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Dear Families,

It has been an extremely busy week here at St John’s School. On Monday we saw a Year 2 Episkopi Primary School protest raising awareness of the plight of the world’s rainforests. Students in Year 11, 12 and 13 had opportunity to consider their post 18 university options with Newcastle University visiting Monday and then through our attendance to the University Fair in Limassol. Students studying Physics and Product Design in Key Stage 5 also had opportunity to visit Radio Sonde for a series of activities with a STEM focus, which was extremely well received.



On Thursday Mr Dixon and I had the opportunity to undertake a peer review of King Richard School and we look forward to their visit on Monday to St John’s School. The peer review will allow us to reflect upon progress made against our key school improvement priorities and following an independent school review undertaken in October 2023.

Next week marks the end of this half term and the half term ends on Friday 25th October at 1400hrs.

Upcoming School Events

Week Commencing 21st October

Week 2

Monday 21st October

External Quality Assurance Visit (all day)

Supporting your child in their mock examinations Y11 and 13

Parent Information Event: 1430hrs in Exam Room

Wednesday 23rd October

School Governors Meeting @ 1000hrs

Thursday 24th October

SJS Coffee Morning 0900—1000 hrs

Bookings required via SJS.enquiries@modschoools.org

KS3 Halloween Disco @ 1800hrs in the School Hall

Friday 25th October

Year 7 Settling in Reports Issued

Last day of the half term

Week Commencing 28th October

Half Term

All Week

School Closed to students and staff

Week Commencing 4th Nov.

Week 1

All Week

Autumn Exam Series (GCSE Resit)

Monday 4th November

School Inset Day (school closed to students)

Tuesday 5th November

School Photographs

Wednesday 6th November

School Photographs

Thursday 7th November

Head Teachers Surgery : 0900—1000 hrs @ Akrotiri Hive



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Congratulations to Edward in Year 7 who last weekend competed in the Cyprus National Sailing Championships (under 16's). Edward exemplifies our value of **commitment** training 5 days a week with his club in Limassol, which earned him his place in the championships. This type of sailing is quite new for Edward and the opportunity to compete is achievement in itself, however after two days of competition and six races Edward placed in the top 40 and is inspired to go further by continuing to train and race for his team on a regular basis. Well done Edward and good luck!

Congratulations also to Eli who took part in the 2nd Cyprus Dragon Boat International Regatta held at Germasogia Dam last weekend.

Eli came away with 7 medals

3 x bronze

2 x silver

2 x gold

Eli supported his club to place 2nd in the competition.

Eli now travels to Malaysia this weekend and we look forward to hearing about further success and wish him well in his upcoming competitions.





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On Tuesday we were reminded of the plight facing our rainforests with Year 2 staging a protest in our courtyard.



I am delighted that our students have been able to support our community road safety initiative by lending their images as a reminder to slow down and drive safely.

French Cafe Culture at St John's

After completing their assessments on the topic of "Food and Drink" some of our Year 8 students put their knowledge to practical use in role-play situations. Menus were designed, cafes set up and food and drinks brought in.

Students practised scenarios in cafe settings and used their learnt vocabulary and phrases to order items from the menu, with the most popular phrase being "Je voudrais un croissant, s'il vous plait!" Hopefully they will all be able to order with confidence on any visits to France!

As ever, many thanks to parents who generously supported our events by supplying a range of delicious pastries, cakes, sweets and drinks and to those students who did some home baking.



Merci beaucoup.



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Thank you to the admissions team from Newcastle University who visited St John's School this week. They met with many of our Sixth Form students and provided an insight into the courses available at Newcastle University, life at the University and in the Northeast of England.



Newcastle University offers a partners scheme for Military students where they can potentially apply for courses 3 grades lower than usual and also a bursary is available for partner students. The deadline to apply for the partners scheme 29th January 2025. The link can be found here: [Check Your Eligibility | PARTNERS Supported Entry | Newcastle University \(ncl.ac.uk\)](#)

On Thursday, our students also went to the University Fair in Limassol, which proved to be both enjoyable and informative afternoon.



We are delighted that some of our students in Year 13 have already received offers from UK Universities for September 2025 and by getting in early have been offered some lucrative bursaries.





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Home Learning

Over the past two weeks all students have been shown how to get to grips with independent home learning and how to revise when assessments are on the horizon.

Successful students share a set of skills and habits in common. The good news is that these skills are not a secret; anyone can learn the skills that support successful learning. By taking some time to learn proven study strategies, students will be able to reach their learning goals, and avoid the pitfalls that can take them off-track.

