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Dear Families,

It has been nice to welcome back all of our students following the Easter holidays. This has included pupils of Akrotiri Primary School, who as you found out this week, will continue to receive their education in our building until they return to their own school accommodation on Tuesday 5th May.



This half term is relatively short (6 weeks) and punctuated with a Bank Holiday. There is much to do, particularly for our Year 11 and 13 student’s who embark upon their public examinations. These exams start next week with Modern Foreign Languages, then they shift to Art before students start their written examinations on Thursday 7th May. Ahead of these exams the amount of time being spent revising should exceed two hours per day and on page 2 and 3 parents can be reminded of what is available to students and what they should be doing to revise for both English and Maths.

## Upcoming School Events

### Week Commencing 20th April

Week 2

Thursday 23rd April

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

Friday 24th April

Duke of Edinburgh Silver Expedition

### Week Commencing 27th April

Week 1

Monday 27th April

GCSE MFL Final Speaking Exam

Tuesday 28th April

GCSE MFL Final Speaking Exam

Interschool Rounders Tournament Y7—10 @ Midday

Wednesday 29th April

GCSE MFL Final Speaking Exam

GCE A-Level Final Art Exam

Thursday 30th April

GCE A-Level Final Art Exam

SJS Coffee Morning 0900—1000 hrs

Bookings required via [SJS.Enquiries@modschoools.org](mailto:SJS.Enquiries@modschoools.org)

Friday 1st May

GCE A-Level Final Art Exam

### Week Commencing 4th May

Week 2

Monday 4th May

Bank Holiday—School Closed

Thursday 7th May

GCSE and GCE Final Examinations Commence

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

Friday 8th May

GCSE and GCE Final Examinations



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## AQA GCSE English Language and AQA GCSE English Literature

Students should be regularly completing 30-minute practice sessions for both GCSEs. Revision of GCSE English Literature is especially important during this period as both examinations are closed-book and students must apply their own knowledge of plot, characters, writers' methods, themes, quotations and context.

All students in Year 11 have been given the following printed resources to assist with their independent revision and linked homework tasks:

- English Language Knowledge Organiser booklet
- English Literature Knowledge Organiser booklet
- Key quotations booklet

Easter Revision and Deliberate Practice booklet (for practice plans and responses for both GCSEs)

The following web-based resources are recommended for deepening understanding:

- Mr Bruff/Mr Salles on YouTube
- Seneca app and website (use the resource hub to access practice questions and filter to AQA)
- Physics and Maths Tutor website (to access past papers and pdf revision guides)
- Quizlet/Gizmo/Memrise (flashcard apps)

Recommended tasks:

### Literature Revision

- Cycle through previously studied texts ('Macbeth', 'A Christmas Carol', 'An Inspector Calls', 'Power and Conflict' poetry)
- Use Knowledge Organisers/quotation booklets/flashcards/Seneca/Quizlet/Gizmo/YouTube to revise key details about each text
- Use the Mr Bruff analysis videos for poetry
- Use the Easter Deliberate Practice booklet to complete practice plans for extended essay questions

Spend 45 minutes-1 hour completing a timed essay response. Try to prioritise the area you struggle with the most.

### Language

- Use the knowledge organiser booklet to revise the skills for each question on each paper
- Use YouTube videos to explore these skills in greater depth (Mr Bruff has a series for the new-style examination)

Complete timed practice responses to questions you struggled with in the March mocks

Practice responses can be submitted to members of the English faculty for feedback.



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## GCSE Mathematics (Edexcel) Revision – What To Do Next

It is essential that students focus their revision carefully and purposefully. Success in mathematics comes from *targeted practice* not just time spent revising.

### 1. Start with Your QLA (Question Level Analysis)

Every student should begin by reviewing their QLA from recent assessments. This identifies strengths and, more importantly, areas for development.

- **Red topics:** priority (secure these first)
- **Amber topics:** next focus (develop confidence and accuracy)

Students should create a simple revision list based on these areas and work through them systematically.

### 2. Use the Year 11 Google Classroom

The Year 11 Google Classroom is your central revision hub. It includes:

- Topic specific revision resources
- Video walkthroughs and modelled solutions
- Exam-style questions and past papers

Students should revisit the topics identified in their QLA and complete the linked resources on Google Classroom.

