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Dear Families,

We have been quick to establish new term routines, which for Year 11 and 13, saw their return to the exam rooms as they continue the exam season. From my visits to lessons they, as you would expect, got underway with pace and purpose. The week also allowed the chance to meet with parents of Year 10 and 12 who are gearing up for their end of year examinations that get underway at the end of June.



Now in the final half-term we will, over the coming weeks, begin to prepare for the new academic year. This will see us lend our support for students and families leaving and arriving to St John's School. The new school timetable will be written and I, along with colleagues, will take time to reflect upon the progress we have made as a school over the past year, before arriving at our school improvement priorities for next year. I look forward to updating you on our progress.

## Upcoming School Events

### 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

### Week Commencing 15th June

Week 1

All Week

GCSE and GCE Final Examinations

Monday 15th June

Year 11 & 13 Leavers Assembly @ 1300 hrs

Creative Faculty Exhibition @ 1400 hrs

Thursday 18th June

GCSE and GCE Mock Art Examination (All Day), involving Year 10 & 12

SJS Coffee Morning 0900—1000 hrs

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

### Week Commencing 22nd June

Week 2

All Week

GCSE and GCE Year 10 and 12 Mock Examinations

Monday 22nd June

Year 8 Parents Afternoon @ 1430—1700 hrs in School Hall

Tuesday 23rd June

Interhouse Water Polo @ 1130 hrs

Wednesday 24th June

Year 8 Aspire Programme @ 1700 hrs at Flagstaff House

Thursday 25th June

SJS Coffee Morning 0900—1000 hrs

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Year 11 Promenade (details shared separately)



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## This week at St John's School



Students return to school following the half term holiday on Monday 1st June.





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## Uniform Changes from September 2026

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. Responding to parent feedback plain white Dri-Fit t-shirts can be purchased from the school.
- 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.

## Uniform





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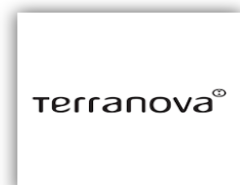
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## Uniform Changes from September 2026

Black tailored shorts suitable for school must be mid-thigh in length. Shorts must not be tight fitting and/or of a stretchy material. Parents can purchase shorts adhering to these rules either from school uniform providers or adult retail providers such as Next. Students have flexibility in style as long as the shorts remain mid-thigh in length and not tight fitting or made from a stretchy material.



Parents are encouraged to purchase generic uniform items including shorts (either child or adult sizes/styles) and polo shirts from instore or online retailers here in Cyprus or in the UK. We have been in store and online and found suitable items in the following retailers:





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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 students in a classroom. 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 states that the English curriculum aims to help students see their power and place in the world, explore, empathise, and question the experience of themselves and others through the study of a diverse range of challenging heritage and modern texts. A sidebar on the right contains a search bar and a list of subjects: Sixth Form, Options, Curriculum Intent, PSHE, Psychology, Art, Business Studies, Computer Science, Food Technology, Design & Technology Product Design, English & Drama, Geography, History, Modern Foreign Languages, Mathematics, Music, Religious Education, Physical Education, and Science. A button at the bottom left of the page reads 'Year 7-13 Curriculum rationale 2023'.



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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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## 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 11th June 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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**NEW DATE**  
**POSTPONED EVENT!**  
We can't wait to see you on the new date!

**SBA WOMEN'S NETWORK**  
*presents*  
**Craft, Cake & a Strike!**

A relaxed social evening designed for women to connect, network and enjoy great company.  
This is a **FREE** event!

**Sunday 14th June 2026 • 17:00–20:00**  
— ADULTS ONLY —

Includes a **FREE** glass of Prosecco on arrival!  
(while stocks last)

**Location:**  
Akrotiri Bowl & Families Centre,  
RAF Akrotiri

*Drop in Event:  
Stay for as long  
as it suits you!*

**SIGN UP BY**  
**FRIDAY 5TH JUNE 2026!**

*All activities included – just come along and enjoy the evening!*

**Date:** Sunday 14th June 2026

**Time:** 17:00 – 20:00 (Drop-in Event)

**Location:** RAF Akrotiri Bowling Alley

**Sign Up:** [New Date: SBA Women's Network presents: Craft, Cake & a Strike! Tickets, Sunday 14 June • 5 PM - 8 PM | Eventbrite](#)

The SBA Women's Network provides support, advice, and networking opportunities for SBA spouses, military females, and allies—those who support our community. Through our events and initiatives, we aim to enhance personal and professional development, offer guidance and signposting, and create mentoring opportunities.



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**SLIP** on a t shirt



**SLOP** on some suncream



**SLAP** on a hat



**SLIDE** on some sunglasses



**SHADE** wherever possible

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**5 S's of sun safety**



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**A  
MIDSUMMER  
NIGHT'S  
DREAM**

<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!**

