ST JOHN'S WEEKLY NEWS

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A WORD FROM LISA BYRON. HEADTEACHER

Each and every one of us is unique and we have all been given special gifts and talents by God which we have a responsibility to protect, nurture and share. It always makes me so proud to see all of the talents of our students. whether it be academic ability, sporting skill, musical mastery or the ability to help others. As a school we love to share and celebrate these talents and achievements. and I am delighted to include a few recent successes within this special talent edition of our newsletter.

For any students who feel like they have vet to discover their talent or doubt their talent, my advice would be to always try new things, take any opportunities which could help you discover your special talent and have the confidence and self-belief to pursue your talents.



LAST WEEK'S EVENTS

On Wednesday, a group of Year 8 students attended the Emmaus Youth Village for a two night residential retreat. They focused on the theme of



journeys and enjoyed activities such as group building tasks, a quiz, crafts, football and reflection time. Students were reminded that each of them are unique and blessed with great talents, which they are encouraged to share with the people they meet whilst on their journey.



Well done to Anna Thompson in 9A who decided to fundraise for Macmillan Cancer Support and the Rosedale Centre in Willington. She completed an 8-mile walk along with her friends Yasmin Watson and Eleanor Bennett. So far she has raised approximately £1500, an amazing achievement!

Congratulations to Lily Hill in 100 and Maisun Ross in 9R who have both achieved their Grade 4 in Musical Theatre Singing. Both of these girls are lead roles in our summer production of The Addams Family the Musical, playing Wednesday and Morticia Addams respectfully, and always show fantastic commitment to the Performing Arts department, having appeared in several shows and concerts.





Well done to Mia Hartley in 9J who has achieved her IDTA Ballroom Dancing Bronze Award at the Lee Green Dance Centre. This achievement demonstrates Mia's dedication to dance and performing arts both in and out of school.

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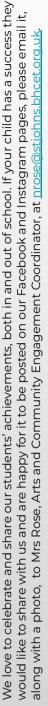
COMING UP THIS WEEK

- Monday 24- Pre-Loved Uniform Shop, 3.15-5pm. All are welcome to attend to pick up some free uniform items in good condition. Please enter via Sixth Form entrance.
- Wednesday 26- SEND Coffee Morning, 10-11.30am. Parents and carers of SEND students are warmly invited to come along and meet our SEND team, external representatives and other parents.
- Wednesday 26- House Reward Event. All students in Wilfrid House will be receiving a special reward during the course of the afternoon for achieving the highest number of House Points last term.
- Thursday 27- NEU Strike Action. School will be open to students in Years 11, 12 and 13 only, as well as those who receive Free School Meals. All other students are to access online lessons or complete remote learning. Please see the parent/carer letter for further details. (This will also apply for May 2)
- Thursday 27- Good luck to our GCSE Drama students who are completing their practical exam with a visiting examiner on Thursday morning.

Limited tickets are still available for Strictly St John's which is taking place on Wednesday 3rd and Thursday 4th May. Please contact Mrs Nighoskar for tickets.

LAST WEEK'S ACHIEVEMENTS











DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Eleanor T 12E (NRO)

- Monday 1 May- Bank Holiday Tuesday 2 May- NEU Strike Day
- Wednesday 3 and Thursday 4 May- Strictly St John's, 6.30pm.
- Friday 5 May- Coronation Celebrations (details to follow)

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- Monday 8 May- Bank Holiday- Coronation
- Thursday 11 May- Year 8 Progress Eve
- Monday 15 May- Summer exams begin
- Friday 26 May- School closes for Half Term
- Thursday 29 June- Year 11 Prom Celebration
- Thursday 13 and Thursday 14 July- Addams Family the Musical. Tickets on sale soon.

FOCUS ON

Friday

As we continue with our 'I Heard a Whisper' initiative this term, we are delighted to be receiving so many lovely emails from parents, staff and even students to recognise the hard work of our staff. Well done this week to Miss Giblin, LSA, Mrs Thompson, Head of Year 12 and 13 and

Has a member of staff at St John's gone above and beyond in their role or gone out of their way to help or support? Please email

iheardawhisper@stjohns.bhcet.org.uk to notify us of the staff who you think deserve a special shout out and a sweet treat.

Each week we will share a selection and celebrate those members of staff

Mr Smith, PE, who we celebrate for their fantastic work for our students. Please email

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