



# Newsletter

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Dear Families,

The GCSE and GCE exams get underway next week with Modern Foreign Languages and Art taking centre stage. On behalf of all of us, I wish our students well as they begin this year's exam season.



On Tuesday, along with staff and parents, I had the opportunity to listen to the presentations of our Year 8 students who, as part of the Aspire Programme, undertake their Foundation Project Qualification, a formal qualification similar to the Extended Project Qualification undertaken by Year 12. Presenting to so many adults can be an anxiety inducing experience, however they did very well with such a diverse set of titles.

Thank you to those of you who have already completed the parent survey, if you are yet to do so, and have time, I would be very grateful if you are able to use the link previously shared through MCAS and Facebook.

## Upcoming School Events

### 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**

### Week Commencing 11th May

### Week 1

**All Week**

**GCSE and GCE Final Examinations**

**Thursday 14th May**

**SJS Coffee Morning 0900—1000 hrs**

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**Year 9 Parent Afternoon @ 1430hrs in the Hall**



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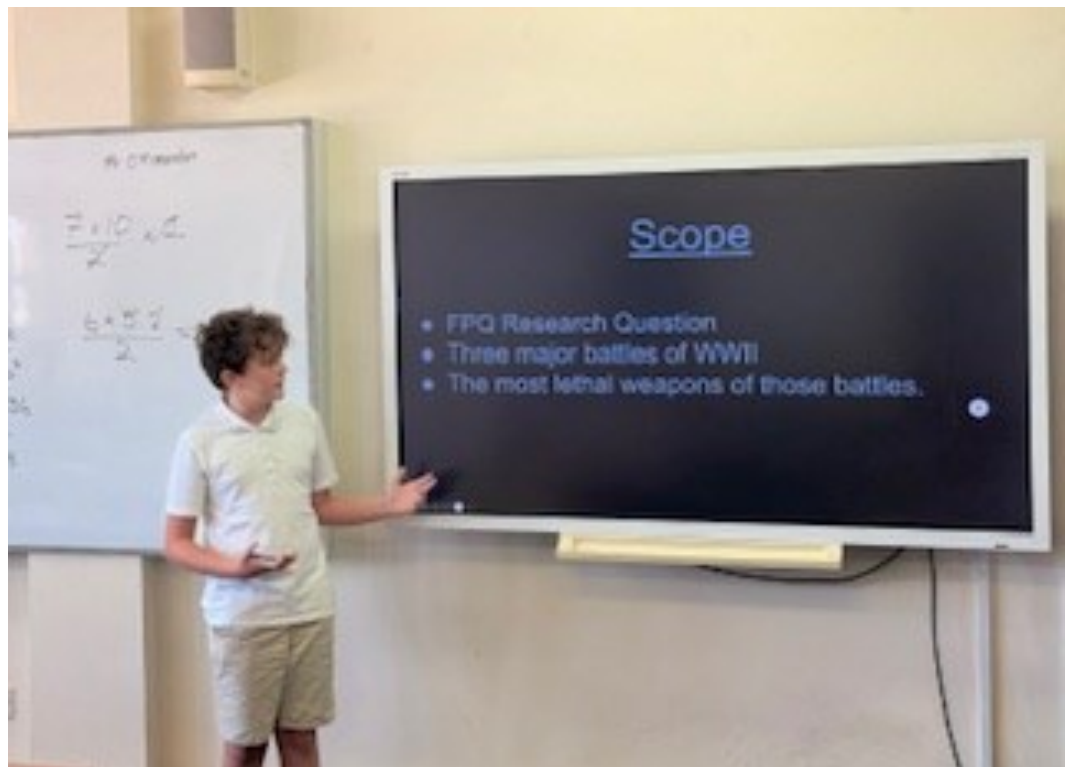
## This week at St John's School

Students in Key Stage 3 were challenged by colleagues from J6 to free themselves from a Cyber Escape Room. The tasks before them allowed them opportunity to learn about how they can keep themselves safe in an online world.



Year 8 students, who have enrolled on and followed our Aspire Programme, presented their Foundation Project Qualifications (FPQ) to staff and parents on Tuesday.

A diverse range of topics were explored from World War II weaponry, to the role of horses in promoting well being.





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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](#)

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

## Community Notice

The Community Support Office would like to remind all parents and guardians of their responsibility to ensure their children are appropriately supervised while using community spaces.

Recent incidents of antisocial behaviour have resulted in damage to shared facilities, negatively impacting the wider community. These include:

- Digging up communal areas to create improvised pump tracks
- Vandalism of equipment at the Youth Club (Lion's Den)
- Damage to the Dodge City toilets, including deliberate blockages using paper

Parents and guardians are asked to speak with their children about respecting communal property and behaving responsibly in shared areas.

