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Dear Families,



We have reached the end of the longest half term of the academic year, and it seems to have raced by. In truth the end of the term has come with good timing as a wave of illness began passing through our school towards the latter half of this week impacting on students and staff. I hope any lingering illness clears for all now half term is upon us.

The week began with a DCS led peer review of our early progress against our school improvement priorities. It was a welcomed opportunity to evaluate our early efforts. Elsewhere this week our Year 10 students visited Limassol's Paradox Museum and an Escape Room. This trip is one of a number for the coming year aimed to support student spiritual, moral, social and cultural (SMSC) development. Thursday evening also saw our students in costume for our Halloween disco, there will be some spooky ghosts and ghouls out, come the 31st October!

As half-term is now upon us, I hope that many of you have opportunity to take some leave and enjoy time as a family. We look forward to welcoming your child(ren) back to school on Tuesday 3rd November at 0800 hrs.

Upcoming School Events

Week Commencing 26th Oct.	**Half Term** **School closed to students and staff**
Week Commencing 2nd Nov. **All Week** **Monday 2nd November** **Tuesday 3rd November** **Wednesday 4th November** **Thursday 5th November**	**Week 1** **GCSE Retake Examinations – English and Mathematics** **INSET Day, school closed to students** **School open to all year groups** **School Photos** **Headteacher's Surgery: 0900—1000 hrs @ Akrotiri Hive** **Year 11 Drama Performance Examination**
Week Commencing 9th Nov. **All Week** **Monday 9th November** **Wednesday 11th November** **Thursday 12th November** **Friday 13th November**	**Week 2** **GCSE Retake Examinations – English and Mathematics** **Year 11 Parent Interactive Revision Workshop @1430hrs in School Hall** **Armistice (Remembrance) Day** **Year 7 School Trip (details shared separately)** **SJS Coffee Morning 0900—1000 hrs** **Bookings required via SJS.enquiries@modschools.org** **Silver DofE Qualifying Expedition**

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This week at St John's School



We held our Key Stage 3 Halloween Disco on Thursday in the Amphitheatre (pictured above)

Bentley our school support dog stole the show during lunchtimes this week (pictured below)













Students in Year 10 visited Limassol's Paradox Museum and an escape room on Thursday.

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Help Your Child Revise with Confidence!

Year 11 Parent Interactive Revision Workshop – Monday 9th November @ 1430hrs

Supporting Your Child Through Their GCSEs

Are you wondering how best to support your child with revision? Not sure which revision strategies really work? Want to help your child feel confident, motivated and prepared for their mock assessments?

Join us for a practical and interactive session designed especially for parents!

What to Expect

- Revision Techniques That Work – Discover effective strategies to help your child remember and recall key information.
- Have a Go Yourself! – Take part in interactive revision activities that you can recreate at home.
- Planning for Success – Learn how to help your child create a realistic and manageable revision timetable.
- Motivation Without Pressure – Explore ways to encourage your child while reducing exam stress and anxiety.
- Creating a Positive Revision Environment – Pick up simple tips to make revision at home more productive.

Learn It. Try It. Take It Home.

This isn't just a presentation! You'll have the opportunity to experience revision techniques first-hand; ask questions and leave with practical ideas you can use straight away.



Event Details

Date: Monday 9th November
Time: 1430 – 1600hrs
Location: St John's School

Sign up via MCAS

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A Sad Farewell

Sadly, for our school we learnt this week that Mrs Shotbolt, our colleague who has so successfully run our Snack Shack is to leave us for a new role within the WSBA. Her new role is a great opportunity for her, and we wish her all the very best, however she is to be a great loss, and I am sure students will be disappointed to learn of her departure.

Recruiting into this role will take a longtime and initially we will try to maintain a limited service, however it is unlikely we will be able to provide the range of offer students have been used to over the past half term.

School Photos

School photographs will be taken on Wednesday 4th November. All students will be involved in having a whole school and year group photograph taken across these dates.



School Trousers

As per our uniform policy students are permitted to wear tailored school trousers to school. We request that these are either grey or black in colour. Students are not permitted to wear trousers that are of stretchy and/or tight-fitting material. Trousers should have a straight leg/tapered fit. Trouser material should be of a quality that does not provide any degree of transparency.

The school will strictly enforce this aspect of its uniform policy from Tuesday 3rd November 2026. Students who are not wearing the correct trousers will require parents to bring in an alternative item of clothing that is compliant with our policy.



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Celebrating Forces Families Awards 2027

Celebrating Forces Families Awards is an opportunity to recognise and honour the dedication and resilience of military families. Last year's event highlighted remarkable achievements across a wide range of categories, reflecting the diverse support systems and contributions within the forces community.

The 2027 Award nominations are now open and you can visit Award Categories — Celebrating Forces Families to cast your nomination.



Award categories include:

- Inspirational Adult Family Member of the year award
- Young Peoples Award: Support the Armed Forces Community
- Overcoming Adversity
- Volunteer of the Year – Supporting the Armed Forces Community
- Away from home award
- Social media influencer
- Military family social enterprise
- Armed forces advocate of the year
- Small business owner
- Public service award
- Business award

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Student Leavers



Aware that there are families whose posting will end midway through the academic year, we are keen to support students in a smooth transition to their new school. To this end, or if you know you will be leaving us during the next half term or shortly after the Christmas Holidays, we would welcome notification at the earliest opportunity.