What is metacognition? The plan-monitor-evaluate cycle

Students who have developed effective ways of learning have mastered a skill called *metacognition*. In simple terms, metacognition is understanding your own thinking and learning processes. In other words, it is “thinking about thinking”. Metacognitive skills include planning learning, monitoring whether current learning strategies are successful, and evaluating results of learning. Improving metacognitive skills is associated with increased success in all academic life.

How do you gain the skill of metacognition? One way to think about developing metacognition is gaining the ability to plan, monitor, and evaluate your learning.

Planning involves two key tasks: deciding *what* needs to be learned, and then deciding *how* to learn that material.

Monitoring requires learners to ask “how am I doing at learning this?”. In monitoring, learners are constantly tracking what they have learned, what they don’t yet know, and whether their study strategies are helping them to learn effectively.

Evaluation involves reflection on how Learning Objectives have been met after completing a unit of study, or receiving feedback (such as a test or assignment).



PLAN (Before a task)

- Is this similar to a previous task?
- What do I want to achieve?
- What do I do first?

MONITOR (during the task)

- Am I on the right track?
- What can I do differently?
- Who can I ask for help?

ASSESS (after the task)

- What worked well?
- What could I have done differently?
- Can I apply this to other situations?



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My Child At School App

We have been mandated to use the My Child At School App to facilitate future communication with parents and carers. This App is to replace our previous use of EPraise. Parents and carers will have hopefully logged in successfully, if you have not please contact Mrs Twyford who will gladly assist you in logging on. Mrs Twyford's email is Hayley.Twyford@modschoools.org.



After half term we will be required to move all communications with home away from email and through the My Child At School App and we are therefore keen for all parents and carers have had opportunity to download and register their use of the app.



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

Supporting your child in their mock examinations Y11 and 13

Parent Information Event: Monday 21st October @ 1430hrs in Exam Room

Mock examinations stand on the horizon for Year 11 and 13 students and get underway on Monday 2nd December 2024. This round of examinations will be the final full set of exams prior to sitting their final exams in May 2025. The mock exams provide an insight into individual strengths and areas for development, whilst also providing evidence for exam boards in case of any unforeseen exam disruption.

To support students, parents and carers we cordially invite all associated with Year 11 and 13 to join us for Monday's upcoming information evening that will explore how students may prepare for their exams and how they can be supported by parents and carers.



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SBA Leading Ladies presents...



An evening of mocktails and mingling for the next generation of leaders

Are you a young woman at St John's school aged 16-18 looking to sharpen your networking skills and make meaningful connections?

Join us for the SBA Leading Ladies' launch event dedicated to empowering the next generation of female leaders!

Date: Thursday 24th
October

Time: 6-8pm

Location: Ante Room, Episkopi
Officers Mess

Dress code: Smart casual

Register for this free
event here !



What to expect?

- Meet inspiring mentors and peers
- Engage in interactive networking sessions

Why attend?

- Build a strong network of supportive connections
- Gain insights into various career paths
- Enhance your communication and networking skills



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**GET FIT
IMPROVE SKILLS
HAVE FUN!**

Kourion Gladiators



Hockey Club



WHEN: 1600, WEDNESDAYS (30 OCT-)

WHERE: HAPPY VALLEY HOCKEY PITCH

HOW: SCAN THE QR CODE FOR MORE INFO

**ALL SKILL LEVELS WELCOME
BE PART OF THE TEAM - REGISTER NOW**



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Halloween Disco



Key Stage 3 students will be offered the opportunity to attend a Halloween school disco on 24 October 2024 between 1800-2000 hrs.

The event will involve a disco, games and a tuck shop. Students will also be encouraged to take part in Halloween fancy dress on the night.

Students can be dropped at Episkopi Primary School car park but will need to be collected from the St John's School Hall at 2000 hrs promptly unless permission has been given through the QR code below for them to make their own way home.

The Disco will cost €2 for attendance and will take place in the St John's School Hall. Students can bring money to buy snacks and drinks from the tuck shop and to take part in games.

In order to confirm attendance, parents must complete the permission form via the QR code

(right) prior to the event. This form will close on 23 October.

For any queries or further information please don't hesitate to contact Mrs Gardiner on the email provided below.

