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Dear Families,

Our Year 10 and 12 students embarked upon the next round of exams, undertaking their mock examinations. The students have approached these exams well, clearly demonstrating our value of **Commitment**. Their results will be published during the last week of this academic year.



On Tuesday we were hoping to be visited by 84 Squadron as part of our Armed Forces Celebrations. Sadly they had to attend a local fire delaying this part of our celebrations. However, we are hopeful that the visit will now take place on Tuesday 2nd July.

On Thursday we had the pleasure of hosting our Year 11 Prom at the Columbia Hotel, Pissouri. The hotel provided spectacular accommodation for this end of school celebration and was befitting of the glamour of our Year 11 leavers.

## Upcoming School Events

### Week Commencing 1st July

Week 2

All Week

Year 10 and 12 Mock Examinations

Wednesday 3rd July

Key Stage 3 STEM Workshop

Thursday 4th July

Year 6 Transition Day 1

Headteacher's Surgery : 0900—1000 hrs @ FDLC Classroom 3

Friday 5th July

Year 6 Transition Day 2

### Week Commencing 8th July

Week 1

All Week

Pupil Attitude to School and Self Assessments

Monday 8th July

Year 12 Work Experience

Tuesday 9th July

Year 12 Work Experience

Wednesday 10th July

Year 10 Work Experience

SGC Meeting @ 1000hrs

Year 10 Work Experience

Thursday 11th July

SJS Coffee Morning 0800—1000 hrs

Bookings required via [SJS.Enquiries@modschoools.org](mailto:SJS.Enquiries@modschoools.org)

Friday 12th July

Year 12 to 13 Transition Interviews

### Week Commencing 15th July

Week 2

Tuesday 16th July

Duke of Edinburgh Awards Afternoon

Wednesday 17th July

Reward Trip: All Day

Thursday 18th July

Reward Trip: All Day

Friday 19th July

Headteacher's Surgery : 0900—1000 hrs @ FDLC Classroom 3

Last Day of the school year, school closes at 1230hrs



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## The week at St John's School



Our Year 11 leavers enjoyed their Prom on Thursday evening at the Columbia Hotel, Pissouri  
You can find additional photos on Facebook



[www.facebook.com/stjohnsschoolcyprus](http://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





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Despite 84 Squadron and their helicopter unable to visit last Tuesday I was incredibly proud of our cadets who attended school in uniform on Friday/ We look forward to the rearranged visit of 84 Squadron on Tuesday 2nd July in order to celebrate Armed Forces Day 2024.

On behalf of everyone associated with St John's School we would like to share a huge and sincere thank you to all of you who make up our Armed Forces community. Thank you for your continued service in defending the UK, and its interests and for your efforts in promoting peace, delivering aid, tackling drug smugglers, providing security and fighting terrorism.



Some of our cadets  
in uniform as part of  
our Armed Forces  
Celebrations

## Head Teacher's Surgery

Due to staffing issues at the Akrotiri Hive and its closure on Thursday's, St John's School will hold our fortnightly Head Teacher's Surgery at the FDLC, in classroom 3 between 0900—1000hrs on Thursday 4th July. This coming Thursday Mrs Kate Parkinson our Pastoral Manager will deputise for me as I lead our Year 6 Transition Events.

Modelled on a local MP Constituents Surgery, parents and concerned stakeholders have opportunity to drop into meet with the Head Teacher to ask any questions and/or share opinions concerning our school.



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## ARMED FORCES DAY

Recognising all those that serve or have served in HM Armed Forces

# 2024

FREE ENTRY!

TUNNEL BEACH WATERSPORTS CENTRE - MTW

Date

# 29 JUNE

(SATURDAY)

0900 - 1200 WATER SPORTS, GAMES & COMPETITIONS

1230 - 1530 BAND & DJ PHIL

Tina Tunnel Turner - That's the Wheel of Fortune

Volleyball Competition

[REGISTER HERE FOR VOLLEYBALL COMP](#)

Chloe's Face Painting | Fun Games

Charities - ABF, SSAFA & RBL

Food Trucks | Beer, Bar & Cocktails

Music by: Blues Brothers Paphos



FREE COACH



Timings & pick up points TBC

**EVENT ENTRY: All BFC pass holders and MOD 90 ID in the BFC community including LEC's, immediate family, Veterans & UK passport holders**



For more info: [Philip.Edwards369@mod.gov.uk](mailto:Philip.Edwards369@mod.gov.uk)



<http://tunnelbeachwatersportscentremtw.simplybook.it/>





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## Congratulations



Congratulations to Ava who at the beginning of the week returned to the UK to receive her award as the winner of the 2024 Life as a Dandelion competition. Arranged by [Never Such Innocence](#), a charity with whom we have worked extensively over the past three years, they provide workshops for young people around the world to facilitate conversations on conflict and voices for Armed Forces Children. Ava's poem can be found on the final pages of this weeks newsletter and as a school we are extremely proud of her success in this years international competition. Well done Ava!





