# ST JOHN'S WEEKLY NEWS

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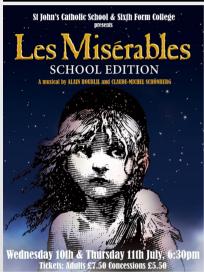
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## 🔊 A WORD FROM LISA BYRON. HEADTEACHER

We have reached a momentous week in our school calendar, as we celebrate our wonderful Year 11 students and their fantastic achievements during their time so far at St John's. For some, this marks the end of their St John's journey as they move onto their next steps of apprenticeships or college courses, and to these students we wish the very best of luck and remind them that they will always be part of our Learning Community. For others, it is a 'goodbye for now' as we look forward to welcoming them back into our Sixth Form in September for the next part of their academic journey. Whatever their next steps, we are incredibly proud of the hard work, commitment and resilience they have shown throughout this exam period and of the wonderful young people they have grown into over the past five years. We wish them lots of luck in their remaining exams this week and, for some, next week and look forward to celebrating their achievements at Wednesday's Celebration Day alongside their parents and carers. Fly high, Year 11!



On Thursday, students from Years 9 and 10 took part in the South West **Durham Schools' Athletics** Competition.





The students were outstanding, with both the Year 9 girls and Year 9 boys winning their competitions against nine other schools. Well done, everyone!

On Friday afternoon, 33 Year 10 students attended a performance of Macbeth at Sunderland Empire. Students were selected for the trip by their English teachers based on their excellent effort and behaviour in English lessons this year, and it was an invaluable experience ahead of studying the play next year. The students behaved impeccably and were superb ambassadors for St John's.

Tickets are now on sale for this year's summer musical, Les Misérables. This iconic musical is being performed by over 50 of our incredibly talented students from Years 7-13 and promises to be a show not to be missed. We have already sold 300 tickets, so don't waste any time in getting yours:

In preparation for their final Maths GCSE exam, almost 100 Year 11 students attended a special GCSE Revision session on Sunday morning. Year 11 continue to blow us away with their hard work and commitment, and thank you to our dedicated staff who gave up part of their weekend to offer this additional support.



Well done to the most recent MFL Stars of the Week: Jessica Challis (7R), Olexsey Mysnyk (8J), George Lord (80), Brihanna Jardine (9M).

www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-iohns-catholic-school

## COMING UP THIS WEEK

Tuesday 11- BHCET Netball tournament. 28 students from Years 7 and 8 are competing in a Trust Netball Tournament on Tuesday, leaving school at 9.05am and returning for 1.30pm. Students should come to school in PE kit and bring lunch with them. We wish them lots of luck!

Tuesday 11- There will be a Choir rehearsal during Pastoral on Tuesday and after school until 4.20pm to rehearse for the Year 11 Celebration Day.

Wednesday 12- This week's Les Misérables rehearsal is for all cast. As we move closer to the show, it is important that all cast members attend. There will also be additional rehearsals for lead cast members on Thursday and Friday this week and those students should consult the rehearsal schedule which has been emailed to them to check when they are needed, or double check the PREP slides.

Wednesday 12- Year 11 Celebration Day. Mass will be held at St Mary's Church at 11.45am and we have invited two guests per student along. Parents /carers will not be able to enter the church or congregate outside until 11.30 at the earliest. Following their mass, Year 11 will return to school with their tutors for an afternoon of celebrations to commemorate their five years at St John's. Final details will follow in an MCAS message.

Thursday 13- Students from Years 7 and 8 will be competing in their next athletics competition, leaving school at 12.20pm. Students involved should come to school in their PE kits. We wish them lots of luck.

Friday 14- Year 11's final day in school. Friday is the last core exam for our Year 11 students, and therefore it is their last official day in school. Those students with remaining exams after Friday will come back in for revision sessions and exams only and must continue to wear full school uniform. Well done, Year 11- you're almost there!

## LAST WEEK'S ACHIEVEMENTS







#### Year 7 Top **Achievers**

Alexis B 7J Harriet D 7M Emily E 7A Leon W 7A Maria M 7J

#### Year 8 Top **Achievers**

Matthew W 8R Phoebe W 8H Sophie R 8M Jacob D 8J Oliver J 8N

### Year 9 Top **Achievers**

Matthew L 9N Imogen P 9N Molly M 90 Phoebe H 9H Olivia W 9N

#### Year 10 Top **Achievers**

Olivia E 10J Isaac C 10J Ryan D 10H Olivia K 10S Ethan R 10Y

### Year 11 Top **Achievers**

Lily A 110 Ruby W 11M Ryan W 11H Reece S 11M Aimee C 11M

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- ☐ Monday 17 June- Year 5 Week for our Catholic primary feeder schools
- Thursday 20 June- Year 11 Leavers' Party (coaches depart school at 6.30pm)
- Thursday 20 and Friday 21 June- Year 7 Geography trips to Teesdale
- Monday 24 June- Year 10 & 12 mock exams
- Monday 24 June- Year 5 Week for Bishop Auckland cluster primary schools
- Tuesday 2 July- Virtues Awards Evening
- Monday 8 July- Year 12 Work Experience
- Tuesday 9 July- Year 6 Induction Evening
- Wednesday 10 and Thursday 11 July- Les Miserables (tickets available now)
- Thursday 11/ Friday 12 July- Year 6 Induction Days

## I Heard a Whisper...

It's always so lovely to read about the ways our staff are supporting our students, families and each other, and this week's nominations include some fantastic recognition for the excellent work that goes on every day in school. Well done to Mrs Watson (Assistant Headteacher), the PE Department, Miss Springhall (Maths), Miss Dorward (Science) and Joanne Dugdale (Attendance and Student Support Officer). If you would like to nominate a member of staff to receive recognition for their hard work, drop us an email so that we can continue to celebrate the excellent work of our staff.

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Artist of the Week



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