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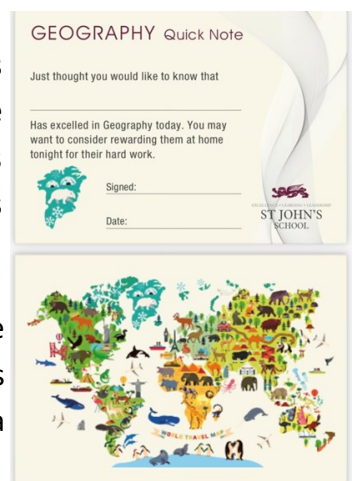
Dear Families,

It has been great to see students new and old settle into the new academic year with ease. Our school is very much up and running and I have had opportunity to get in and out of lessons over the course of this past week. Lessons continue with purpose and our students work with the necessary commitment expected.



Students have begun to be rewarded with the various 'Quick Notes' that can be collected from across the curriculum. Each card can help students work towards one of our Challenge Coins, which mirror similar coins awarded through both the British and US Militaries.

Looking ahead to next week we have an RAF STEM workshop taking place on Monday, whilst students will get the chance to jump into the pool as part of their PE lessons following our ability to secure the services of a lifeguard from Episkopi Garrison.



Upcoming School Events

Week Commencing 14th Sept.

All Week

Monday 14th September

(NGRT) Reading Tests (All Week)

Year 8 RAF STEM Workshop

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

Bookings required via SJS.enquiries@modschoools.org

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Week 2

Week Commencing 28th Sept.

Monday 28th September

Wednesday 30th October

Thursday 1st October

Friday 2nd October

Applying to University, an introduction to UCAS (Online) @ 1430hrs

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

National Poetry Day

Year 11 and 13 Parent Afternoon @ 1430—1700hrs

Interschool Swimming Gala

Week 1



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Our School Improvement Priorities

Guided by our moral purpose to eliminate educational disadvantage caused by mobility, our school improvement priorities remain unchanged and displayed below.

SAFEGUARDING PROVISION

Safeguarding provision is '**exemplary**' and supports other MOD Schools in improving their provision.



INTEGRITY • COMMITMENT • RESPECT

ST JOHN'S
SCHOOL

EDUCATIONAL OFFER

The educational offer is consistently '**Good**' ensuring St John's School ranks in the **Top 5%** of schools nationally for student progress.

Eliminating educational disadvantage caused by mobility

ATTENDANCE

Student attendance is **above 96%**, exceeding the national average.

INCLUSION

The learning needs of our varied and diverse student community are effectively met through well planned lessons that provide **support and challenge**, underpinned by a caring pastoral ethos.

STUDENT MOBILITY

St John's School is a centre of best practice providing **seamless transitions** into, through, and beyond our school community.

STAFF WELLBEING

Staff at St John's School feel valued and motivated by a shared moral purpose. There is a collective sense of achievement.
Employee turnover is less than 5%

STUDENT SATISFACTION

Students are **highly satisfied** at St John's School, possessing an attitude towards their learning that exceeds that of all other students nationally.

COMMUNITY PRIDE

The community is **proud** of St John's School, celebrating the strengths and successes of a school which exceeds their child's previous school experience.

Informed by these priorities we have chosen four to focus upon in greater depth. They include specific focus upon:

- Inclusion in response to HM Governments 2026 SEND White Paper
- Reading across the Curriculum
- Metacognition
- Staff Professional Development



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Health Information for Our Students

Working together to keep every student safe and well



ALLERGIES



MEDICAL
CONDITIONS



MEDICATION



ONGOING
HEALTH CONCERNS

As we welcome **new students and families** to St John's, we kindly ask that you alert us to any **allergies and/or health concerns** that your child may have.

Due to the large mobility within military schools and being overseas, information is not always able to be shared promptly between schools in the UK or elsewhere. We therefore want to ensure that our records are accurate, complete and up to date.

