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Dear Families,



Throughout this past week we have prioritised settling students into the routine of a new term, protected from wider community distractions. As such lessons continued with purpose allowing me to visit students swimming in our pool, dissecting hearts in science, debating social intolerance and demonstrating skill proficiency in art and music. Two full weeks into the new school year students have settled extremely well and I hope your child is enjoying their time at school as much as those I have spoken to.

On Monday this week our Year 8 students had opportunity to work with the RAF STEM Team engaging in a variety of practical activities that facilitated students' problem solving skills through their application of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.

We have packed a lot into this weeks newsletter, so please do have a good look through the articles detailing upcoming events and information.

Upcoming School Events

Week Commencing 21st Sept.	**Week 2**
Monday 21st September	**Year 8 Aspire Parent Information Evening @ 1430hrs in Hall**
Tuesday 22nd September	**Meet the Teacher @ 1415hrs in the School Courtyard**
Thursday 24th September	**SJS Coffee Morning 0900—1000 hrs**
	Bookings required via SJS.enquiries@modschools.org
	Macmillan Coffee Morning

Week Commencing 28th Sept.	**Week 1**
Monday 28th September	**Applying to University, an introduction to UCAS (Online) @ 1430hrs**
Wednesday 30th September	**Headteacher's Surgery : 0900—1000 hrs @ Akrotiri Hive**
Thursday 1st October	**National Poetry Day**
	Year 11 and 13 Parent Afternoon @ 1430—1700hrs
Friday 2nd October	**SJS Swimming Gala**

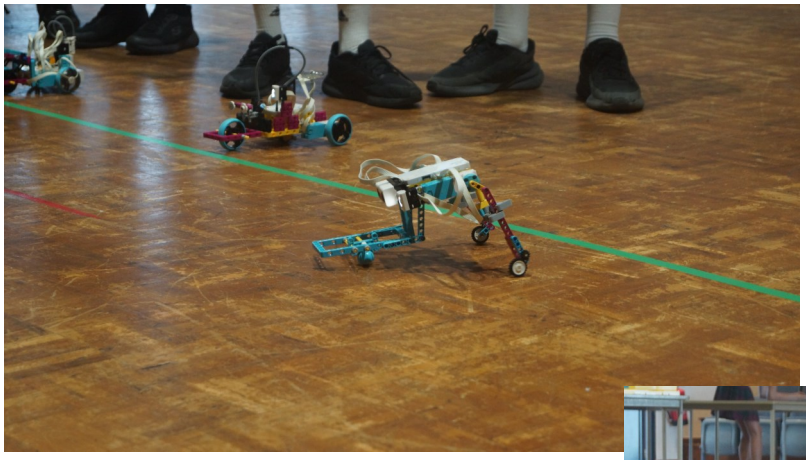
Week Commencing 5th October	**Week 2**
Wednesday 7th October	**Inter School Swimming Gala @SJS : 1000hrs**
Thursday 8th October	**SJS Coffee Morning 0900—1000 hrs**
	Bookings required via SJS.enquiries@modschools.org
	Episkopi Health Fayre @ 1330hrs : Dodge
	Settling In Reports Issued for Year 10 and 12

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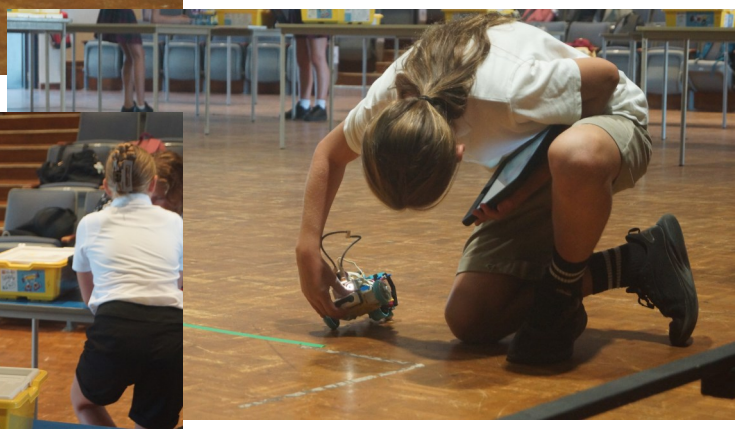
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This week at St John's School



On Monday we were visited by the RAF STEM Team allowing our students to develop and construct robotic prototypes for evacuating areas afflicted by natural disasters.





