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Dear Families,



The 2026 Public Exam Series is well underway with English, Maths and Science all featuring for Year 11 during the course of this past week. The Year 11 and 13 cohorts have made an encouraging start, buoyed by their revision and preparation, which has allowed them to move from one exam to the other with confidence.



On Wednesday, we held our half termly School Governors meeting. You can find the minutes of all of our meetings on the [DCS.School](https://www.dcs.school) website. Should you be interested in becoming a Governor, please read on to page 4 to find out how.

## Upcoming School Events

### Week Commencing 18th May

Week 2

All Week

GCSE and GCE Final Examinations

Tuesday 19th May

Year 6 Transition Episkopi Pupil Meeting @ EPS : 1015hrs

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

Thursday 21st May

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

Friday 22nd May

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

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

### Week Commencing 8th June

Week 2

All Week

GCSE and GCE Final Examinations

Tuesday 9th June

End of Year Whole School Rewards Ceremony @ Akrotiri

Thursday 11th June

SJS Coffee Morning 0900—1000 hrs

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

Key Stage 3 Overnight Residential

Friday 12th June

Last school day for Year 11



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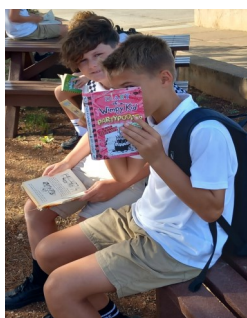


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## This week at St John's School



Finding opportunities for students to read across the curriculum, and for pleasure, has been a year long improvement priority. Students routinely read for pleasure during tutor time each and every Wednesday. This Wednesday I found '7AD' taking the chance to read out under the trees.



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## Year 10 and 12 Parents' Afternoon

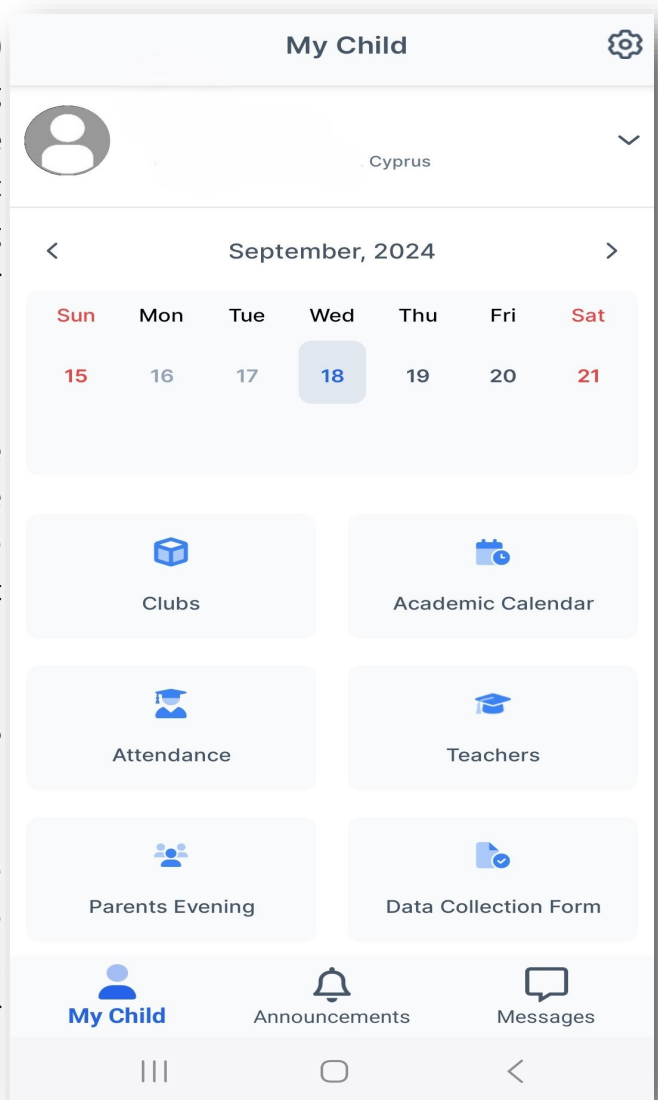
Tuesday 2nd June 1430—1700 hrs

We look forward to welcoming parents of our Year 10 and 12 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 start to this academic year.

Appointments must be made in advance of the Parents' Afternoon. Appointments can only be made through the My Child at School (MCAS) App. The appointment book will open on Monday 18th May at midday.

Please ensure you have registered to use the MCAS App in advance of Monday 18th May.

Once registered, to make your appointments, please visit the Parents Evening tab via the MCAS homepage after Midday on Monday 18th May. 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](mailto:Hayley.Twyford@modschoools.org)



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## School Governance Committee (SGC)

School Governance Committee (SGC) members are interested members of the community, including parents of children at St John's School

We work with the Headteacher and school staff to assist in making key decisions vital to the successful running of the school, contribute to decisions directly affecting the education and wellbeing of pupils, assist in improving standards throughout the school and monitor the school budget.

The SGC meets once a term as a whole committee to review and discuss school business and to represent the views of parents.

