with Year 10, 12 and 13 having opportunity to visit the Paradox Museum and an Escape Room in Limassol on Tuesday. Opportunities like this one have been mapped out across this school year with each, like the Kourian visit by Key Stage 3 earlier this month designed to enhance a spiritual, moral social and cultural experiences. Students also had



the opportunity to compete against King Richard School on Wednesday at the Interschool Swimming Gala, despite our best efforts we splashed out as runners up overall masking some outstanding individual efforts and triumphs. Today, a number of our students are competing in a Tag Rugby tournament in Akrotiri.

On Thursday, I was able to celebrate our student of the month for September surprising her with a meeting with Mum and the opportunity to reflect on an excellent month at school with a drink and cake. Thursday also provided opportunity to meet with parents of Year 11 and 13 during our first parent afternoon of this academic year. The afternoon allowed reflection upon the Summer mock exam results, whilst plotting the flight path that will lead students into their mock exams that get underway next month.

### **Upcoming School Events**

**Week Commencing 13th October** 

Week 1

Week 2

Monday 13th October Year 7 Parent Information Evening unpacking CAT, NGRT and PASS Re-

sults @1430-1515 in the School Hall

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 <a href="mailto:SJS.enquiries@modschools.org">SJS.enquiries@modschools.org</a>

Week Commencing 20th Oct.

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** 

Week Commencing 27th Oct.

All Week Half-Term Holiday

School closed to students and staff



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## This week at St John's School







Year 10, 12 and 13 spent Tuesday at the Paradox Museum and Escape Rooms in Limassol.





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### **RAF Team Building Day Inspires St John's Students**

This week, we were delighted to welcome the Royal Air Force to St John's School for an exciting day of team-building activities with our Year 7–10 students. The sessions focused on active listening, leadership, and teamwork, with students rotating through a dynamic carousel of challenges designed to test their communication and problem-solving skills.

The energy and enthusiasm throughout the day were fantastic, and it was wonderful to see our students collaborating, supporting one another, and showing great determination. The RAF team were full of praise for our pupils, and several stand-out students really shone as emerging leaders.

A huge thank you to the RAF for delivering such engaging and inspiring activities — our students absolutely loved it!



### **September's Student of the Month**



Choosing one student to be singled out as our student of the month is an almost impossible task. We are so fortunate to have such wonderful and deserving students and I am delighted that they are being recognised in so many ways. Whether it is a Quick Note, a phone call, an email home or a personal comment from a member of staff I am confident that all of our students are rightly being recognised for how they contribute to our school and model our values of Integrity, Commitment and Respect.

This month, it was this student who received special recognition as our Student of the Month for September. She has modelled each of our school values to others having made an excellent start to Year 10 and the new academic year.

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### The Learning Circle at St John's School

#### When Actions Speak Louder than Words in the Classroom

At St John's School, our Learning Circle provides students with the opportunity to reflect on key values that help them grow both academically and personally. The past two weeks, our focus was on kindness, exploring how thoughtful actions can create a positive and supportive atmosphere. For the next two weeks, our attention has shifted to the importance of being a good role model in the classroom and for learning.

Being a role model in school goes beyond simply following the rules. It's about the way students set an example for others—through their attitude to learning, their behaviour, and their interactions with peers and teachers. When students demonstrate respect, resilience, and responsibility, they not only strengthen their own learning but also encourage those around them to do the same.

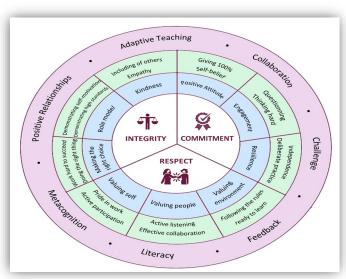
Research shows that young people are strongly influenced by the behaviours they see day-to-day. By modelling focus, perseverance, and a positive approach to challenges, our students inspire one another and contribute to classrooms where everyone can succeed. Even small actions—such as being prepared for lessons, listening carefully, or encouraging a classmate—can have a significant impact on the wider learning environment.

As a school community, we believe that every student has the capacity to lead by example. Through our Learning Circle, we help them to recognise the power of their actions and the role they play in building a culture of mutual respect and shared success.

#### Reflection for parents to discuss at home:

"What kind of role model do you think you are in your classroom?

Can you think of a time when you set a positive example for others?"



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### **SJS Coffee Mornings**

On Thursday 16th October 0900—1000hrs, parents of students at St John's School are cordially invited to join our coffee morning, should you wish to book a place, please email SJS.Enquiries@modschools.org.

Limited to 15 people, I look forward to touring you around the school, visiting lessons and answering any questions or concerns you may have.



## Parent Information Event (Year 7 Parents Only): Unpacking CAT, NGRT and PASS Results @1430—1515

On Monday 13th October parents are invited to attend a short event that will allow them to receive their child's Cognitive Ability Tests results along with the results of their recent NGRT reading assessments and the pupil attitude to self and school survey. Each activity has been undertaken in the last month and provides both the school and parent with an insight into a child's cognitive ability, reading proficiency and attitude to self and school.



All assessments are provided by the market leader GL Assessment.

The aim of Monday's information event is to explain what the data shows, how it is used by our school and how it can be used by you as a parent at home.



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## St John's School Writers

We continue to bring you entries from this years National Poetry Day with two more poems written around this year's theme of 'Play'.

#### Play

The curtain rises, a hush descends; a world of make-believe now transcends.

In costume bright, with heart aflame; an actor steps into the game.

With every line a transformation; a journey deep into imagination.

From laughter's peek to sorrow's sting; the actor's soul takes flight, takes wing.

The final bow, the light's ablaze; a moment caught in time's soft haze.

The applause rings, a sweet reward – for stories told and hearts restored.

Ivy R. Y7

#### Growing Up is Hard

One day yow wake up and you aren't seven anymore.

And your room feels smaller,
The walls close in like they're tired of holding all your childhood memories.
The stuffed animals on the shelf look more like strangers than friends now.
The outside world grew bigger and louder,
But no-one hears you like they did back then.

The swingset is rusted now,
The chains squeak with a weight that they didn't use to carry.
No-one pushes you anymore,
You have to push yourself harder than you thought you could.

You don't dream of growing up like you used to,
Now you wish you could just go back.
Back to when happiness wasn't hard to find,
When it didn't feel like a battle to get through the day.

The friends you thought you would have forever drifted away, And the ones that stayed don't seem to know you anymore. Maybe you don't even know yourself.

The days blur together in a way that they didn't back then,
When summer stretched on forever and the sun didn't set until you were ready.
You wonder why no-one told you that growing up would feel like this,
Like losing pieces of yourself along the way,
Like trying to hold onto the post while the future pulls you forward,
Like watching the world change, But somehow,
You're the one that feels different.