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Dear Families,

It has been another busy week, once again one of celebration, allowing reflection upon the commitment and success of our students. I was fortunate enough to visit two celebrations at Flagstaff House, the residence of the Commander of British Forces (CBF). On Wednesday it was to celebrate the completion of our Aspire Programme with students and families joining CBF to receive their certificates and Commitment Coins. On Thursday it was to hear from students across our Cyprus schools as they participated in the Festival of Voice.



Thursday evening gave opportunity for students of Year 11 to enjoy their Promenade (Prom). It was a lovely event with the required glitz and glamour.

Elsewhere we continued our planning for the next academic year, having had opportunity to work with Ms Johnson the Episkopi Headteacher. The purpose of the visit was to exchange ideas and transferable approaches to accelerating reading comprehension and fluency. Enhancing our approach to whole school reading is certain to be one of our key priorities. A further priority will include one focused upon Inclusion and our response to the recent Government White Paper. There will also be a priority focusing upon staff subject professional development as well as our continued focus upon metacognition. Further details surrounding these whole school priorities will be shared in due course.

Upcoming School Events

Week Commencing 29th June

Week 1

All Week

GCSE and GCE Year 10 and 12 Mock Examinations

Tuesday 30th June

Interschool Year 6 & 7 Swimming Gala (All Day)

Thursday 2nd July

Year 6 Transition Day 1

SJS Coffee Morning 0900—1000 hrs

Bookings required via SJS.Enquiries@modschoools.org

Year 7 Parents Afternoon @ 1430—1700 hrs

Friday 3rd July

Year 6 Transition Day 1

Week Commencing 6th July

Week 2

All Week

Year 10 Work Experience

Monday 6th July

Inset Day—School Closed to students

Thursday 9th July

Year 7—10 Swimming Gala (all day)

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

Year 6 Transition Disco @ 1800 hrs

Week Commencing 13th July

Week 1

Thursday 16th July

SJS Coffee Morning 0900—1000 hrs

Bookings required via SJS.Enquiries@modschoools.org

End of year reports issued

Friday 17th July

Last day of term, school ends at 1230hrs.



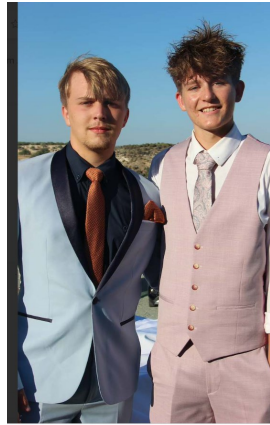
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On Thursday we enjoyed coming together for our Year 11 Prom. Held in a lovely venue with views back to RAF Akrotiri, it was a great opportunity for the cohort to come together as a group for one last time and marked the culmination of Year 11 and, for many, their time in Cyprus.



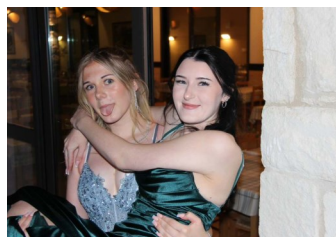
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On Wednesday Year 8 students who participated in our flagship enrichment Aspire Programme were invited to Flagstaff House to celebrate their commitment and completion of the programme with certificates presented by Major General Tom Bewick, Commander of British Forces Cyprus





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It was murder this week, and sadly I was the victim!

Students in Year 7 took on the task of solving this murder and seek out the killer as crime scene investigators.

The story line and killer created quite a buzz. I will leave you to ask your child who and how they discovered the killer to be.

DCS Festival of Voice

You may have hopefully seen on Facebook the performance of each of the three students pictured .

On Thursday they were invited to Flagstaff House by the Commander of British Forces Cyprus, Major General Tom Bewick to participate to in the inaugural DCS Festival of Voice. The festival brought together students from across all DCS Schools.

Our three St John's School students prepared, researched and crafted their own speech before reciting it during Thursday's event.

Well done and thank you to each student for their commitment and exceptional performance.





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Impetigo

There have been some reports of impetigo in some schools and settings in Cyprus. Impetigo is a highly contagious skin infection that spreads easily through skin-to-skin contact or by sharing items like toys and towels. To ensure everyone's safety families are encouraged to follow the following public health guidelines:

UKHSA Exclusion Policy

Affected individuals **must** stay home until:

- **48 hours** after starting prescribed treatment (antibiotics or hydrogen peroxide cream).