Please be advised that where appropriate, disciplinary action may be taken. Repeated or serious incidents may lead to a review of the Licence to Occupy SFA, which could include potential revocation.



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## SJS Coffee Mornings

On Thursday 30th April 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@modschoools.org](mailto: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.

## Uniform Changes

A reminder that our school uniform is changing. As initially communicated in September 2025, and at intervals throughout this academic year, we are making changes to our school uniform which will begin to come into effect from September 2026.

We have timed the change to ensure students arriving in September 2026 can procure new items of uniform that will last the duration of their time with us. We will phase in the uniform changes over two years to ensure parents are able to get good value for money out of the items already purchased and being worn. For students already enrolled at St John's School they will be able to continue to wear existing items of uniform up to July 2027. The key changes are as follows:

- Students identifying to any gender will be required to wear black tailored shorts. The shorts must be mid-thigh in length. Shorts must not be tightfitting and/or of a stretchy material.
- All students are required to wear a white polo shirt, however there is no requirement to wear a polo shirt with a school logo, which will no longer be restocked and is being discontinued.
- For PE, students must wear black sports shorts, which are not compression shorts. Students are required to wear a white t-shirt with a single small logo no larger than a £2 or €2 coin. There will no longer be a requirement for students to wear a PE T-Shirt that features the house of Poseidon or Apollo. The existing PE T-Shirts featuring a house logo will no longer be restocked and are being discontinued.
- Students will be able to wear our school hoodie, which will be available to purchase from school. No other jumper or hoodie will be permitted to be worn. The school blazer, which has long proved unpopular with students will no longer be restocked and is being discontinued.

All other aspects of the uniform policy will remain and these changes do not impact upon expectations surrounding what is worn by our Sixth Form students.

To achieve best value for money and to ensure students have opportunity to purchase items of clothing best suited to their size and shape, our school will only stock and supply the school hoodie. All other items can be purchased locally or from the UK





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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.
- All other non- nut based snacks and food stuff.



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## Relate—Young People’s Counselling

### Background

HQ BFC have successfully secured access to [Relate](#), a virtual counselling service that has long supported military personnel and families over the past decade, having delivered over 6000 counselling sessions annually. As part of a twelve month pilot, this service has been extended to serving personnel, with an assignment order to British Forces Cyprus.

### What is Relate?

[Relate](#) is a free service provided to BFC personnel and their family members with a wide range of relationship counselling services with as many as six counselling sessions provided virtually to individuals, couples, families and children aged 11-18.

### How do I access Relate Counselling Services?

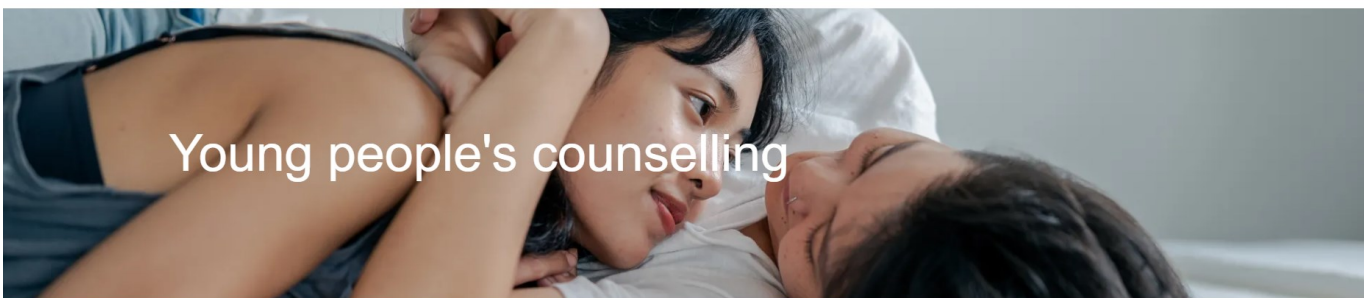
You can access the services provided by Relate at Family Action by self referring through the [ACF/Relate -Referral-Form](#) Alternatively, you can email [armycentralfund@relate.org.uk](mailto:armycentralfund@relate.org.uk) quoting the Service Persons Service Number. Young people can be referred by a parent.

### Further Information

Further information can be found by visiting their website. For students of St John’s School, they can start at the pages that provide specific details regarding [Young People’s Counselling](#)



Relate



## Young people's counselling

You might be experiencing problems at school, issues with your parents or generally not feeling like yourself. Counselling lets you talk about how you feel, separate from school and home life and can help you get back to enjoying life.



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**SLIP** on a t shirt



**SLOP** on some suncream



**SLAP** on a hat



**SLIDE** on some sunglasses



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