Students left their mark on our school as students who have recently joined placed their handprint on the wall approaching our courtyard.



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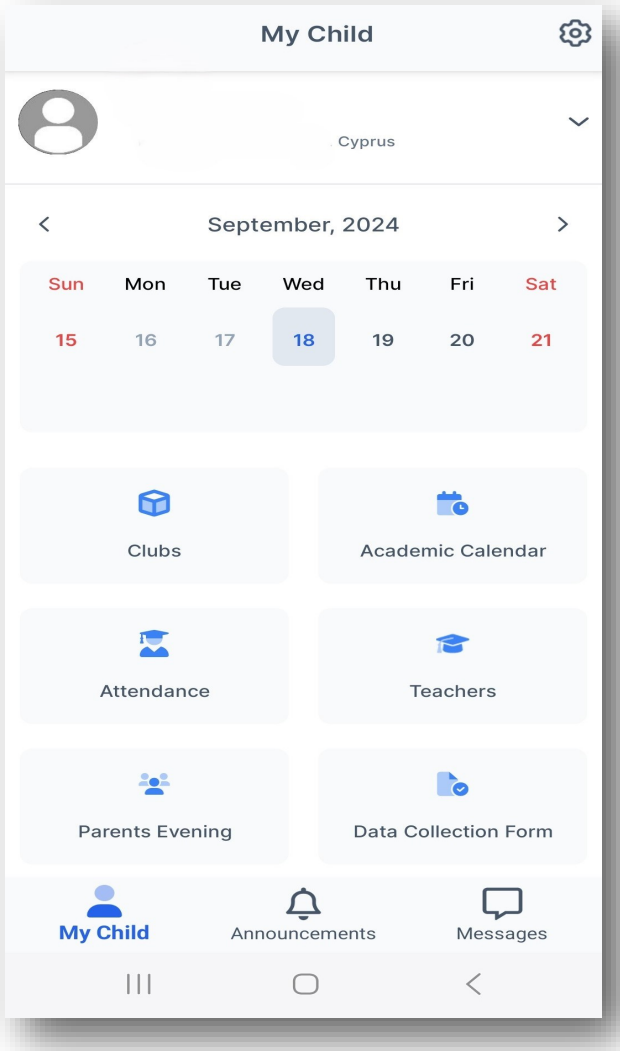
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Year 11 and 13 Parents' Afternoon

Thursday 1st October 1430—1700 hrs

We look forward to welcoming parents of our Year 11 and 13 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 performance in their recent mock examinations and the next steps ahead of the December mock examinations.



Appointments must be made in advance of the Parent Afternoon. Appointments can only be made through My Child at School (MCAS) App. The appointment book will open on Monday 21st September at midday.

Please ensure you have registered to use the MCAS App in advance of Monday 21st September.

Once registered, to make your appointments, please visit the Parents Evening tab via the MCAS homepage after Midday on Monday 21st September. You can then follow the prompts to make appointments for your child's teachers.

Having difficulties?

Should you encounter difficulties please email Mrs Davies who will gladly support you in logging in for the first time and/or making an appointment. Mrs Davies's email is Sophie.Davies@MODSchools.org

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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

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

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.

Student Fundraising

Throughout September, I am running 100 km (approximately 3.34 km every day give or take depending on the day) to raise money for Prevent Breast Cancer. I chose this charity because breast cancer has affected my nan, so the cause is extremely important and personal to me. I wanted to turn that experience into something positive by challenging myself and helping to support research focused on preventing the disease.

So far, I have completed over 35 km and raised more than £300 towards my £500 target. Sharing the fundraiser in the newsletter would help me reach more members of our school community, raise awareness of the charity and hopefully gain further support towards my target.

