ST JOHN'S WEEKLY NEWS

A Learning Community guided by Gospel Values

18 SEPTEMBER 2023 WEEK A





A WORD FROM LISA BYRON. HEADTEACHER

Did you know that being just 5 minutes late to school each day equates to 3 whole school days lost per year? There is no escaping the fact that there is a clear link between attendance and attainment. Whilst we appreciate that some absences are unavoidable, it is important to remember that every day of absence impacts on education and academic achievement. Likewise, punctuality is an important skill, not just for school but for the world of work. We want to encourage our students to see the importance of punctuality and attendance and will continue to focus on this throughout the year. As parents and carers, your support with this is invaluable and much



This week was the first full week of our Enrichment Programme, and what a wonderful week it was with over 700 students attending clubs throughout the course of the week. From football on the 3G pitch to Coding Club, Debate Club to Mindful Colouring, there is something on offer for everyone and we are delighted that students are getting involved. A special well done also to our Year 11 and Year 13 students who are using their longer lunchtimes productively to attend intervention sessions.



ST JOHN'S OPEN EVENING

Lucy in Year 12 recently took part in the Ultimate
Taekwondo Championship
Open in Barnsley
Metrodome. She was
fighting out of Team Warrior
Taekwondo in the -46kg
weight category and her
opponent was two weight
classes above her in the
-52kg category. Not only did
she win her fight, but her
team won a 3rd place trophy
as well. Well done, Lucy!





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COMING UP THIS WEEK

Monday 18- As they work towards their next set of Mock Exams, Year 11 students will be given their 6 Week Plans and folders this week to help guide their revision. Students will receive material from all of their subject teachers containing key topics to revise, revision materials and lesson foci for the next 5 weeks.

Wednesday 20- SEND Coffee Morning, 10am. All parents and carers of students with SEND needs are welcome to come along and meet the SEND Team and other parents and carers.

Friday 22- Author Dan Smith is visiting St John's to speak to all of Year 7 about his brilliant new book, The Wall Between Us. Year 7 were all gifted a copy of the book during our Welcome Evening and Miss Heads is delighted with how many have read and enjoyed the book. Students should ensure they bring their book along for Dan to sign for them after his talk.

Friday 22- Students in Years 7, 8 and 9 are encouraged to enter the Art Department's Photography Competition (see the poster for more details). The deadline for entries is Friday 22.

REMINDERS

- → A reminder that our communication and payment systems have now changed in school and we are no longer using the MyEd or ScoPay apps. All communication and payments are now to be made via the MCAS (My Child at School) app. We appreciate your patience and support as we transition to this new system.
- → A reminder that the school day now begins at 8.50am and students should be in their congregation areas for this time.

KS3 Photography Competition

Categories . . .

Faith, perspectives, nature, identity, colour, man- made, sense of place, portrait

Upload entries via your Art Google Classroom class by 22nd September



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Tuesday 26 September- Year 11 Information Evening, 5.30pm
- Thursday 28 September- Year 6 Open Evening, 5.30-7.30pm
- Friday 29 September- Year 12 Retreat and Sixth Form Taster
- Thursday 12 October- Sixth Form Open Evenina
- Thursday 19 October- SEND Parent Info Session- Autism, 4-5.30pm
- Friday 20 October- School Closed to students for INSET. Half Term begins
- Monday 30 October- School reopens after Half Term
- Monday 30 October- Year 11 Mocks begin
- Friday 3 November- Lourdes Family Quiz

1 Heard a Whisper...

We have been blown away by the wonderful emails we have received from parents, staff and students for our first I Heard a Whisper of this academic year. Well done to Mr Ebberley (Science), Mrs Swinbank (Humanities), Ms Byron (Headteacher) and Karen Lewis (Admin Team) who were chosen to receive this week's shout-out and sweet treat.



We know our Learning Community is a very special one, and that is largely down to our fantastic staff who work so tirelessly to guide and support our students. These nominations show just that, and we are grateful to those who have taken the time to send them in. If you would like to nominate a staff member, email us at iheardawhisper@stjohns.bhcet.org.uk







