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Dear Families,

Welcome back to the start of a new school year. Whether you stayed on island, returned to the UK or ventured further afield, I hope you had an enjoyable summer. For families joining St John's School, a very warm welcome. I am extremely grateful to you, as I am all families, for entrusting our school in caring for your child and in providing their educational provision.



This academic year marks the fifth year of my Headship here at St John's School. I am extremely proud of what we, as a school community, which very much includes you as parents, have managed to achieve. You will no doubt have heard of the outstanding exam results our students achieved this summer. In almost every Government measure our cohort performed significantly above the national average. Congratulations to everyone associated in securing these outcomes, particularly our students, who we are confident will enjoy further success as they continue their Post 16 qualifications at university, in work and/or in embarking upon a career in the military.

Upcoming School Events

Week Commencing 7th Sept.

Wednesday 9th September

Thursday 10th September

Year 7 Progress and Cognitive Ability Testing (All Week)

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SJS Coffee Morning 0900—1000 hrs

Bookings required via SJS.enquiries@modschools.orgWeek 2

Week Commencing 14th Sept.

All Week

Thursday 17th September

(NGRT) Reading Tests (All Week)

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

Week 1

Week Commencing 21st Sept.

Tuesday 22nd September

Thursday 24th September

Meet the Teacher @ 1415hrs in the School Courtyard

SJS Coffee Morning 0900—1000 hrs

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Macmillan Coffee Morning

Week 2



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St John's School celebrates outstanding exam results

77% achieved a GCSE Grade 4 (C) or above in both English & Maths

The National Average was 64%

The average grade achieved was a Grade 5 across all subjects

The National Average was just Grade 4

Average A-Level grade achieved was a C across all subjects

This is in line with the National Average

Average BTEC grade achieved was a Distinction across all subjects

This is in line with the National Average

School attendance was 95.4%

The National Average was just 91.9%

Last year our attendance was 94.6%



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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



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Our Safeguarding Team



Safeguarding Team

If you have any concerns regarding your safety or anyone else's safety please report it to:



Kate Parkinson

Safeguarding Lead
Designated Safeguarding Lead



Steve Dixon

Deputy Headteacher
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead



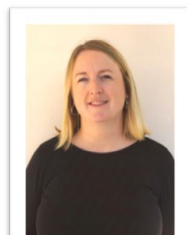
Colin Guyton

Headteacher



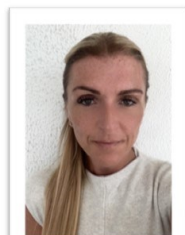
Katie Gardiner

Head of Key Stage 3
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead



Kim Hayes

Head of Key Stage 4
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead



Kelly Bonar

Head of Key Stage 5
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead



Andrew Holden

SENDCO
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead



INTEGRITY • COMMITMENT • RESPECT
**ST JOHN'S
SCHOOL**

In addition or
instead of raising a
concern in person
Scan the QR Code
to report a concern



If you have a concern that affects your wellbeing and/or the wellbeing of others report it with confidence.
Anonymous reports can be made.

CAT4 Testing

Over the course of next week some students will participate in Cognitive Ability Testing, often referred to as CAT4 tests. These tests will be for all students in Year 7 to support the school in its understanding of a child's latent ability and its subsequent progress towards the national accountability measures. The tests will also be taken by students who have recently joined us. Students do not need to do any preparation in advance of sitting these tests.

For further information, please visit: www.gl-assessment.co.uk/assessments/cat4/



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Uniform Changes

It has been great to welcome students back to school in our new uniform. All of Year 7 are expected to and have adhered to our new uniform expectations and it is great to see many in older year groups adopt our new uniform.

This morning we reminded students of our expectations and wish to emphasis the national rules around mobile phones also extend to smart watches, which students are now unable to wear into school. Furthermore, we have asked that where skirts are rolled up and students are reminded upon more than one occasion students will be expected to move to wearing school shorts.

Uniform



Bring in a Reading Book

We ask that students attend school with a book in their bag. They can bring their own book or one borrowed from a library, whether it is our library or one of the libraries on Episkopi or Akrotiri.





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SJS Coffee Mornings

On Thursday 10th September 0900—1000hrs, 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@modschools.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.



Contacting the school

Parents are reminded that contact can be made through:

- SJS.Enquiries@modschools.org
- 00357 2596 3888 (0730—1500hrs)

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Inspiring
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Leaders

CAREERS & FUTURES FAIR 2027

THURSDAY
21
JANUARY
2027

COULD YOU **INSPIRE**
THE NEXT GENERATION?



We are looking for people from **all walks of working life** to join us for our **Careers & Futures Fair** at St John's School.



Last year, more than 30 professionals helped our students explore over 40 different career pathways through talks, demonstrations, activities and careers stands.

This year, we want to dream even bigger!