OR when all blisters have fully crusted and scabbed over.



Key Control Measures for School

- **Support Hand Hygiene:** frequent handwashing with soap and water will continue to be encouraged, however especially for younger children who at home they may need extra supervision to wash their hands appropriately.
- **Increase Cleaning:** There will be an increase in the frequency that high-touch surfaces and shared equipment are disinfected.
- **Monitor Absences:** We will ensure the exclusion policy above is followed for any suspected or confirmed cases.
- **Report Cases:** The school and parents should notify the Medical Centre and JSHU of any new cases so they can track transmission and provide further advice.

Essential Practical Advice

Good habits at home include:

- **Do not share personal items:** Strictly prohibit the sharing of towels, flannels, cups, or utensils.
- **Restrict high-risk activities:** Affected individuals must not participate in contact sports, gym activities, or food preparation.
- **Disinfect high touch items:** Disinfect contaminated toys and play equipment thoroughly.
- **High-temperature laundering:** Remind parents that any linen, clothing, or towels used by the affected individual should be laundered at a high temperature at home.



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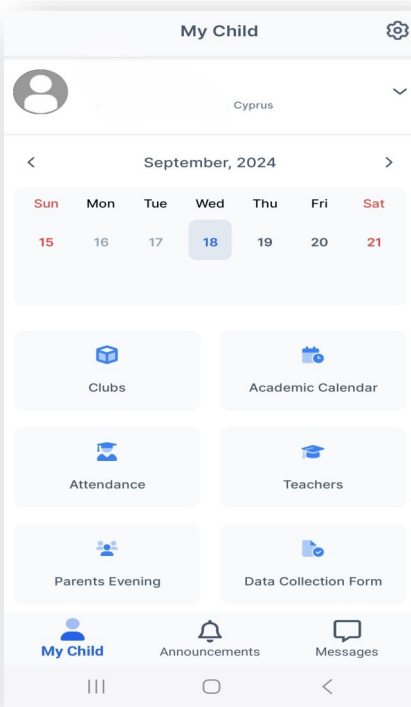
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Year 7 Parents' Afternoon

Thursday 2nd July 1430—1700 hrs



Have you made your appointments? Appointments must be made in advance of the Parent Afternoon. Appointments can only be made through My Child at School (MCAS) App.

Trouble Registering?

Should you encounter difficulties it is possible the email address we have for you is out of date. To update your email address or to notify us of difficulties please email Mrs Twyford who will gladly assist you in logging on. Mrs Twyford's email is Hayley.Twyford@modschoools.org

Challenge Coins

Throughout the academic year students have been awarded one or more of three Challenge Coins in recognition of how they have demonstrated our core values of Integrity, Commitment and Respect.

To assist the students in displaying the coins they have been awarded they may purchase from the school a plaque that will both hold and display each of our three coins. These can be purchased from reception at the cost of €3.





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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 2nd July 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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MOM'S PLACE

Teen Takeover



MONDAY 29/06
6:00PM-8:00PM

14+ YEARS ONLY
NO ADULTS ALLOWED!
ALCOHOL FREE UNDER 18S EVENT

FREE ENTRY AND FREE PIZZA!



MOCKTAILS
MUSIC
DARTS
POOL
AND MORE!



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REGISTER YOUR CHILD USING QR CODE



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BFC Youth Service Akrotiri Summer Programme



2026

Join the youth service team this summer for a jam packed programme!

From School
Yr3+



This programme is made possible through the generous support of our funders RAFBF; their support has significantly reduced participation costs

Places are limited and must be pre-booked. Use the QR Code below to register your interest
Registration opens Mon 22 Jun at 8pm
Your places will be confirmed by email



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BFC Youth Service - Akrotiri
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Adoption Support Network Family Event

Join us for fun,
games and
light refreshments

A chance for
adoptive families
to meet in a
relaxed and
supportive
environment



Sunday 12th
July
10am to 12pm

Please email for
venue and more
info

If you would like to register for
this event please email
contactuscyprus@forcessocialwork.com