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## PSHE and Careers Lead

I am delighted to share with you that Ms Sam Papaioannou has been appointed into the role of PSHE and Careers Lead. Sam begins this new role with immediate effect and will be leading upon our whole school approach, our curriculum and wider opportunities to promote student personal development.

Our PSHE curriculum time has been increased from one period a fortnight to two for the next academic year and supported by an independent careers advisor Mrs Sam Gray, with whom many our students have now met I am excited for the future developments that are to come with regards to our PSHE and careers provision.



## Leavers School Reports

We are receiving high volumes of requests for historic school reports for students leaving this summer. Should you require your child's historic reports, please can you email [Nicola.Anders@modschools.org](mailto:Nicola.Anders@modschools.org) no later than Friday 12th July and we will email the requested reports to you.

## Leavers - Year 7 to 12

Sadly this academic year will see a significant number of students leave St John's School. We are aware that a number of you are starting to receive details of your next posting and that many members of our RIB will be returning to the UK through a staggered approach which has already begun.



If you know you will be leaving us before the new academic year, please can you inform the School Office as soon as possible. This will help us ensure that your child has a smooth transition to their new school and that all the information required is prepared and ready to send across to them. This also includes children in Year 11. If you are unsure of exact dates, or currently do not have a school confirmed, please still complete the form as these details can be added at a later time.

If you have any queries regarding this, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Parkinson on 00357 2596 3888 or alternatively you can email at [Kate.Parkinson@modschools.org](mailto:Kate.Parkinson@modschools.org).





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## BAY2BAY 2024

St John's School is keen to support students to take part in BFC events. The Bay2Bay 2024 is open to anyone 14+. In order to support this event we are offering students aged 14-16 the opportunity to get involved, however, students must swim with a parent/adult. Should any students wish to take part and their parents wish to swim the Bay2Bay with their child we invite you to join our school team. PE Staff will be at the event to support and parents will need to take their child to school once the event has finished.

If you are keen to take part, please ask your child to add their name to the list in reception. I will then co-ordinate with the BAY2BAY organisers on registering. You can see below the event is FREE to enter.

Students in Y12 are invited to take part, and can swim alone. We will meet with students to check swim ability prior to approving this.

**Closing date for interest is  
Tuesday 4th July**

Please email :  
[angela.dakin@modschoools.org](mailto:angela.dakin@modschoools.org)  
if you would like any further  
information

**BFC BAY2BAY 24**  
**FRI 19 JULY**

**ENTRY OPTIONS**

**T SHIRT & FINISHER MEDAL - 15 EUROS**  
**FINISHER MEDAL ONLY - FREE!**

**# OPEN TO BFC PASSHOLDERS #**  
**# 14 + YEARS OF AGE #**  
**# COMPETITIVE OR LEISURE CATEGORIES #**  
**# CBF CUP EVENT 7 #**

**SCAN HERE  
TO REGISTER**

**CONTACT**  
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**94120 3751**



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## St John's School Writers

I'm a Dandelion,  
Or so I've been told.  
Military Children,  
Young and old.

It doesn't have the glamour,  
Like a Lily or Rose.  
But it puts down its roots,  
Wherever it goes.

As a dandelion child,  
We move everywhere.  
For some its quite often,  
For me, it's been rare.

My friends come and go,  
Every few years.  
When they move on,  
It leaves me in tears.

New homes, new schools,  
It's scary for some.  
Making new friends,  
Needs help from your Mum.

Education's a challenge,  
We all do our best.  
With some missing topics,

We do all we can,  
To try and succeed,  
But support and friendship,  
Is what we need.

It takes time to adapt,  
To every move.  
We show our resilience,  
We've nothing to prove.

When asked how we feel,  
I'll say it quite loud.  
Our parents serve,  
And it makes us proud.

So, am I a Dandelion?  
It seems that way.  
I'll overcome challenges,  
Every day.

