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**They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old:
age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.**



**At the going down of the sun and in the morning
WE WILL REMEMBER THEM**

Laurence Binyon, Ode of Remembrance



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Dear Families,

I do hope that you enjoyed the half term break and managed to carve some time together, be it here in Cyprus or perhaps further afield. It has been great to welcome back our students this week and to hear of all they have been up to.



This week we celebrated students who were identified by staff as demonstrating our value of Integrity through their actions as a Role Model. Over the current fortnight we will be looking to spot those students who are seen to be demonstrating integrity through their ‘making of the right choices’.

On Wednesday we came together for our annual whole school photograph. This year’s photograph generated further meaning having been collating photographs for our school anniversary on Saturday 15th November. In preparation I have been pouring over school photos that date back to the early 1960’s. I wonder who will be looking at our school photo in 2075?

Next Friday we have our Sports Day held in Happy Valley and we look forward to cheering our students on together with their parents. I hope to see many of you there, as per the letter shared together with this edition of our newsletter.

Upcoming School Events

Week Commencing 10th Nov.

All Week

Tuesday 11th November

Thursday 13th November

Friday 14th November

Saturday 15th November

Week Commencing 17th Nov.

Wednesday 19th November

Thursday 20th November

Friday 21st November

Week Commencing 24th Nov.

All Week

Monday 24th November

Tuesday 25th November

Thursday 27th November

Week 2

Autumn National Public Exam Series

Remembrance Day

Peer Review of SJS

Year 8 HPV Vaccinations

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

Sports Day @ Happy Valley (All Day)

Alumni Anniversary of St John’s School 1200—1800 hrs

Week 1

Year 9 Parent Afternoon @ 1430—1700hrs

SJS Coffee Morning 0900—1000 hrs

Bookings required via SJS.enquiries@modschoools.org

Reserve Sports Day

Week 2

GCSE and GCE Mock Examinations

Episkopi Races Y7-9 @ Happy Valley

Flu Vaccinations

Year 11 & 13 Yoga and Mindfulness

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



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This week at St John's School

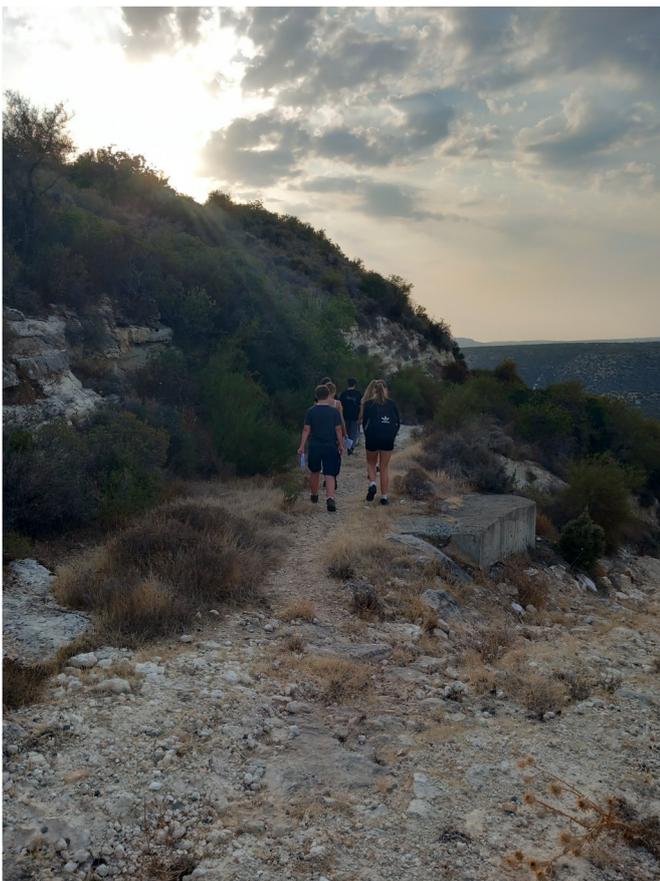


Our students who were specifically cited for demonstrating our value of Integrity through their identified actions as Role Models within our school.



We took our place on the steps of our amphitheatre on Wednesday for our annual school photograph.

Students took their place in the Amphitheatre where year upon year our alumni have sat.



Students training for the Duke of Edinburgh Award enjoyed the unseasonably warm weather as they prepared for their upcoming expeditions with a practice walk on Wednesday.



