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Dear Families,

It was a short four day week following the Bank Holiday and the school was very much back to normal having seen Akrotiri Primary School return at the end of the previous week. The formal public exams got underway this week and the speed at which further exams follow accelerates in the coming weeks and we wish all of the students the best of luck and success.



On Tuesday teaching staff extended their day into the evening as they took opportunity to work together to evaluate their subject curriculums before planning an upcoming programme of revisions ahead of the new academic year. Every six weeks I share through our newsletter a curriculum overview for every subject, most recently this was shared on Friday 27th March. A more detailed curriculum overview can be found on our website: [Curriculum - St John's School Cyprus](#)

Upcoming School Events

Week Commencing 11th May

Week 1

All Week

GCSE and GCE Final Examinations

Wednesday 13th May

School Governors Committee Meeting @ 1000 hrs

Thursday 14th May

SJS Coffee Morning 0900—1000 hrs

Bookings required via SJS.Enquiries@modschoools.org

Year 9 Parent Afternoon @ 1430—1700 hrs in the Hall

Week Commencing 18th May

Week 2

All Week

GCSE and GCE Final Examinations

Tuesday 19th May

Year 6 Transition Episkopi Pupil Meeting @ EPS : 1015hrs

Thursday 21st May

Year 6 Transition Episkopi Primary School Parent Meeting @ SJS : 1700hrs

Friday 22nd May

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

Last day of term

Last school day for Year 13

Week Commencing 25th May

All Week

Half-term holiday

Week Commencing 1st June

Week 1

All Week

GCSE and GCE Final Examinations

Tuesday 2nd June

Year 10 & 12 Parent Afternoon @ 1430—1700 hrs in the Hall

Thursday 4th June

SJS Coffee Morning 0900—1000 hrs

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Year 9 Parents' Afternoon

Thursday 14th May 1430—1700 hrs

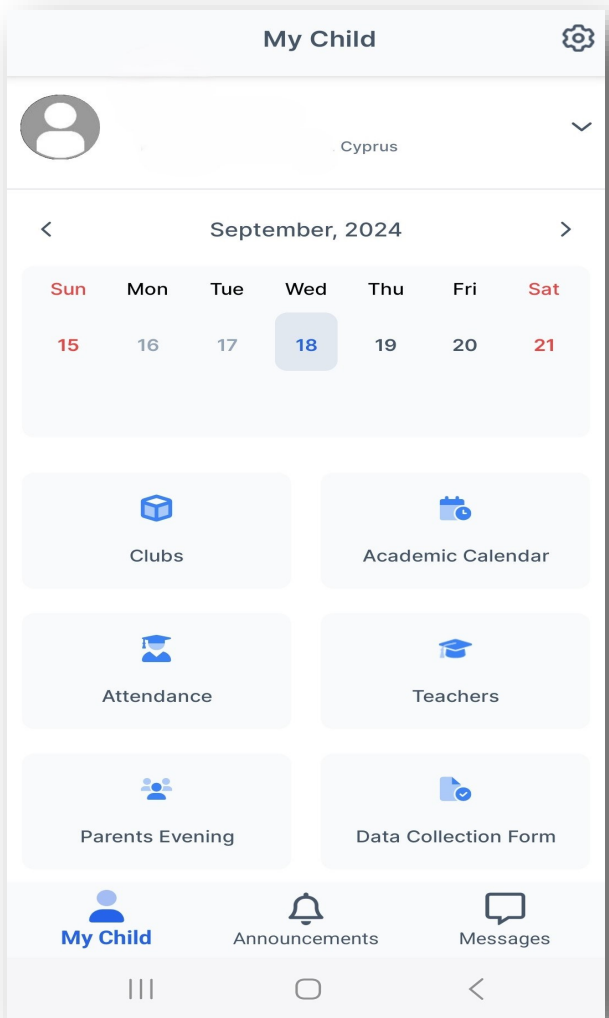
We look forward to welcoming parents of our Year 9 students into school for their upcoming Parents' Afternoon. The Parents' Afternoon will give you an opportunity, along with your child, to meet their teachers in a series of 1:1 meetings. During each meeting you will be able to reflect upon your child's progress since the start of this academic year across their curriculum.