Yours sincerely,

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Teacher of Physical Education
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Halloween Disco 24th October
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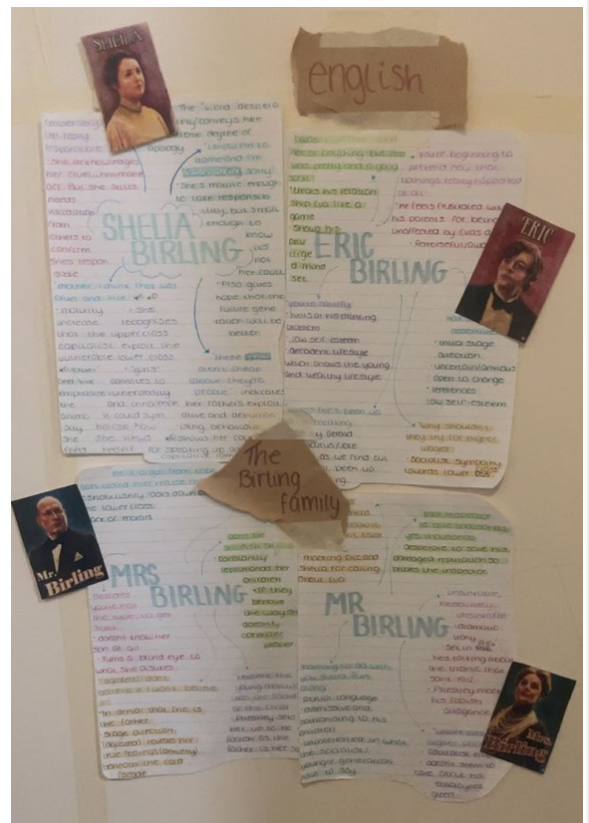
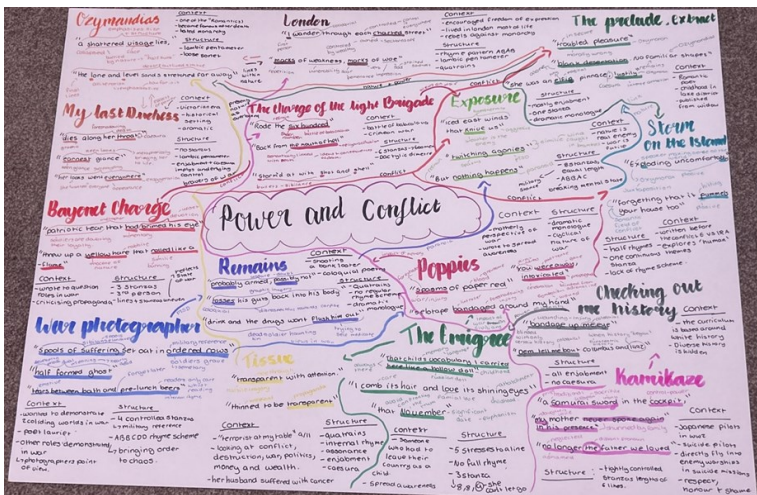
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St John's School Writers

In line with our whole-school teaching and learning focus of metacognition and self-regulation, we have been tasking our Y10 and Y11 students with revision preparation activities for home learning. Students have been given the opportunity to trial different strategies such as:

- Creating flashcards
- Revision mind maps and posters
- Online flashcards (using sites such as Quizlet and Gizmo)
- Revision clocks

Well done KS4 on producing some fantastic resources which will help you in the near future!



<p>To Warn</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Peer validation as it is okay to be who you are as a person regardless of what people think of you Forgetting to put yourself first as you should be your own priority and your personal welfare should be your main focus regardless of what is happening with people around you The danger of disconnecting from nature due to urbanisation and the modern world overriding your connection with the natural world 	<p>To Reveal The Importance Of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ignorance as 'there hung a darkness' shows lack of self control Nature as we are able to see how it affects human feelings and how we are always surrounded by it (omnipresent) Strengthening personal growth and humanities pride 'proud of his skill', and how us as humans can overcome fears by using self control and focusing on the important things in life
<p>To Criticise</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Urbanisation and world growth as it disconnects people from mother nature and the natural world which could therefore result in changes to attitude regarding the environment and lifestyle Human appreciation to nature as the beauty it withholds may be taken for granted Education as due to the distance created between humans and nature this may impact and limit creativity and expression 	<p>To Teach</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Self discovery as we should all create our own personal identity which therefore influences our gain in memory and imagination The importance of nature as it is a source of inspiration and strengthens the relationship between humans, mother nature and the natural world The individuality we all have as humans as we are able to express ourselves in any way we chose and that be okay as we are all equal disregarding differences