The student departure form can be found on our website via this link: Leaving Us - St John's School Cyprus

If you have any queries regarding your child's transition to their new school, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs McIntyre on 00357 2596 8003 or alternatively you can email at Claire.Mcintyre@modschools.org.

Headteacher's Surgery - Akrotiri Hive

On Wednesday 4th November 0900—1000 hrs, parents and/or members of the BFC community are welcome to drop into the Akrotiri Hive, without appointment, to meet the Headteacher, Colin Guyton, to discuss any ideas or issues concerning St John's School.

This approach draws similarities from the MP Local Constituency Surgeries you may be familiar with in the UK and it is hoped that it will prove a useful opportunity to share ideas that help improve the provision we provide to the young people in our care.

HIVE information
Supporting the Service Community



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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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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School Governance Committee (SGC)

School Governance Committee (SGC) members are interested members of the community, including parents of children at St John's School

We work with the Headteacher and school staff to assist in making key decisions vital to the successful running of the school, contribute to decisions directly affecting the education and wellbeing of pupils, assist in improving standards throughout the school and monitor the school budget.

The SGC meets once a term as a whole committee to review and discuss school business and represent the views of parents.

Main Roles

Provide a strategic overview

- focusing on the key issues of raising standards of achievement, establishing high expectations and promoting effective teaching and learning

Act as a Critical Friend

- providing the Head Teacher and staff with support and advice using members' knowledge and experience

Ensure Accountability

- questioning and openly discussing with the Headteacher the school's performance and other issues, whilst respecting both the professional roles of the Headteacher and school staff and their responsibilities for the management of the school

Are you interested in joining our SGC?

We currently have several vacancies upon our School Governance Committee, should you be interested we welcome a short expression of interest detailing your suitability by email to:

Sophia.Demetriou@modschools.org

We have the following vacancies:

- Station HQ Representative
- Parent Representative
- Community Representative

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WEEKDAY & HOLIDAY WORK FOR 6TH FORMERS!

SUPPORT PLAY INSPIRE BELONG

- MAKE A DIFFERENCE
- GAIN EXPERIENCE
- BUILD YOUR SKILLS
- WORK AROUND YOUR STUDIES
- HAVE FUN!



WAC ASSISTANT PRACTITIONER ISLAND WIDE

VACANCY NUMBER: HR/26/01

Various posts for all stations

Join our WAC (Wrap Around Care) team at Episkopi and Akrotiri and help support children across EYFS, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 before and after school, and during holiday provision.

HOURS
There is some flexibility depending on location and circumstance.
These times are approximate:
07:00 – 8:15 and
13:45 – 16:00
(Monday – Friday)
Plus holiday work

PAY
€12.22 per hour plus Cost-of-Living Allowance (COLA)

LOCATIONS
Episkopi and Akrotiri

CONTRACT
Zero Hours Appointment

A GREAT OPPORTUNITY IF YOU...

- Are 17+ and a UK Family Member with a **valid employment status stamp**
- Enjoy working with children
- Want to gain valuable childcare experience
- Are reliable, enthusiastic and friendly
- Can bring energy, creativity and new ideas
- Want to be part of a supportive and experienced team

DEVELOP YOUR FUTURE

Gain real-world experience, receive training and support, and take the first step towards a career in childcare.

APPLY NOW!

Complete the SBAA BFC Safer Recruitment Application and email it to:

BFC-SBAA-Recruitment-GpMailbox@mod.gov.uk

CLOSING DATE: 01/11/2026, MIDNIGHT

PERFECT FOR 6TH FORMERS!

- Flexible hours
- Weekday and holiday work
- Build your CV
- Develop key skills
- Be part of a supportive and enthusiastic team

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact the Resource Administrator:
Mrs Angela Ioannou
00357 25 96 2385

Operating hours:
Monday to Thursday: 08:00 – 14:00
Friday: 08:00 – 12:00

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Blesma
THE LIMBLESS VETERANS

Blesma Remembrance 11K

Run, jog or walk 11km to support our injured and limbless veterans

Saturday 7th November

Time: 8 am – 10 am
Location: Happy Valley

Registration £15.00

Includes:
- **Race number**
- **Finishers pack**
- **Finishers Medal**
- **Refreshments available at finish**

Bespoke running vests available separately — order by 23 Oct 2026.



Prizes for 1st and 2nd Male and Female

How to take part:

- **Scan the QR code below to register**
- **Set up a Fundraising page via the Enthuse platform (Optional)**
- **Meet at the Happy Valley running track in time to start the run at 08:00**

*** All participants must be aged 16 or over**

Register Here:

Drinks, snacks, and fruit at finish line supplied by:

sodexo
It all starts with the everyday

Finisher prizes and logistic support by Episkopi Garrison

Event Organiser contact: Lt Col Matthew Hastings matthew.hastings231@mod.gov.uk
0303 3786903

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