Appointments must be made in advance of the Parents' Afternoon. Appointments can only be made through the My Child at School (MCAS) App.

Please visit the Parents Evening tab via the MCAS homepage. You can then follow the prompts to make appointments for your child's teachers.

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



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

www.facebook.com/stjohnsschoolcyprus



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Parent Voice

Thank you for taking the time to respond to our Parent Survey over the past two weeks. Approximately 10% of families responded to our survey. As I did last week using the upcoming newsletters to share with you your collective responses and address some of the key themes you have kindly provided through your suggestions.



What are we doing well

I am reassured to read that your child(ren) feels safe at St John's School. Ensuring exemplary safeguarding provision is our primary priority. Your confidence in our ability to ensure your child feels safe at this school is matched by our students. 98% of students stated in the student survey that they felt safe at school, knowing who to seek out if they did not or had a problem either in or out of school.

What we could improve upon

There is disappointment amongst parents that we will no longer provide branded uniform (with the exception of our school hoodie) from September 2026. This decision came about following an 18 month consultation and through legislation from HM Government. Ensuring parents have flexibility to purchase non-branded items of uniform will hopefully present parents with an opportunity to reduce costs associated with uniform purchases. However, we acknowledge that there is a demand from parents for us to stock the Nike Dri-fit white PE t-shirts and we are seeking costs to do so through our existing suppliers. Parents can currently purchase our remaining items of branded uniform at reduced prices should they wish for their child to have a branded polo shirt as we move into next year.



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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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Student Voice

Students completed a survey during the same period as parents. Students responded to questions generated from the OFSTED Student Survey. Direct comparison with last years results showed consistency in the percentage responses, however I was pleased to see improvements in student responses to questions that considered career advice and guidance as well as encouragement of students to look after their health and fitness.

Over the coming weeks we will further explore the student responses through a series of student focus groups to aid in our improvement planning for the next academic year. This begun on Monday when Kate Parkinson and I met with students to reflect upon the current offer students receive through tutor time.

86% of students report that they enjoy school

89% in 2025

96% of students state that behaviour is good in lessons

86% in 2025

88% of students would recommend St John's School

91% in 2025

85% of students report that the school encourages them to look after their fitness and healthy eating.

57% in 2025

98% My school encourages me to respect people from other backgrounds and to treat everyone equally

98% in 2025

93% My school encourages me to be independent and take on responsibilities

90% in 2025

96% of students feel that the work set challenges them.

95% in 2025

98% of students feel safe at school

96% in 2025

64% of students want more careers advice and guidance

51% in 2025

70% of students participate in after school activities

71% in 2025

96% say bullying isn't a problem at St John's School

94% in 2025



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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.

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

SJS Coffee Mornings

On Thursday 14th May 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.



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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THE AKROTIRI RIDING CLUB

DRESS AUCTION

Dress Auction to raise funds for
Akrotiri Riding Club

SATURDAY, MAY 23RD
To be held at the Officers Mess
19:00 PM

Tickets €5 or Free ticket if you donate a dress
Tickets available from Akrotiri Riding Club

— DONATE A DRESS FOR THE AUCTION —

50/50 OPTION AVAILABLE
Donate a dress and receive half of the final
bid, with the other half supporting
Akrotiri Riding Club

Donations - Drinks - Dresses - Live Bidding

For students in Year 11 looking for a Prom dress, please be aware there is a fine array of formal gowns in the Akrotiri Hive. They can be tried on and pre-auction bids submitted ahead of the auction advertised above.



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**A
MIDSUMMER
NIGHT'S
DREAM**

DATES: 11TH JUNE 18:30 12TH JUNE 18:30 13TH JUNE 16:00	VENUE: ST JOHNS AND EPISKOPÍ PRIMARY SCHOOL GROUNDS	TICKETS: ADULTS: £10 KIDS FREE PASS HOLDERS ONLY (INCLUDING HOLIDAY VISITORS)
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LIVE ON STAGE!

