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Dear Families,

You may recall from previous newsletters that, led by Ms Fox, we have set about establishing our Aspire Programme for aspirant students currently in Year 7. The deadline for applications passed earlier this week with 30% of our Year 7 cohort applying. It was a pleasuring reviewing each application, which were well crafted. Next week students will find out whether they have been successful and I look forward to the programme’s launch in September.



Year 11 began their final round of mock examinations this week with the final mock exams taking place next Monday and Tuesday. They have approached the exams impeccably, demonstrating our values of Integrity, Commitment and Respect. I look forward to finding out how they got on and what they must need to work on in the final few weeks.

On Thursday it was nice to have the opportunity to meet with parents, initially at the Akrotiri Hive, during my fortnightly Head Teacher’s Surgery, and then again in the afternoon when we introduced students and parents to our Sixth Form provision for the next academic year. We anticipate further growth in our Sixth Form numbers as we continue to improve the offer further through our new Sixth Form Centre and wider course offer.

Tonight, I look forward to joining students participating in the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze during their overnight stay.

Upcoming School Events

Week Commencing 24th March

Week 1

Monday 24th March

Year 11 Core Mock Examinations

Tuesday 25th March

Year 11 Core Mock Examinations

Wednesday 26th March

SGC Meeting @ 1000 hrs

Thursday 27th March

SJS Coffee Morning 0800—1000 hrs

Bookings required via SJS.enquiries@modschools.org

Week Commencing 31st March

Week 2

Monday 31st March

Rewards Trip

Tuesday 1st April

Rewards Trip

Wednesday 2nd April

Year 8 Environmental Trip—Cohort 1

Thursday 3rd April

Year 8 Environmental Trip—Cohort 2

Headteacher’s Surgery : 0900—1000 hrs @ Akrotiri Hive

Friday 4th April

Last Day of Term—School Closes at 1230 hrs

Week Commencing 7th April

All Week

Easter Holiday

School closed to students and staff



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This week at St John's School



On Thursday our students had the opportunity to spend time with members of BFBS to explore and answer questions around online gaming. As 'experts' it was a great opportunity to provide their views and experiences as well as their passion of online gaming.



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Y11 Core Mock Examinations



10.15am	All year 11 students must be in school at this time. Buses arranged to bring students to school: Akrotiri Chaplaincy at: 9.30am Akrotiri 'Watering Hole' at: 9.35am South Paramali main gate at: 10.05am		
10.45am	Morning Examinations begin:		
	Mon 17th	English Language	Finishes 12.30
	Tue 18th	Combined Science	Finishes 12.00
		Triple Science	Finishes 12.30
	Mon 24th	Mathematics	Finishes 12.15
	Tue 25th	Combined Science	Finishes 12.15
Triple Science		Finishes 12.30	
12.35-13.00	Second break as normal		
13.00-1400	Student attend period 5 (may be revision or continuation of course at teacher's discretion.		
14.00-14.45	Student break. Students may leave school during this time.		
14.45	Students assemble outside examination room		
15.00 onwards	Afternoon Examinations begin:		
	Mon 17th	Mathematics	Finishes 16.30
	Tue 18th	Mathematics	Finishes 16.30
	Mon 24th	Combined Science	Finishes 16.15
		Triple Science	Finishes 16.45
	Tue 25th	English	Finishes 16.45
After pm exam	Buses arranged for Akrotiri and Paramali students.		



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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](#)

kooth

**Big changes can be
hard at times**

Visit kooth.com/mod
to get started



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.



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Parent View

Thank you for your ongoing willingness to provide our school with feedback detailing your views and observations, whether that is shared by email, in person on a Thursday or via our OFSTED Parent View feedback sheets provided during Parent Afternoons. DCS are keen to provide further opportunity and invite you to engage in providing feedback and you may do this via the QR Code displayed and/or by selecting the link provided which will take you to a Microsoft Form. Thank you in advance for sparing any amount of time to provide feedback in this way.

<https://forms.office.com/e/mRuVg4hXLY>

St John's School - Parental
Satisfaction Survey



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.

School
Leavers



If you know you will be leaving us before the new academic year, please can you inform the School Office as soon as possible by completing a [Departure Form](#). 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@modschoools.org.



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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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57th

DHEKELIA DASH

29.03.25

TWO EVENTS

1 Mile fun run – 1000 hrs

DHEKELIA DASH 15 x 1 Mile loops – 1100 hrs

TEAM BRIEF – 1030 hrs

ENTERTAINMENT 1000 –1500 hrs

**BFBS ROADSHOW, PARACHUTE DISPLAY,
BAR, FOOD VENDORS, BOUNCY CASTLES AND
MUCH MORE TO KEEP THE KIDS ENTERTAINED.**

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT:

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We look forward to taking a St John's School Team to participate in the upcoming Dhekelia Dash.
Should students wish to participate in this year's Dash, please contact Mr Marsden.



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St John's School Writers

Year 7 are currently linking their study of Shakespeare's 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' to the roles and rights of women in society. Inspired by a range of inspirational speeches from women across the world, they will soon be writing their own speeches about how society has progressed since the Elizabethan era. The following home learning projects demonstrate the impact that certain women have had on today's society.

General Sharon Nesmith



Overview

General Sharon Nesmith is currently the vice chief of defence staff for the British Armed Forces. She made history in 2014 to become the 1st ever woman to command a brigade.

She is also the first woman to ever go beyond the rank of major general in the British Army.

Early life and education

General Sharon Nesmith was born in Northumberland on June 1970.