My fundraising page is linked below:

Chloe Louise Tomlinson is fundraising for Prevent Breast Cancer

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Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) Information Session

Parents and carers of Year 12 students undertaking the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) are warmly invited to an information session at school on:

Tuesday 29 September at 1430hrs

During a short presentation, we will explain what the EPQ involves, the key deadlines, and the expectations and support in place for students throughout the process. There will also be an opportunity for parents and carers to ask questions afterwards. We look forward to welcoming you.



SJS Coffee Mornings



On Thursday 24th 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)**



Let's be friends! www.facebook.com/stjohnsschoolcyprus

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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Flu Vaccination Consent

The NHS seasonal flu vaccination programme will shortly be taking place in school for eligible pupils in **Years 7 to 11**.

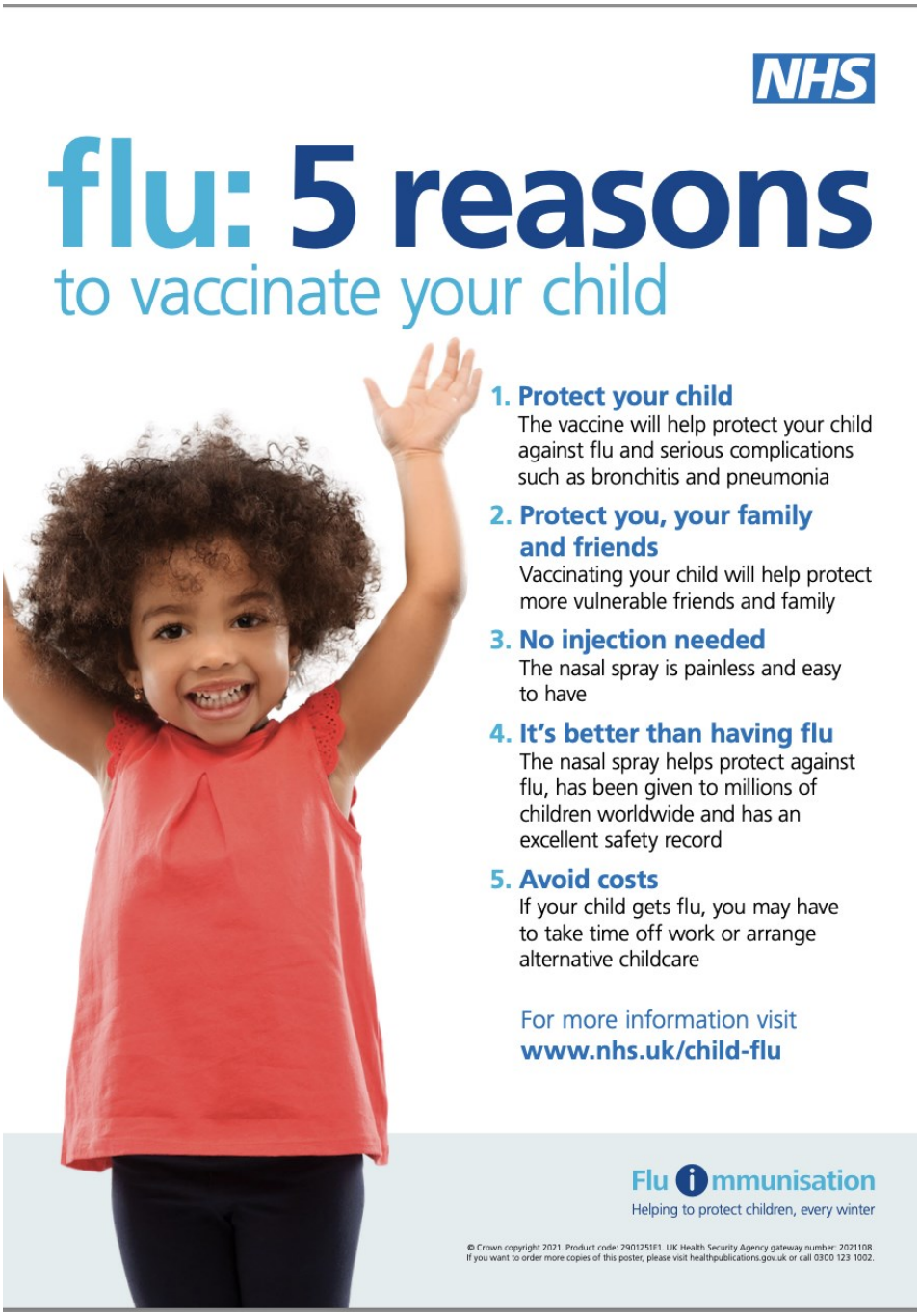
The nasal flu vaccine helps protect children against flu, a common and highly infectious illness that can spread easily throughout schools, households, and the wider community. Vaccination helps reduce the risk of illness, absence from school, and transmission to more vulnerable family members.