Whether you work in the **military** or **civilian** world, run your own business, practise a trade, work in a profession, followed an unusual career path or simply have experience and skills that could inspire a young person... we would love to hear from you.

HELP OUR
STUDENTS
EXPLORE
POSSIBILITIES.
BUILD CONFIDENCE.
SHAPE **FUTURES.**

THERE ARE LOTS OF WAYS TO GET INVOLVED:



CAREERS STAND

Chat informally with students about what you do and how you got there.



CAREERS TALK

Share your career journey, expertise or insight into your world of work.



SKILLS WORKSHOP

Help students develop a skill for their future – from interview techniques and communication to teamwork, leadership, budgeting, CVs or workplace skills.



PRACTICAL DEMONSTRATION

Let students see, experience or try something connected to your work.



SOMETHING DIFFERENT?

Have an idea we haven't thought of? Tell us!



We are particularly keen to showcase the widest possible range of opportunities – from apprenticeships, trades and vocational careers to university pathways, entrepreneurship, public service, the Armed Forces and emerging industries.

EVERY CAREER
HAS A STORY.
YOURS COULD INSPIRE
SOMEONE'S FUTURE.

INTERESTED IN TAKING PART?

Scan to tell us how you could get involved.



SCAN ME!



MILITARY & CIVILIAN
All sectors. All skills. All experiences.
All inspiring.



TOGETHER WE CAN
HELP OUR STUDENTS
DREAM. BELIEVE. ACHIEVE.



THANK YOU
for helping shape
their tomorrow.





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Grants to help Service children overcome disadvantages to their education due to parents' service

We recognise that Service children may experience:

- Impact of mobility on their education, particularly when this is between devolved nations/ other countries
- Disruption of family life due to weekending/ deployments that can effect learning
- Impact of parental needs such as isolation, temporary single parenthood, English as Additional Language
- Lack of continuity in education

The Trust has been supporting Service children for over 150 years. They do this through individual grants and collective grants to schools and organisations.



Previous grants have included funding for:

- Short term support for children with Additional Needs where this cannot be met via normal funding
- Contribution to school fees to ensure continuity of education during key exam years
- Additional catch up support needed due to school moves
- Play therapy for a group of Service children
- Emotional support training/ provision for schools
- Access to higher education course
- Transition support

Individual grants are means tested

The Trustees recognise that support needed by Service children could be at any time of the year and will therefore consider individual applications as required.

Please visit our website for more information. If you send an enquiry from our link below or via QR code, we will then contact you to discuss your situation.

Schools seeking collective grants should send an enquiry from the [Collective Grants](#) page and we will contact you to discuss an application.



Please visit the Trust's website to find out more
<https://armedforceseducation.org/>
Use QR code for Individual Enquiry Form



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HEAT SAFETY STAY COOL, STAY SAFE

DRINK WATER

Drink water regularly throughout the day. Don't wait until you're thirsty.

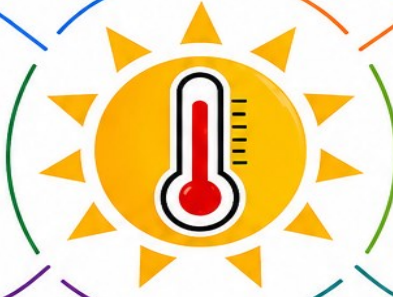


LIMIT SUN EXPOSURE

Avoid being outside during the hottest hours (11 a.m. – 4 p.m.). Seek shade and wear light, breathable clothing.

KEEP YOUR SPACE COOL

Use fans, air conditioning, or close curtains/blinds to keep indoor spaces cool and comfortable.



EAT LIGHT AND HEALTHY

Choose light meals and eat plenty of fruits and vegetables to stay energized.



PLAN YOUR DAY

Schedule outdoor activities for cooler hours. Take breaks and listen to your body.



STAY IN THE SHADE

Use an umbrella, hat, or other shade when you're outside.

WATCH FOR SYMPTOMS



- High body temperature
- Headache
- Nausea or vomiting
- Dizziness
- Rapid heartbeat
- Confusion or fainting



If you or someone you know feels unwell, seek medical help.



In case of a medical emergency, call the National Emergency Number:

112

10 MORE WAYS TO STAY SAFE IN THE HEAT

1



Check the weather forecast and plan accordingly.

2



Wear light-coloured, loose-fitting, breathable clothing.

3



Use sunscreen with SPF 30+ when outdoors.

4



Take cool showers or use a damp cloth to cool down.

5



Get enough rest and sleep.

6



Never leave children or pets in a parked car.

7



Check on family, friends, and neighbors, especially vulnerable people.

8



Carry a reusable water bottle wherever you go.

9



Keep your home/office well ventilated when possible.

10



Keep a basic first aid kit available.



Stay informed. Stay hydrated. Stay safe.
Beat the heat!



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HUMAN
RESOURCES**
EMPLOYEE
WELLBEING MATTERS