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Dear Families,

I enjoyed the opportunity to lead our whole school assembly on Tuesday. I was able to launch our fortnightly collective theme which encouraged students to use the start of the academic year to set goals, anticipate and overcome setbacks to pursue personal growth. This theme will be explored through tutor activities, and I encourage you to support your child in their bid to consider and set goals for this academic year in your conversations at home.



On Thursday we celebrated Cyprus Independence Day with Cypriot food, music and dance before welcoming parents of Year 11 and 13 through our first formal Parent Afternoon. The afternoon provided opportunity to consider student progress as evidenced in the end of year mock examinations sat in July. Clear steps were afforded to students and parents that will guide their next steps and preparations ahead of the December Mock Exams that are now just eight weeks away.

The week is ending with the hope that the weather will allow our planned school swimming gala. Students are to compete against one another with the winners being selected to represent our school in next week's interschool swimming gala. Parents of students selected will be notified early next week and they are cordially invited to come in and cheer their child on..

Upcoming School Events

<u>Week Commencing 5th Oct.</u>	<u>Week 2</u>
Wednesday 7th October Thursday 8th October Friday 9th October	Inter School Swimming Gala @SJS: 1000hrs SJS Coffee Morning 0900—1000 hrs Bookings required via SJS.enquiries@modschoools.org Episkopi Health Fayre @ 1330hrs: Dodge Settling In Reports Issued for Year 10 and 12
<u>Week Commencing 12th Oct..</u>	<u>Week 1</u>
Tuesday 13th October Wednesday 14th October Thursday 15th October	Year 8 HPV Vaccinations DCS Inclusion Review of SJS—Day 1 Headteacher's Surgery: 0900—1000 hrs @ Akrotiri Hive DCS Inclusion Review of SJS—Day 1
<u>Week Commencing 19th Oct.</u>	<u>Week 2</u>
Thursday 22nd October Friday 23rd October	Year 10 School Trip (details shared separately) SJS Coffee Morning 0900—1000 hrs Bookings required via SJS.enquiries@modschoools.org Last Day of the Half Term Settling In Reports Issued to Year 7, 10 and 12.



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This week at St John's School



Students in Year 10 had opportunity to practice yoga on Thursday, providing strategies to support both physical and mental wellbeing.



On Thursday our Student Leadership Team rallied together our Sixth Form to lead our Cyprus Day Celebrations. The events took place over lunchtime and involved Cypriot music, dance and food.

Well done and thank you to our students for their efforts in realising their initial ideas to pull together an enjoyable whole school celebration of our host nation.





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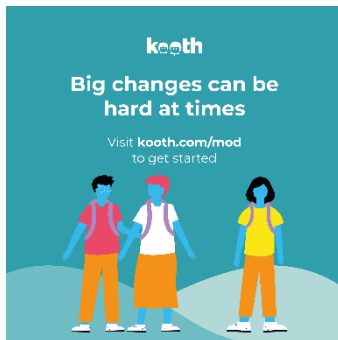


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SJS Coffee Mornings

On Thursday 8th October 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@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.



Has your child accessed Kooth?

It is a free, safe and anonymous place for young people to find online support and counselling. There is a bunch of features and tools to support young people if they are not feeling their best. The website provides advice and tips on all sorts of things from anxiety and relationship advice to ideas for relaxing after a stressful day.

Our Snack Shack

We are delighted by the continued popularity of our Snack Shack. However, since the start of the academic year significant numbers of students have been asking for items without having sufficient funds to pay. Our Snack Shack cannot provide students with credit and should a student wish to purchase food and have sufficient funds they must visit reception where a call home will be made to ensure payment can either be made that day or the next.



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Annual Consent Form for school trips and other off-site activities

Following the successful implementation of our annual consent form last academic year which enabled you to give permission in advance for your child/children to take part in activities locally, such as outdoor learning, and school trips further afield on the My Child at School app.

New students - starting at St John's School from September 2026

Please can I direct you to the 'consents' section on the MCAS app for you to agree to giving consent for your child to attend school trips / off site activities.

Parents/carers will still be contacted in advance of school trips with fuller excursion details. This provides a further opportunity to withdraw consent if applicable.

The trips and activities covered by this consent include:

- All visits (including residential trips) which take place during the school day, during holidays or at the weekend
- Adventure activities at any time
- Off-site sporting fixtures outside the school day

You can, if you wish, tell the school that you do not want your child to take part in any specific school trip or activity.

Further written parental consent will not be requested from you for off-site activities offered by the school.

By giving consent on MCAS you are signing to say you are happy for your child / children to:

- a) To take part in school trips and other activities that take place off school premises; and
- b) To be given first aid or urgent medical treatment during any school trip or activity.

If this could be completed by **Friday 15 October 2026** it would be appreciated.

Any questions please contact angela.dakin@modschools.org

Existing Students - attended SJS in the 2025-2026 academic year

Your consent will continue on the MCAS app and no further action is needed. If there are any gaps where consent has not been given, parents / carers will be contacted individually.

If you wish to withdraw consent, please email angela.dakin@modschools.org or contact our reception staff.



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IMPROVE
FITNESS



BUILD
STRENGTH



PREPARE
FOR THE SLOPES



HAVE FUN
TOGETHER



WHEN?

MONDAYS
2:00 – 3:00



WHERE?

SCHOOL
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WHO?

ALL STUDENTS
WHO HAVE SIGNED
UP FOR THE SKI TRIP



DON'T FORGET
TO SIGN UP ON THE
MCAS APP!