### Main Roles

#### **Provide a strategic overview**

- Focussing on the key issues of raising standards of achievement, establishing high expectations and promoting effective teaching and learning

#### **Act as a Critical Friend**

- Providing the Headteacher and staff with support and advice using members' knowledge and experience

#### **Ensure Accountability**

- Questioning and openly discussing with the Headteacher the school's performance and other issues, whilst respecting both the professional roles of the Headteacher and school staff and their responsibilities for the management of the school

## Are you interested in joining our SGC?

We currently have a number of vacancies upon our School Governance Committee. Should you be interested we welcome a short expression of interest detailing your suitability by email to:

[Penny.Demetriou@modschoools.org](mailto:Penny.Demetriou@modschoools.org)



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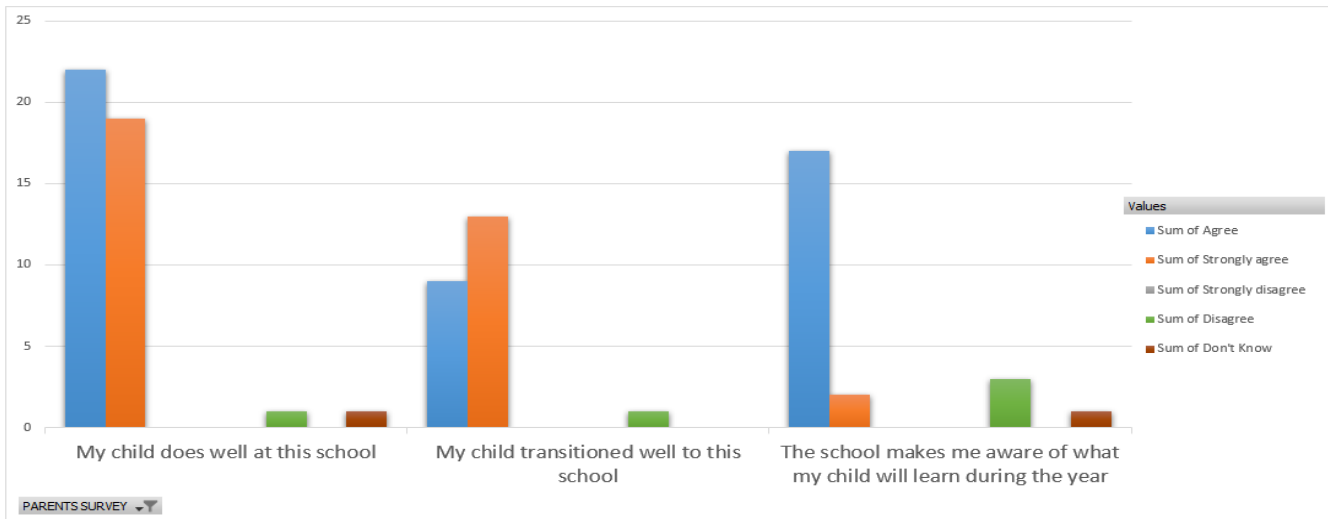
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## Parent Voice

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 encouraged that the overwhelming majority of parents feel that their child(ren) are doing well at St John’s School. We recognise that the strength of how we transition new students into our school provides the strong foundation for future success and, by our very nature, we must be expert at this. I am also pleased that parents feel informed of what your child is learning. Should you ever be unsure, or wish to find out more, our curricula are laid out in detail for each subject on our website, with termly overview sheets provided through our newsletters. Parents also have two parent afternoons each academic year.

## What we could improve upon

There is concern amongst parents with regards to high levels of teacher absence in some areas and how this is having a detrimental impact upon your child in some areas of the curriculum. We have been unfortunate with some longer term staff absences over the past academic year and we have done our utmost to minimise the impact of this through timetable changes, having subject specialist colleagues stepping in to take on additional lessons as well as utilising supply teachers from the UK. Furthermore, I have done my utmost to support absent staff in a successful return to work and maintain staff wellbeing as a key priority, taking proactive steps to realise this priority.



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## Our Curriculum

Over the past year we have collectively reviewed and revised our curricula for each and every subject. Some subjects are further ahead than others and the processes around curriculum development will be ongoing with frequent revisions and updates. You can find the latest curricula for each and every subject on our website. Upon opening the link you will be able to see what your child will be studying at any stage in their educational journey at St John's School and explore how you may help them at home.

[www.stjohnsschoolcyprus.com/curriculum](http://www.stjohnsschoolcyprus.com/curriculum)

The screenshot shows the website's navigation menu with options: About Us, Admission, Attendance, Careers, Curriculum, Information, News, and Contact Us. The breadcrumb trail is Home / Curriculum / English & Drama. The main heading is 'English & Drama' with a photo of four students at a desk. Below the photo is the text 'Year 7-13 Curriculum rationale' and a quote from Margaret Atwood: "A word after a word after a word is power." The curriculum intent text follows. A search bar and a list of subjects are on the right side of the page.



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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).

## 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

## Headteacher's Surgery - Akrotiri Hive

On Thursday 21st May 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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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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<b>DATES:</b> 11TH JUNE 18:30 12TH JUNE 18:30 13TH JUNE 16:00	<b>VENUE:</b> ST JOHNS AND EPISKOPÍ PRIMARY SCHOOL GROUNDS	<b>TICKETS:</b> ADULTS: £10 KIDS FREE PASS HOLDERS ONLY (INCLUDING HOLIDAY VISITORS)
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**LIVE ON STAGE!**