If you have an **existing student** and there have been any changes, or you would like to update the information we hold, please do get in touch.

Keeping our students safe is a shared responsibility.



Please email **Phil Cornford** with any information or updates:

Phil.cornford@modschoools.org

If you are unsure whether we already hold the information, please contact Phil who will be happy to check our records.



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The Learning Circle at St John's School

Supporting Every Child's Journey

At St John's School, we are proud of our mission: **to eliminate educational disadvantage caused by mobility**. Many of our students experience frequent moves and transitions, and we believe that every young person deserves a consistent, supportive, and high-quality education, no matter where they come from or where they are going.

To help us achieve this, we have developed the **Learning Circle**. This framework is shaped around the values and character attributes that ensure every student at St. John's has the tools to thrive – academically, socially, and personally.

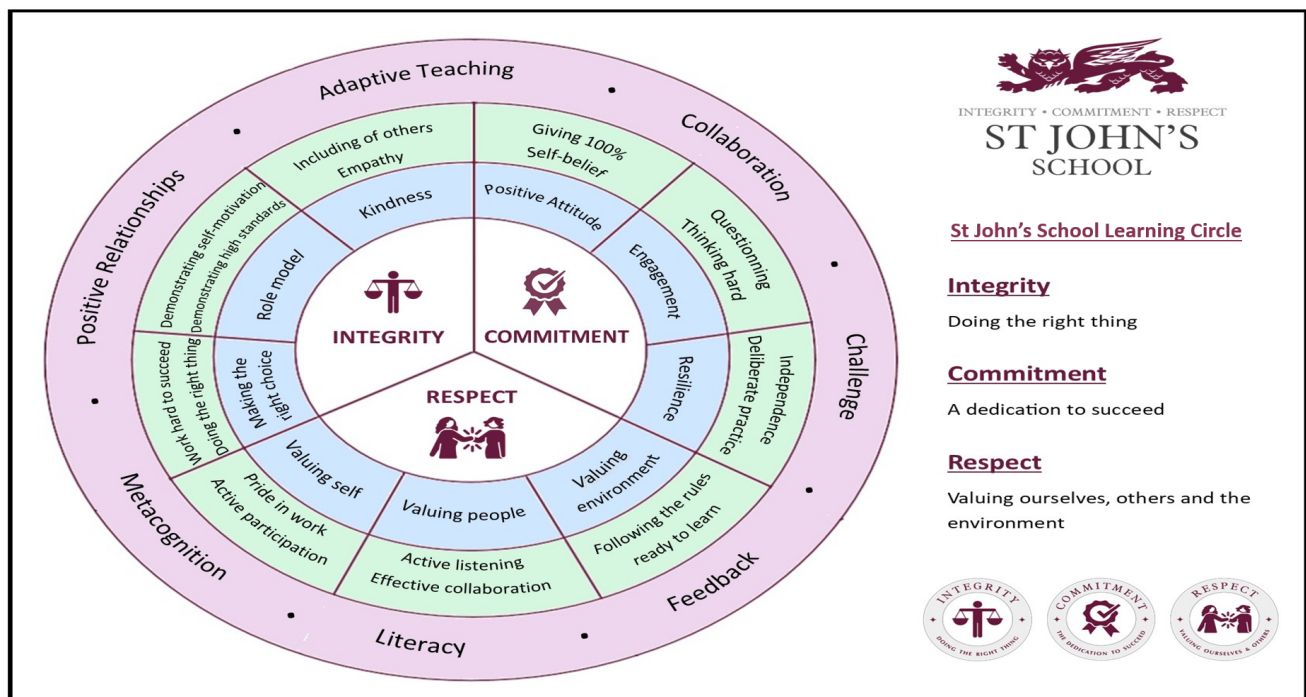
At the heart of the Learning Circle are our **three core values**:

Integrity – being honest, fair, and making the right choices.

