



# Akrotiri School

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With this slightly earlier finish to the week, we end 190 days of learning throughout the academic year 22/23. I am incredibly proud of what we have achieved together, as a team, over the past 11 months; from positive ethos to the purposeful engagement, the school continues to go from strength to strength. Successful core visits, safeguarding reviews and recent SATs results in all phases may make the headlines, but the greater success is the significant shift in terms of our curriculum, learning behaviours and professional development of staff. Teachers from Akrotiri School took the lead in SATs moderation across the island, our CPD development was shared at the Headteacher conference and we have represented DCS on various regional and national education engagement forums and committees. The result of this activity is a school that is outward facing and striving to give all children a consistently high-quality education at each stage of their learning. Our partnerships within school, with you as parents, with the station and outside of the organisation have enabled this drive for excellence.

I am confident that those children leaving us today will take a piece of Akrotiri with them as they move on to new schools in September. They will be tremendous ambassadors for learning and share the core values through their actions and engagement. I wish you all the very best for the future. For those children remaining with us, I look forward to the year ahead. Both ambition and excitement are high for 23/24 and the school gates await the return of you all (and some new faces too), albeit with slightly different opening hours of 0745 – 1345.

In celebrating the successes of the year, we also celebrate the impact that those members of staff leaving us have had too. Kristy Ashford, Y4 teacher and data lead, has been with the organisation since 2007 and a member of the Akrotiri staff since 2016. During that time, she has developed into an experienced and successful leader, who has shown strength and consistency in the classroom during that time. Outside of school, Kristy has also been an asset to the community through volunteering to sing with the Military Wives Choir and play in the RAF Voluntary Band, both of which have involved performances in front of noteworthy audiences. Best wishes for the future, Kristy, and thank you.

Also leaving us, Danielle Chong, who completed her NQT year in 20/21 and taught in FS2 and Y1. Danielle is a confident and effective teacher with a strong pastoral philosophy which complements the school ethos. A member of the science team, she has contributed to the development of this area of the curriculum through staff training and pupil engagement. Danielle, thank you and best wishes.

We also say goodbye to a number of LSAs who have been super support to both children and teachers. This crucial role within school is valued highly and each of the departing team, Stavroula Patera, Sophie Robinson, Maria Davis, Annie Mills, Lara Hogg and Alex Cook have all put huge effort into creating the best opportunities for children. You have all been incredibly successful in your roles and I wish you the very best for the future – thank you.

This academic year 22/23 has been truly magnificent. Thank you, all.

Have a peaceful and restful summer,

Ben Turner

Headteacher

