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Dear Families,

Monday saw the annual Episkopi Races where our DCS Schools from across Cyprus compete in cross country running events. Organised by Episkopi Primary School, the event was supported by our Sixth Form Sports Leaders who undertook a “commendable job, leading from the front”. The event also brought success for St John’s School as they out competed King Richard School for this year’s trophy.



This week our students were treated to an array of street food prepared and sold by our GCSE Food Technology students. On Tuesday 80% of students received this year’s flu vaccination administered in school by the School Nurse and his team. The mock exams for Year 11 and 13 also got underway and we wish them well as they navigate their upcoming exams in the weeks to follow. Finally, we also welcomed the opportunity to host the PWRR for their Regimental Briefing in our school hall on Tuesday and their families for the departure briefing that took place on Monday. It is great to see the hall and school facilities being used by the community.

Upcoming School Events

Week Commencing 1st Dec.

Week 1

All week

GCSE and GCE Mock Examinations

Tuesday 2nd December

SJS Vs. KRS Football Tournament @ 1400 in Happy Valley

Thursday 4th December

SJS Coffee Morning 0900—1000 hrs

Bookings required via SJS.enquiries@modschoools.org

Friday 5th December

BFC Christmas Pantomime : Rapunzel @ 1500 and 1800hrs in School Hall

Week Commencing 8th Dec.

Week 2

All Week

GCSE and GCE Mock Examinations

Wednesday 10th December

School Governing Committee @ 1000hrs

Thursday 11th December

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

Christmas Concert @ 1800 hrs in the School Hall

Friday 12th December

Year 7 Christmas Dinner @ 1200 hrs

Sixth Form Christmas Party

Week Commencing 15th Dec.

Week 1

All Week

GCSE and GCE Mock Examination Catch Up

Student Christmas Dinner—arrangements communicated separately

Wednesday 17th December

Year 11 School Trip (communicated directly to parents)

Thursday 18th December

SJS Coffee Morning 0900—1000 hrs

Bookings required via SJS.enquiries@modschoools.org

Key Stage 3 Disco @ 1800 hrs in School Hall

Friday 19th December

Last Day of Term— school closes at 1230hrs



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This week at St John's School

Students from across all MOD Cyprus Schools competed in the Episkopi Cross Country Races, an annual event organised by Mr Fazackerley at the Episkopi Primary School. Congratulations to our students who beat King Richard School to come out as overall winners for this academic year.





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Acting Head of Key Stage 4

I am delighted to announce that Mrs Kim Hayes is taking on the role of Head of Key Stage 4 in an acting capacity up until the end of the this academic year. Mrs Hayes, who many students will know through their Science lessons, brings a wealth of experience in similar roles accrued across a range of schools in the UK.



Mrs Hayes is really pleased to be taking on the role of Head of Key Stage 4 and to have the opportunity to support our students during this important stage of their education. Throughout her teaching career, she has focused on supporting exam-year students and driving strong academic progress, with a particular commitment to identifying and removing barriers to success. Mrs Hayes is passionate about creating a culture where every student feels equipped, supported and motivated to achieve their full potential. To this end Mrs Hayes is looking forward to working closely with staff, students and families to ensure that our Key Stage 4 cohort achieves both excellent outcomes and a positive, confident mindset for the future.

As a consequence of this appointment Mr Roberts will be taking over Mrs Hayes tutor group, something he is very much looking forward too.



GCSE Food Technology students serve up some street food at St John's School.

Students today prepared and served our students with a variety of street food dishes, which would commonly be sold by a hawker or vendor on a street or in a public place such as a market, fair or park.

The dishes sold out quickly and were certainly popular.

Contacting the school

Parents are reminded that contact can be made through:

- SJS.Enquiries@modschools.org
- **00357 2596 3888 (0730—1500hrs)**





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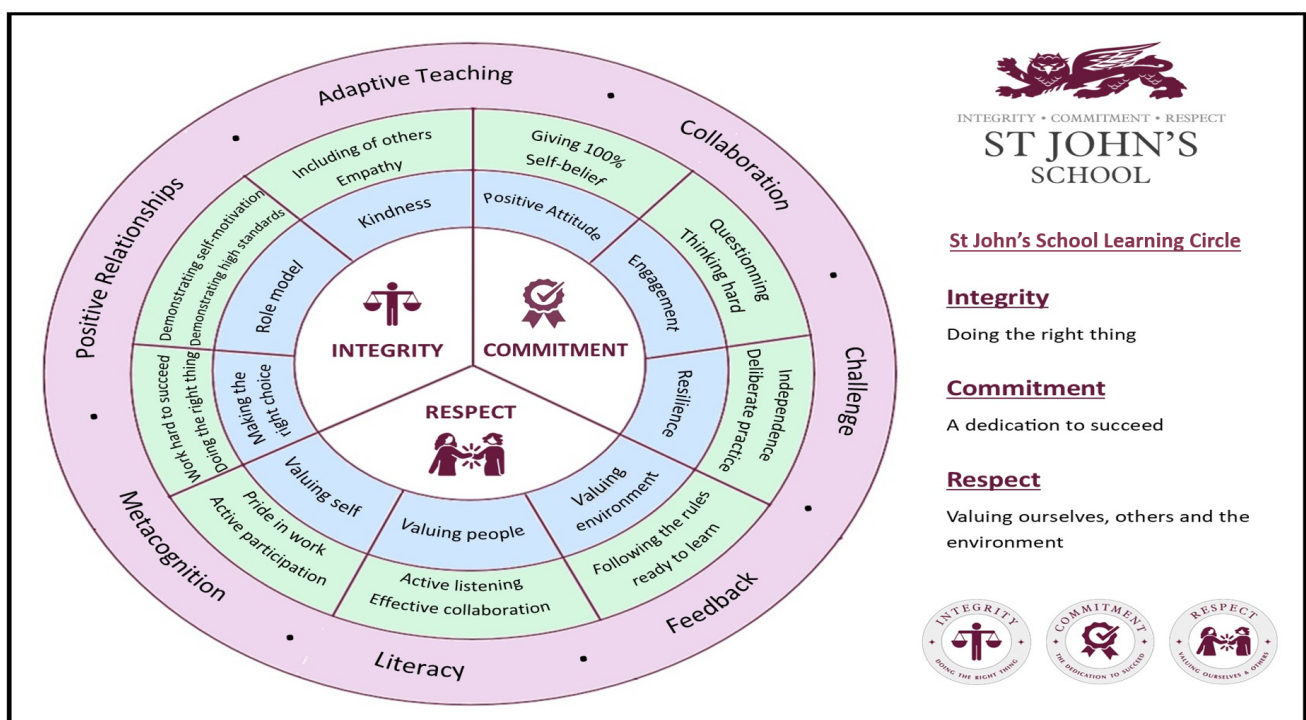
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Engagement in the Curriculum – ‘Switch On’

As we continue exploring the **Commitment** segment of our Learning Circle, this week we're focusing on **Engagement**; the habit of fully involving ourselves in learning. Being engaged means more than simply being present in the classroom. It's about showing curiosity, asking thoughtful questions, contributing to discussions and taking an active role in your own progress. When students engage deeply with their lessons, they not only understand content more clearly but also develop the confidence to tackle more challenging ideas.

Engagement is also contagious. When one person participates with enthusiasm, it often encourages others to do the same. A focused, lively atmosphere helps everyone learn better, and teachers can tailor their teaching more effectively when students show interest and involvement. Staying engaged doesn't mean being perfect; it means staying present, trying your best, and showing a willingness to keep going even when the topic is complex or unfamiliar. Small actions like listening closely, offering ideas, or completing tasks with care all add up to big improvements over time.

Discussion at Home: Chat together about what helps you or your child feel most engaged in learning. Is it asking questions? Working with others? Breaking tasks into smaller steps? Think about one simple strategy to try this week to boost engagement, either in schoolwork or something at home





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Senior Student Leadership Team

During the 2022-23 academic year we established our Student Leadership Team and I am delighted that this week we have been successful in appointing our fourth Student Leadership Team who will now lead the student body for the next 12 months. Working closely with our School Leadership Team our student leaders will compile their own Action Plan which will guide their work. Each Wednesday they will attend the Senior Leadership Team meeting with myself to discuss issues that are pertinent to the student body.

Over the past three years I have been impressed by the work of our previous Student Leadership Teams who have continuously built upon the work of those that led before them. I cannot wait for them to get started and look forward to benefitting from the impact of our newly appointed team.



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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SJS Coffee Mornings

On Thursday 4th December 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@modschoools.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.



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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

St John's School Christmas Dinner

Traditionally at Christmas secondary schools in the UK provide students with the opportunity to share in a school Christmas Dinner. Although St John's School does not have the facilities to be able to prepare such a meal for the students, we would really like to provide them with a similar opportunity to that of their peers in the UK.

Details of arrangements for this have been communicated separately over the past couple of weeks and students who would like to attend are invited to sign up at our school reception.





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EPISKOPI SCHOOLS' CHRISTMAS CONCERT 2025

CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS WITH
READINGS, MUSIC AND DRAMA



Join our joyful Christmas Concert to really
get into the festive spirit!
Mince pies, mulled wine and more
refreshments will be available on the
night.

11TH DECEMBER 2025
1730HRS DOORS OPEN
1800-1930HRS PERFORMANCE
ST JOHN'S SCHOOL HALL



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Episkopi Garrison Christmas Pantomime

Friday 5th December 2025

Doors open at 1600 with the show starting at 1630hrs

At the St John's School Hall



The British Forces Foundation
Proudly presents

Rapunzel



This BFF charity funded touring pantomime is provided in partnership with TPB Productions Ltd.

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