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Year 9 Parents' Afternoon

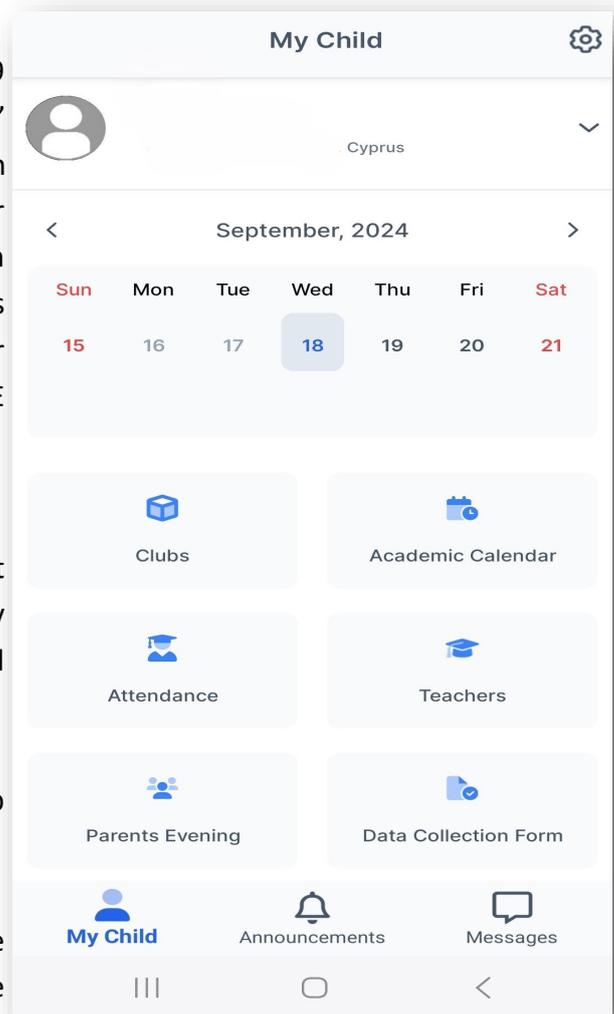
Wednesday 19th November 1430—1700 hrs

We look forward to welcoming parents of our Year 9 students into school for their upcoming Parents' Afternoon. The Parents' Afternoon will give you an opportunity, along with your child, to meet their teachers in a series of 1:1 meetings. During each meeting you will be able to reflect upon your child's start to the new academic year, hear about their progress and perhaps begin to consider possible GCSE option choices ahead of Year 10.

Appointments must be made in advance of the Parent Afternoon. Appointments can only be made through My Child at School (MCAS) App. The appointment book will open on Monday 10th November at midday.

Please ensure you have registered to use the MCAS App in advance of Monday 10th November.

Once registered, to make your appointments, please visit the Parents Evening tab via the MCAS homepage after Midday on Monday 10th November. You can then follow the prompts to make appointments for your child's teachers.



Having difficulties?

Should you encounter difficulties please email Mrs Twyford who will gladly support you in logging in for the first time and/or making an appointment. Mrs Twyford's email is Hayley.Twyford@MODSchools.org



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2025 Poppy Appeal

We have had a delivery of Poppies to coincide with Remembrance Day. Students are invited to bring in a small donation to purchase and wear a poppy in the approach to 11th November 2025.



On Tuesday 11th November our school will come together along with pupils from Episkopi Primary School to mark this day of reflection. Students who serve within the Cadets are encouraged to attend in Uniform.

Headteacher's Surgery - Akrotiri Hive

On Thursday 13th November 0900—1000 hrs, parents and/or members of the BFC community are welcome to drop into the Akrotiri Hive, without appointment, to meet with our Pastoral Manager, Kate Parkinson, to discuss any ideas or issues concerning St John's School. Kate will be present in the absence of Mr Guyton who is required to attend a meeting elsewhere at this time.



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.



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.



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Episkopi Community Needs Survey

The Garrison Commander Lt Col M Butler IG invites you to complete the Community Needs Analysis which can be accessed using the QR Code shared here. Alternatively you can click on this [link](#)



RAF Akrotiri Fireworks Night

Bonfire Night is nearly upon us, with a firework display at RAF Akrotiri on the 5th November. For families living in Episkopi Garrison you are invited to register for transportation using the QR Code below or through this [link](#)

