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Dear Families,



I enjoyed the opportunity on Thursday to attend our annual Christmas Concert. This year our concert was hosted in our school hall and sampled a showcase of the wide ranging student talent from across St John's and Episkopi Primary Schools. The DCS Music Junior Band accompanied singing soloists and duets, punctuated by instrumentals, readings and a drama performance. Thursday's event provided a wonderful introduction to the festive season as we approach the final week of this autumn term.



As we enter into the final week of term lessons will continue throughout the week with slight interruptions as students join for a Cypriot Christmas Dinner. On Friday, the last day of term, students in Year 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12 will receive their end of term reports. Reports for Year 11 and 13 will follow in January. The school day ends at the earlier time of 1230 hrs.

## Upcoming School Events

### 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@modschools.org](mailto:SJS.enquiries@modschools.org)****Friday 19th December****Last Day of Term— school closes at 1230 hrs**

### Week Commencing 22nd Dec.

**All Week****Christmas Holiday****School closed to students and staff**

### Week Commencing 29th Dec.

**All Week****Christmas Holiday****School closed to students and staff**

### Week Commencing 5th Jan.

### Week 2

**All Week****January Public Exam Series****Monday 5th January****Inset Day, School closed to students****Thursday 8th January****Headteacher's Surgery : 0900—1000 hrs @ Akrotiri Hive**





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## This week at St John's School



Our students performed in our annual Christmas Concert which took place on Thursday and involved students from St John's and Episkopi Primary Schools.







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Our students travelled to King Richard School in Dhekelia to compete in an interschool netball tournament.

Well done to all of our students who represented our school.





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## Sixth Form Review and Action Planning

On Wednesday our School Governance Committee met for their termly meeting. One aspect for discussion surrounded our Sixth Form provision, which came about from a student/governor focus group in November.

The student body was represented by our student leaders who shared their views including their want for improved independence and freedoms in the time between their timetabled lessons. It was agreed that a working party including our student leaders would be formed in January to determine what this want could look like in practice.

Coinciding with the formation of the working party, our school will also benefit from an external Sixth Form review commissioned by Regional Command. This will be undertaken on Monday 12th and Tuesday 13th January 2026. The two pieces of work will complement one another with governors taking a keen interest.



## SJS Coffee Mornings

On Thursday 18th December 0900-1000 hrs, 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](mailto: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.



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## Extra Curricular Activities for Term 2

The table below shares some of the already planned extra curricular activities for the new term.

Using the MCAS App you will now be able to find next term's extra curricular enrichment opportunities for students.

To attend an extra curricular activity, students must enrol onto their chosen activities. A register will be taken to confirm their attendance to each enrichment activity and a message (via the MCAS App) sent to parents in the event their child was expected but does not attend.

Students who have registered for the Bromcom Student Portal can also enrol themselves into any of the enrichment activities.

Further enrichment activities, particularly revision classes for Y11 and 13, will appear once mock examinations have been marked.

### 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@modschoools.org](mailto:Hayley.Twyford@modschoools.org)

Club Name	Main Teacher	Associated Teacher
Separate Science Booster	Miss Robertshaw	Mrs Hayes
Art Workshop	Mr Bougeard	
Art Workshop	Mr Bougeard	
Rugby club	Mr Marsden	Mrs Gardiner
D&T Workshop	Miss Dunmore	
Y11 Homework Club	Mrs Dakin	Mrs Hayes, Mrs Glencross
History Exam Skills Club	Mr Strang	
Netball	Mrs Gardiner	Mr Marsden
Football Training	Mr Marsden	Mrs Gardiner
Y11 Poetry Revision	Mrs Glencross	Mrs Marsden
D of E Volunteering	Mrs Dakin	Mrs Smith
School Show- Blood Brothers	Mrs Watts	Mr Dixon
Science Revision Group	Miss Robertshaw	



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## Community **CHRISTMAS DONATION DRIVE** In support of the Learning Refuge .....

### The Learning Refuge:

The Learning Refuge is a volunteer-led centre, based in Paphos, that supports refugee and asylum-seeking families.

The centre will be holding their annual Christmas party in early January and they would like to provide presents for the children (currently there are 250 children aged 0-16 years).

You can help spread joy this holiday season by donating presents for the children. Your generous contribution will bring smiles to many faces.

### What to donate:

- New or as new toys, crafts, books and games suitable for ages 0-16.
- Wrapped and labelled with the age and gender of recipient child
- No perishable items please

### How to donate:

We will have various drop off points at around camp. Locations to follow once confirmed.

All donations will be collected on 19th December



**St John's School is a drop off location**

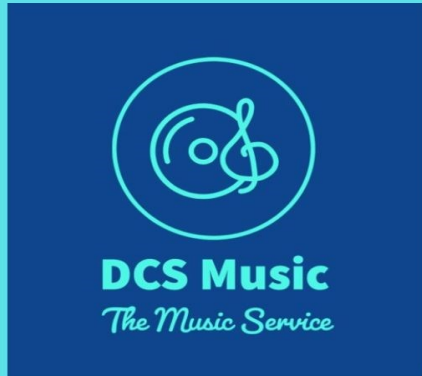


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DCS MUSIC INSTRUMENT LESSONS SPRING TERM 2026 –  
FILL IN FORM

## IS YOUR CHILD INTERESTED IN INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS?

Please complete the form at the  
link/QR code above to register  
interest for lessons for the Spring  
term for: –

Guitar – Year 5 & 6  
Clarinet – Year 5 upwards  
Flute – Year 5 upwards  
Recorder – Year 4 upwards  
Brass (Cornet, Trumpet,  
Tenor Horn, Baritone  
Horn) – Year 4 upwards

LESSONS AVAILABLE  
FROM YEAR 4  
UPWARDS