### 3. Practise Exam Questions Regularly

Mathematics is a subject where practice is vital.

- Complete past paper questions under timed conditions
- Mark your work carefully and correct mistakes using EDEXCEL mark schemes
- Attempt questions you got wrong again until you can complete them independently

### 4. Focus on Method Not Just Answers

Marks are awarded for working out. Always:

- Show clear steps
  - Use correct mathematical notation
- Check your answers (especially for calculator questions)

### 5. Use Effective Revision Techniques

- Create flashcards for key formulae (e.g. area, volume, trigonometry)
- Practise recalling methods without notes
- Teach a topic to someone else as this strengthens understanding

Space revision over time rather than cramming

### 6. Seek Support Early

If you are unsure, act quickly:

- Ask your teacher
- Attend intervention sessions

Use online support provided on Google Classroom



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## School Attendance

Taking into account the disruption endured last half term we were able to provide increased flexibility surrounding students unable to attend school coding them in a way that did not impact negatively upon their overall school attendance.

With the exception of our American students for all other students the way we record school attendance and absence has now reverted back to statutory rules and regulations imposed by HM Government.

Should your child not be able to attend school then it is important that the school is informed. This should be done before 0815hrs **on each day of absence**.

The absence should be reported by email or by telephone via:

Email: [SJS.Enquiries@modschools.org](mailto:SJS.Enquiries@modschools.org)

Telephone: +357 2596 3888

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## Parental Satisfaction Survey

We regularly collate and act upon the views of parents throughout the year, however at this time each year Defence Children Services canvas parents of all schools with the same set of questions to explore your views and opinions of how each school is performing.

I cordially invite you to complete this year's parental survey via the link below. The survey should take no more than five minutes of your time and will help inform our future school development plans as we begin to prepare for the next academic year.

Thank you in advance for your time in completing this survey and for your continued support.

[St Johns School Parent Satisfaction Survey – Fill in form](#)

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## Water Bottles

The temperatures are beginning to rise as we head into the Cyprus Summer. It is essential that students come to school prepared for the warmer months that are a feature of this Summer Term. Students are therefore asked to come to school with their own refillable water bottle to ensure they can stay hydrated. Students should use break times to fill their water bottle. Students are also able to wear a hat during breaktimes when enjoying breaktimes in the sunshine.



Don't forget to bring your own bottle to refill



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## Leavers - Year 7 to 12

Sadly this academic year will see a significant number of students leave St John's School. We are aware that a number of you are starting to receive details of your next posting and that many members of our RIB will be returning to the UK through a staggered approach which has already begun.



If you know you will be leaving us before the new academic year, please can you inform the School Office as soon as possible. This will help us ensure that your child has a smooth transition to their new school and that all the information required is prepared and ready to send across to them. This also includes children in Year 11. If you are unsure of exact dates, or currently do not have a school confirmed, please still complete the form as these details can be added at a later time.

If you have any queries regarding this, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Twyford on 00357 2596 8003 or alternatively you can email at [Hayley.Twyford@modschoools.org](mailto:Hayley.Twyford@modschoools.org).

## Headteacher's Surgery - Akrotiri Hive

On Tuesday 23rd April 0900—1000 hrs, parents and/or members of the BFC community are welcome to drop into the Akrotiri Hive, without appointment, to meet the Headteacher, Colin Guyton, to discuss any ideas or issues concerning St John's School.

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.



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## 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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## Support Andros – Charity Fundraising Events

As many of you may know, Andros has served as our Pool Manager for the past 17 years and has dedicated a total of 23 years' service to the Episkopi Garrison community. He is currently undergoing his second round of cancer treatment, including chemotherapy and immunotherapy. To support Andros and raise funds for cancer charities close to his heart, the Episkopi Garrison will be hosting a series of fundraising events starting from Wednesday 15 to Friday 17 April 2026

# CHARITY BAKE SALE

## GAMES & PRIZES

**Come along for a fun-filled afternoon in support of a local cancer charity, featuring delicious cakes and pastries, exciting games, and raffles**

17 APRIL 2026

2 – 4:30PM

## DODGE



**You can pre-purchase Game Cards from  
the Craft Shop**