Respect – valuing oneself and others and treating people with kindness.

Commitment – showing dedication, resilience, and engagement in learning.

These values are more than words on a page. They are lived out daily in our classrooms, corridors, and playgrounds, helping us create a safe, welcoming environment for all students, especially those who may have faced disruption or change.





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The Learning Circle at St John's School

Supporting Every Child's Journey (continued)

The Learning Circle also highlights the attributes that prepare young people to overcome challenges and succeed:

Kindness – showing care, empathy, and respect in every interaction.

Positive Attitude – approaching new situations with optimism and confidence.

Valuing Self – recognising personal strengths and aiming for one's best.

Role Model – inspiring others by example.

Engagement – being curious, proactive, and involved in learning.

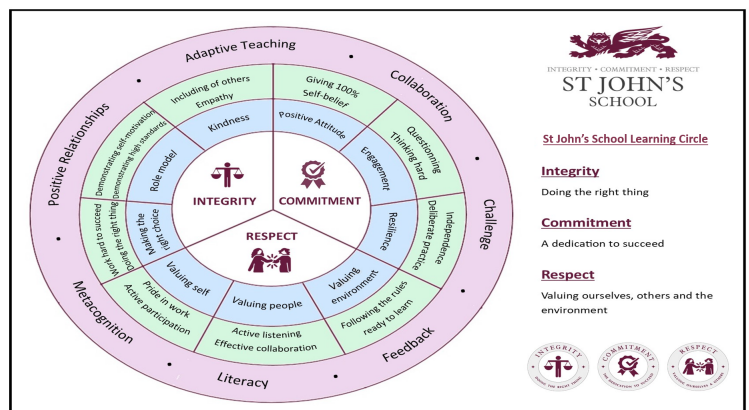
Valuing People – appreciating diversity and the contributions of others.

Making the Right Choices – showing responsibility and sound judgement.

Resilience – adapting to change, bouncing back from setbacks, and staying focused.

Value in Learning – understanding that effort and commitment bring long-term success.

By embedding these qualities into everything we do, we ensure that St John's students are not only equipped to manage the challenges of mobility but are also empowered to achieve and grow in every setting. By focusing on these qualities, we ensure that students are not only developing academically, but also growing as confident, caring and responsible individuals.



In the coming editions of our school newsletter, we will explore each part of the Learning Circle in more detail, showing how it is brought to life in lessons and how you, as parents, can support these values and attributes at home.

At St John's, the Learning Circle is more than a framework – it is a commitment to ensuring that every child, regardless of mobility, has the opportunity to learn, flourish, and become the very best version of themselves.



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St John's School Cyprus Day

**Thursday
1st
October**

2nd Break

Food supplied by
All Around Grill,
Episkopi



CASH ONLY

Any questions regarding dietary
requirements please email:
twenty20.5784@stjohnsschoolcyprus.com

(Order between Mon 14th Sept –
Fri 18th Sept)

Choice of Meals

(all served with chips and pitta):

- **Chicken Gyros with salad**
- **Chicken Gyros without salad**
- **Pork Gyros with salad**
- **Pork Gyros without salad**
- **Halloumi with salad**
- **Halloumi without salad**



INTEGRITY • COMMITMENT • RESPECT

**ST JOHN'S
SCHOOL**

**Order at the
school office- €6
per meal**

**Featuring
Greek Dancing!**



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Applying to University: A parent information event

Monday 28th September 1430—1530 hrs

Parents and students who may have a future interest in applying for university are invited to attend an information event on Monday 28th September, starting at 1430 hrs online. Primarily pitched for parents and students in Year 13, parents of students in other years are equally welcome.