Most pupils will be offered the vaccine as a quick and painless nasal spray. Please complete the online consent form, whether you wish your child to receive the vaccination or not, using the link below:

https://surveys.mod.uk/index.php/982597?lang=en

Please complete the online consent form (one for each child) by **October 9th, 2026**, to ensure your child receives their vaccination.

If you require further information about the flu vaccination programme, please contact the School Health Nursing Service on BFC-SchoolHealth-GpMailbox@mod.gov.uk



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Career Days

Each Career Day combines **career and university guidance with live virtual work experience**, giving students a practical insight into the profession before making decisions about their future with opportunities to ask questions and a personalised certificate of completion.

Students can join from anywhere in the world with the courses running from 11am - 4pm BST and recorded so students can watch anytime and still obtain their certificates

Some key career opportunities are listed below. Students can look at what else is being offered and sign up through their website linked here www.careerdays.co.uk



October

Saturday 3 October – Medicine

Sunday 4 October – Dentistry

Saturday 10 October – Veterinary Medicine

Saturday 17 October – Computer Science

Sunday 18 October – Performing Arts

Saturday 24 October – Midwifery

Saturday 31 October – Psychology

November

Saturday 7 November – Architecture

Saturday 21 November – Engineering

Saturday 28 November – Law

December

Saturday 5 December – Business

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Our Learning Circle: Integrity

‘Doing the right thing—even when it costs us something’

At the heart of the St John’s Learning Circle are our core values: **Integrity, Commitment and Respect**. We begin with **Integrity**.

Integrity means being honest, taking responsibility and making choices that reflect the person we want to be—not only when others are watching, but also when nobody may ever know.

Within our Learning Circle, Integrity is demonstrated through:

- **Kindness**—noticing, including and helping others.
- **Being a Role Model**—behaving in a way that positively influences those around us.

Making the Right Choices—doing what we know is right, even when another choice would be easier or more rewarding. One of the most powerful examples of **integrity** in sport returned to public attention during the 2026 Winter Olympics.

Eugenio Monti was one of the greatest bobsleigh competitors of his generation. At the 1964 Winter Olympics, he was still pursuing his first Olympic gold medal when the Canadian team discovered that its bobsleigh had a broken axle. Without help, it would have been forced to withdraw—improving Monti’s own chance of winning.

Instead, Monti and the Italian mechanics repaired the Canadians’ sled. The Canadians continued competing, won gold and pushed Monti’s team into third place.

Then, in the two-man event, the British team discovered that a vital bolt had broken. Monti offered them a bolt from his own sled. They also went on to win gold, while Monti again received bronze.

Criticised for helping the teams that defeated him, Monti responded that the British pair had not won because he gave them a bolt; they had won because they produced the fastest run.

That is integrity with a real cost.

Monti chose fairness over personal advantage. He wanted to win because he was the best competitor—not because somebody else had been prevented from competing by broken equipment. His actions earned him the first-ever Pierre de Coubertin Fair Play Trophy, and the Olympic bobsleigh track in Cortina now bears his name.

Most of us will never face a decision involving an Olympic medal, but we encounter smaller versions of the same choice every day.

At St John’s, we show integrity when we tell the truth, admit a mistake, complete our own work honestly, return something that is not ours, include someone who is alone, follow expectations without being reminded and speak up when something is unfair or unkind.

Integrity does not mean being perfect. We will all sometimes get things wrong. Integrity is demonstrated in what happens next: acknowledging our part, trying to put things right and making a better choice.

