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Dear Families,

Happy New Year! On behalf of us all here at St John's we wish everyone associated with our school a happy and healthy 2026.



We returned to school to find our heating system was not working and in need of repair. The building has been left feeling rather cold, however, our students allowed to wear their own clothes in an effort to keep them warm, have showcased the depth of their wardrobes. There is currently no timescale set to have the heating fixed although funding was approved for the work on Thursday. Students are permitted to continue to attend in their own clothes and jackets to keep warm in school.

Having completed the first week of these two short terms our students in Year 11 and 13 now have less than 40 lessons left before their first exams get underway. On Friday 23rd January students in Year 11 and 13 will receive the grades they achieved in their December Mock Examinations which will help to inform them as to what needs to be done over the remaining 14 weeks before the first exam begins.

Upcoming School Events

Week Commencing 12th Jan.

Week 1

Monday 12th January

External Review of Secondary 6th Form Provision : Day 1

Tuesday 13th January

External Review of Secondary 6th Form Provision : Day 2

Year 10 and 12 Parent Afternoon : 1430—1700 hrs

Thursday 15th January

SJS Coffee Morning 0900—1000 hrs

Bookings required via SJS.enquiries@modschoools.org

Week Commencing 19th Jan.

Week 2

Tuesday 20th January

KS3 Maths Challenge

SJS Vs KRS Football Tournament @ 1230hrs

Wednesday 21st January

Never Such Innocence KS3 Poetry Workshops

Thursday 22nd January

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

Friday 23rd January

Mock Exam Results Published to Y11 and 13 @ 1330hrs

Week Commencing 26th Jan.

Week 1

Thursday 29th January

Y11 & Y13 Parent/Teacher Meeting : 1430—1700 hrs

SJS Coffee Morning 0900—1000 hrs

Bookings required via SJS.enquiries@modschoools.org



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Safeguarding Team

As you will have read through our recent newsletters, we have made some changes to our core safeguarding team and the revised team can be found pictured below. These changes are temporary and will run through until the Easter Holidays when any further changes will be communicated.

Students and/or parents are encouraged to seek out any one of our safeguarding leads and/or any member of staff as all are trained to respond appropriately to any concerns regarding the welfare and safety of a child.



Safeguarding Team



If you have any concerns regarding your safety or anyone else's safety please report it to:



Kate Parkinson
Safeguarding Lead
Designated Safeguarding Lead



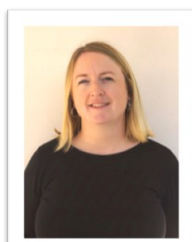
Steve Dixon
Deputy Headteacher
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead



Colin Guyton
Headteacher



Katie Gardiner
Head of Key Stage 3
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead



Kim Hayes
Head of Key Stage 4
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead




Danny O'Missenden
Head of Key Stage 5
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead



Andrew Holden
SENDCO
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

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In addition or instead of raising a concern in person Scan the QR Code to report a concern



If you have a concern that affects your wellbeing and/or the wellbeing of others report it with confidence. Anonymous reports can be made.



Contacting the school

Parents are reminded that contact can be made through:

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



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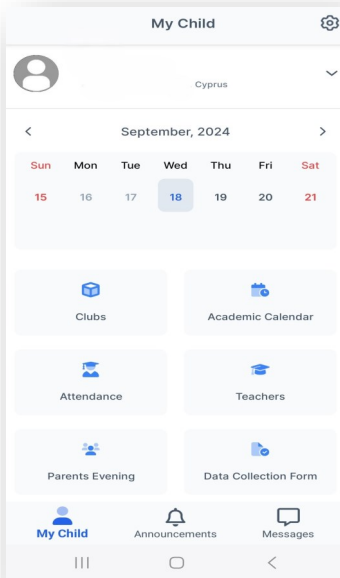
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Year 10 and 12 Parents' Afternoon

Tuesday 13th January 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@modschools.org

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.

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



Sixth Form Review

On Monday 12th and Tuesday 13th January 2026 we will welcome Mr Alan Taylor Bennett to St John's School. As an experienced school leader and inspector, Alan has been tasked by Regional Command to review our Sixth Form Provision. As part of this review, Alan will visit lessons and meet with key staff and stakeholders, including parents, on Tuesday 12th January at our Year 12 Parents' Afternoon.

Parents of students in our Sixth Form have been shared a letter and are invited to complete the survey which can be found via this [link](#)



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KEY STAGE 3 MATHEMATICS CHALLENGE

20TH JANUARY 2026



Join us in celebrating the elegance of numbers and see which house could be victorious like Archimedes.
St John's School Mathematics Department



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



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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.

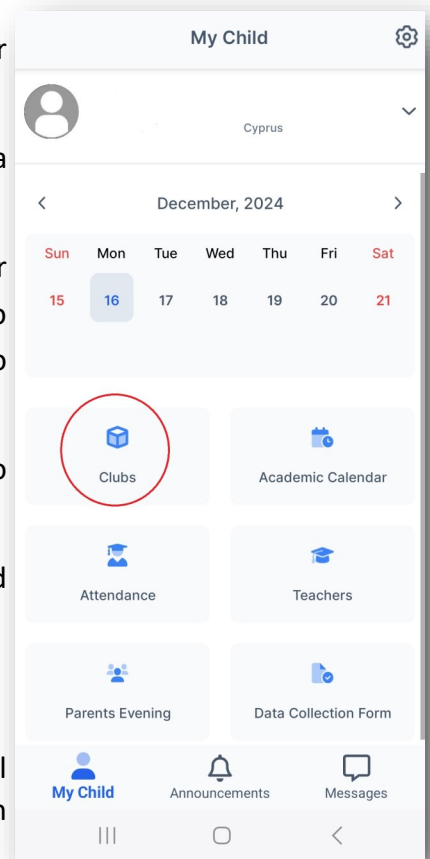
To attend an extra curricular activity, students must enrol onto their chosen activities. A register will be taken to confirm their attendance to each enrichment activity and a message (via the MCAS App) sent to parents in the event their child was expected but does not attend.

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@modschools.org



Club Name	Main Teacher	Associated Teacher
Separate Science Booster	Miss Robertshaw	Mrs Hayes
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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Nut Free School

As you will likely be aware, a significant number of our staff, students and visitors have a severe allergic reaction to nuts and peanuts. Severe allergic reactions result in anaphylaxis.

Nuts and Peanuts can cause severe allergic reactions in a wide range of ways. A person with an allergy does not have to eat nuts or peanuts to have a severe reaction, this can be caused by surface contact and airborne particles. This allergy affects approximately 1/50 children and adults.

In recent years we have seen a sharp increase in snacks containing peanuts and a rise in the use of peanut butter in sandwiches.

As a school we have a responsibility to keep our students, staff and visitors safe and to reduce risk of harm. As you can imagine in a busy school environment this can be a challenge and, following consideration, we feel the only way to protect those students is by removing the allergens from the school.

What this will mean?

- Peanut and nut based products will no longer be sold in the canteen.
- Students, staff and visitors **will not** be able to bring products containing nuts or peanuts into school.

Items that are found to break this rule will be confiscated and disposed of safely.

What products will not be allowed in school?

- Peanuts and nuts and products containing peanuts or nuts.
- Peanut butter or peanut based chocolate snacks (Snickers/ Reece's pieces etc).
- Items where peanuts or nuts are listed as main ingredients.
- Nut or peanut based oils or products.

What products are allowed?

- Items that "may contain nuts" and "may contain traces of nuts" or "made in factories that use nuts" These present a low risk and are not direct ingredients in the products.