The event will look to provide information on:

- courses and providers available to students
- the UCAS application process
- information regarding student finance

UCAS

<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/331729547197952?p=GxHWzOatX0k3b05Zfz>



www.facebook.com/stjohnsschoolcyprus

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

Meet the teachers - Tuesday 22nd September 1430 - 1530hrs

You are cordially invited to meet our teachers at an informal event that will take place in the courtyard place on:

Tuesday 22nd September 1430 - 1530hrs

It is hoped that this event will enable you, along with your child to meet their teachers, as well as other parents (new and old). A selection of complimentary drinks and light snacks will be available.



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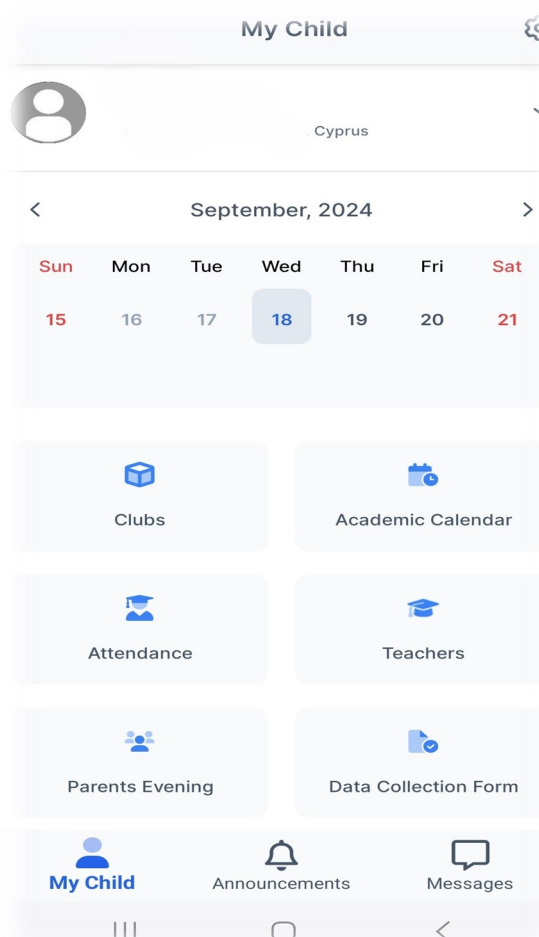
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My Child At School App

To facilitate our communications with parents we use Bromcom's My Child At School App. My Child At School (MCAS) is an online parent portal that allows parents to monitor their child's progress and wellbeing at school with real-time information and instant updates. It can be accessed via any web browser or an app (available on iOS and Android devices) which offers parents the same features.



MCAS offers parents a wide range of capabilities, including the ability to monitor attendance and behaviour, book parents' evening slots, see reports, and other important documents, receive communications from the school, make payments, and update any changes in details. And with the parent portal app, all these features can be accessed from a personal device, like a smartphone.



Using the MCAS App

You will be emailed an invitation that will include a link to download the MCAS App. Once the App is opened you will be asked to enter your email address and create a password. You will then be asked to enter a 5 digit pin and tick to confirm to be presented with your child's dashboard.

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 McIntyre who will gladly assist you in logging on. Mrs McIntyre's email is Claire.McIntyre@MODSchools.org

Further Information

Further guides for parents on MCAS can be found at [MyChildAtSchool \(MCAS\) Parent Guides – Bromcom – Documentation Centre](#). Here you will find comprehensive information on what MCAS can do to support you.



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THE SWIMMING POOL IS BACK OPEN!

Our school swimming pool is now open
and ready for use!



Swimming lessons are back on from:

TUESDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER

YEAR 7, 8 & 9

**SWIMMING
LESSONS**

ARE BACK ON!



YEAR 10, 11 & 12

WATER POLO



We are delighted to inform you that the lifeguard situation has been resolved and starting from next **Tuesday 15th September** all Year 7,8 and 9 PE lessons will be Swimming and Year 10, 11 and 12's will have Water polo as an **option** in their PE lessons. Students should therefore bring swimming kit to their PE lessons as necessary.



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Inspiring
Future
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.