Eugenio Monti did not win Olympic gold in 1964, but his character has been remembered for more than 60 years. Results record where we finish; our choices reveal who we are.

Our challenge is to ask: What is the right thing to do—and will I still choose it when nobody is watching?

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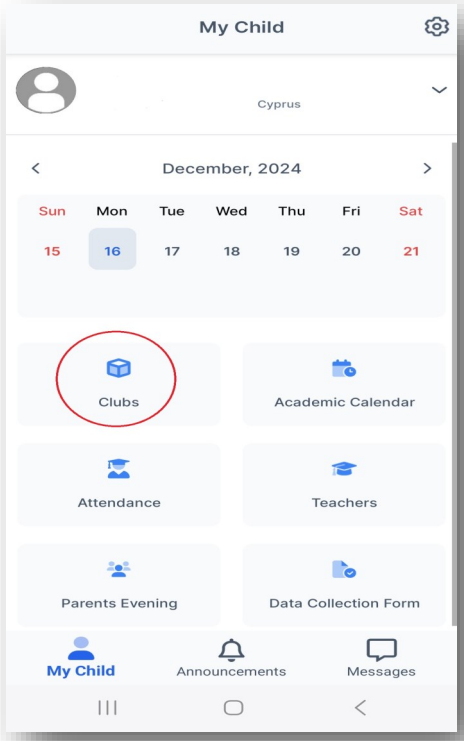
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Enrichment Opportunities

Using the MCAS App you will now be able to find our emerging extra curricular enrichment opportunities for students.

To attend an extra curricular activity, students must enrol onto their chosen activities. A register will be taken to confirm their attendance to each enrichment activity and a message (via the MCAS App) sent to parents to confirm their attendance or bring to your attention their absence should they have been expected to attend.

Students who have registered for the Bromcom Student Portal can also enrol themselves into any of the enrichment activities.



Having difficulties?

Should you encounter difficulties please email Mrs McIntyre who will gladly support you in logging in for the first time and/or making an appointment. Mrs McIntyre's email is: Claire.McIntyre@MODSchools.org

School Buses

Students have recently been reminded of the code of conduct they created for travel on school buses. As a reminder, this is listed below with a link to the supporting policy, which can be found on our school website.

Students agreed:

- Passengers will sit in their allocated seat
- Passengers will embark and disembark with consideration for others
- Passengers will not eat or drink, whilst on the bus, with the exception of water
- Passengers will ensure they take personal belongings and do not leave rubbish on the bus
- Passengers will talk quietly and be respectful to fellow passengers, both students and staff
- Passengers can listen to music, mobile phones, but only through ear phones
- Passengers will respect the personal space of others
- Passengers will respect the bus and ensure there is no damage or graffiti

The full policy can be found here

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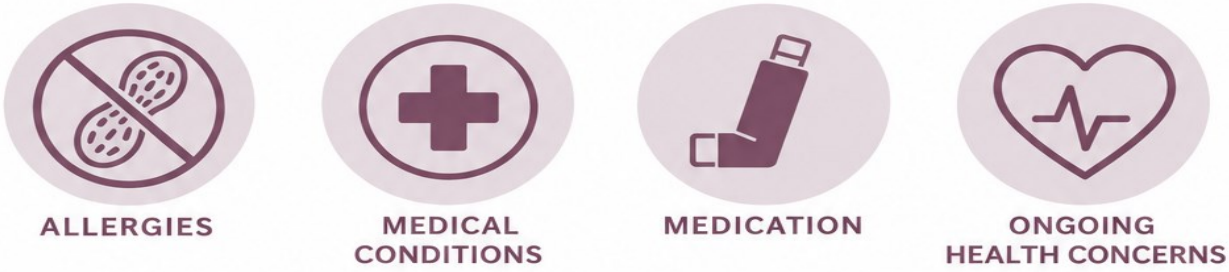
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Health Information for Our Students

Working together to keep every student safe and well



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@modschools.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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Eliminating education disadvantage caused by mobility

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Cyprus Day

Thursday 1st October 2nd Break

CASH ONLY

Food supplied by All Around Grill, Episkopi

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

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Order at the school office- €6 per meal

Featuring Greek Dancing!