Her father was a Royal Navy Reserve Officer and her brother served in the British Army for 16 years.

The British Army sponsored her to go to the University of Edinburgh and do Biological Sciences.

Military career

Nesmith commissioned into the Royal Army women's corps as a second lieutenant on the fourth of September 1988. Following going to Sandhurst, she commissioned into the royal signals in 1991.

She also promoted to the rank of lieutenant in 1991. She served in Iraq the Balkans and Latvia. And was promoted once again but to captain in 1995.

After this, in 2000, she promoted to the rank of major and 8 years later promoted to lieutenant colonel.

Record breaking roles!

In August 2014, she became the first ever women to command a brigade. The brigade in question was 1 Royal Signals. This was highest role ever taken by a women in the British Army.

She was formally announced as secretary of state a whole year after starting in the role.

Nesmith was also colonel commandment of REME (the royal electrical mechanical corps) for a short period of time between 2018 to 2023.

She is also very involved in army sport as she is vice president of both army football and rugby.

She is currently vice chief of defence staff and has been since June 2024, having served as deputy chief general of defence staff from 2022 to 2024.

Impact

She had a big impact on society by showing it was very much possible for women to have high profile jobs in the military and just in general even in civilian life.

Women in the army

Women can do just as good of a job as a man as many were and have been deployed on tour to supply humanitarian aid and fight on the frontline in mostly middle eastern foreign countries.

Women have had a big impact as a lot of women that have been on tour and served abroad have been nurses or doctors as well as this there are also a lot of army lawyers that are women.



Mod Personnel hourly pay. Light grey is women and the dark grey is men.





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St John's School Writers cont...

Florence Nightingale



What did she do?

Florence Nightingale, famously known as the "Lady with the Lamp," was a ground-breaking nurse, statistician, and social reformer.

Birth and death: She was born on May 12th, 1820, in Florence, Italy, and was named after her birthplace. She died on the 10th of August 1910 at the age of 90.

Crimean War Heroine: During the Crimean War (in 1853) she managed and trained nurses, significantly reducing death rates by improving hygiene and living conditions.

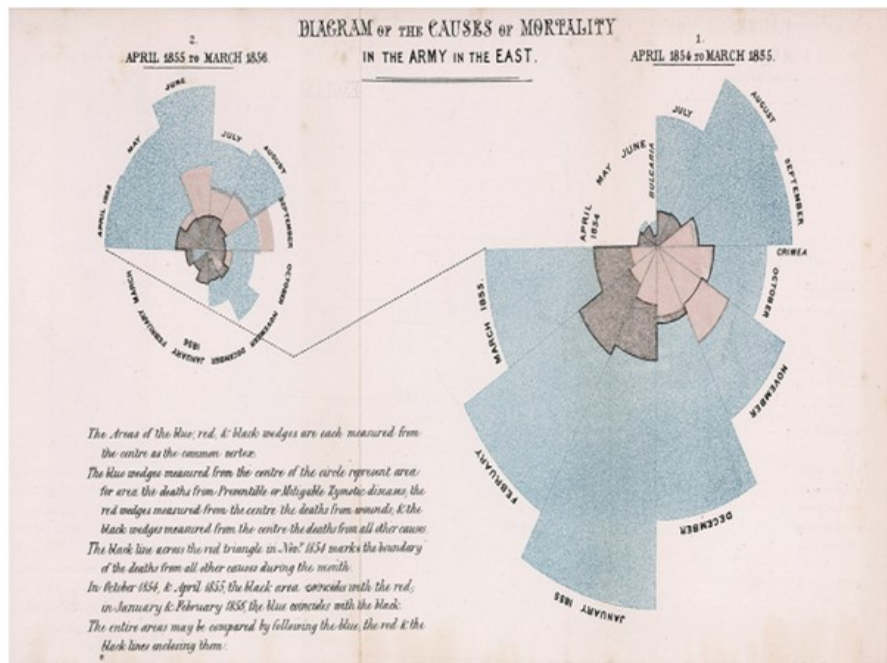
Founder of Modern Nursing: She established the first scientifically based nursing school, the Nightingale School of Nursing, at St. Thomas' Hospital in London in 1860.

Statistical Pioneer: Nightingale used data and statistical analysis to advocate for healthcare reforms, even creating the "coxcomb chart" to visually present her findings.

Legacy: Her work laid the foundation for professional nursing and healthcare reforms worldwide

Coxcomb chart

Causes of death during the Crimean war



Impact on society

Florence Nightingale, often referred to as the founder of modern nursing, had a profound and lasting impact on today's society. Her contributions transformed healthcare and established principles still in practice today. Florence Nightingale's legacy endures in healthcare systems, public health policies, and the professional standards of nursing. Her emphasis on compassion, evidence-based care, and hygiene continues to save lives and improve healthcare outcomes.



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Amelia Earhart

Amelia Earhart was the first female aviator to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean. She was also an author and was instrumental in setting many other records ...

The mystery of Amelia Earhart

In its report, the U.S. government concluded that Earhart and Noonan had run out of fuel and crashed into the vast ocean. What happened after the crash is still unclear. Given the mystery surrounding this event, several theories have emerged that are still being debated to this day.

What Earhart has done for us

She never reached her fortieth birthday, but in her brief life, Amelia Earhart became a record-breaking female aviator whose international fame improved public acceptance of aviation and paved the way for other women in commercial flight.

Pilots paycheck male and female.

Research indicates that female airline pilots earn, on average, 20% less than their male counterparts. This gender wage gap can be attributed to various factors, including differences in experience, hours flown, and the systemic biases that still exist within the industry.

