ST JOHN'S WEEKLY NEWS

A Learning Community guided by Gospel Values

16 SEPTEMBER 2024 WEEK A



It has been wonderful to see so many of our students embracing the opportunities offered through our Enrichment Programme. Students have been practising putting up tents in Outdoor Club, enjoying reading and games with friends in the LRC and at Board Game Club, singing and dancing at Karaoke Club and Just Dance Club and have been challenged with some brain-booster IQ tests in Masterminds Club. With over 70 clubs to choose from, there is something for everyone and our after school clubs are now also well underway, with a few more new ones coming soon!

















Transitioning from primary to secondary school can be daunting and sometimes overwhelming, but we are so proud of the resilience our Year 7 students have shown so far. As well as academic excellence, we want our students to live out our school Virtues every single day-Compassion, Confidence, Honesty, Justice, Resilience, Respect, Responsibility and Self-Belief. To help them on their Virtues journey, last week during Pastoral the whole year group took to the 3G pitch to take part in a carousel of fun team-building activities designed by Mr Smith. We wanted to help them to get to know one another whilst building their resilience, confidence, self-belief and respect. A fun time was had by students and tutors, who enjoyed getting to know their students away from the confines of the classroom. The groups will now

be designing their own team-building activities for the other groups to try in the coming weeks. Well done, Year 7- keep up the amazing work and continue to soar!



A WORD FROM LISA BYRON. HEADTEACHER

We are now less than two weeks away from one of the biggest dates on our school calendar, our Open Evening. This event is open to all Year 5 and 6 students and their parents and carers and is always a wonderful evening where we have the chance to open our doors and share our wonderful Learning Community with prospective students and families. Whether you will be joining us as a returning parent with a younger child looking to join the school, or as a brand new parent to the St John's community, we look forward to welcoming you and sharing everything that we feel makes St John's such a wonderful place to learn, grow and soar. We also thank in advance our fantastic students, our best ambassadors, who will be helping out on the evening to share their experiences of life at St John's.





OPEN EVENT

Thursday 26th September 5.30pm - 7.30pm

✓ Explore our dynamic school
 ✓ Meet our inspiring staff
 ✓ Discover our wide range of subjects
 ✓ Learn about our extracurricular activities
 ✓ Join our thriving community

St. John's Catholic School & Sixth Form College Woodhouse Lane, Bishop Auckland, DL14 6JT





MFL Stars of the Week- Yr 7: Caleb R, Yr 8 French: Amelia P, Yr 8 Spanish: Noah G, Yr 9 Spanish: Ruby S

COMING UP THIS WEEK

Monday 16- Students in Years 7-9 will need 3G footwear for their PE lessons this week.

Monday 16- Year 13 EPQ trip to Durham University Library.

Wednesday 18- Year 11 Information Evening, 5.30pm. We invite parents and carers of our Year 11 students to an important Information Evening all about what to expect from Year 11, mock exams, intervention and how to support your child during this crucial year. Please enter via Main Reception if you are attending. For any parents who are unable to attend, a copy of the presentation will be available on the school website after the evening. We look forward to seeing many of you there and will be holding information evenings for other year groups during the course of this term.

REMINDERS

Good attendance and punctuality are so important to ensure our students reach their full potential.

Last week's attendance figures were: Year 7: 96.5%, Year 8: 89.8%, Year 9: 93.9%, Year 10: 92.3%, Year 11:

90.8%. There is a high correlation between good attendance and good grades, as shown in our most recent GCSE results, and we appreciate your support with ensuring your child attends school regularly and on time. A reminder that mobile phones must be switched off and in students' bags if they are bringing them to school.

LAST WEEK'S ACHIEVEMENTS











ClassCharts Year 7 Top

Achievers Daniel W 70 Georgie J 7M Verity D 7M Callum S 70 Darcey L 70

Year 8 Top **Achievers**

Kea-Shenell W 8H Sienna J 8H Summer B 8H Ajay H-N 8Y Holly H8R

Year 9 Top **Achievers**

Isabella E 9A Miylee A 9Y Thomas T 9A Esther L 9J Zachary P 90

Year 10 Top **Achievers**

Jack R 100 Hassan S 10J Skye H 100 Monica M 100 Isabelle P 100

Year 11 Top **Achievers**

Evie W 11Y Levi H 11J Jasmine H 11J Mia H 11J Samara T 11N

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 25 September- Year 9 Info Eve, 5.30pm

Thursday 26 September- Open Evening, 5.30-7.30pm

Wednesday 2 October- Year 8 Info Eve, 5.30pm Wednesday 9 October- Year 12 Info Eve,

5.30pm Thursday 10 October- Sixth Form Open

Evening, 5.30-7.30pm Wednesday 16 October- Year 13 Info Eve,

Wednesday 23 October- Year 7 Welcome Mass (more details to follow)

Friday 25 October- School closed to students for staff INSET. Half Term begins.

Monday 4 November- School reopens

ℬ I Heard a Whisper...

I Heard a Whisper is all about acknowledging the many instances when our teachers and support staff go above and beyond for our students and families, and it's wonderful to read so many examples of this. Well done this week to Mrs Nighoskar (Assistant Head of Year 10), Mr Robertson (Head of MFL) and Miss Charlton (Science) who were all nominated and received a sweet treat.

If you would like to nominate a member of staff who has gone over and above their job role, send us an email so we can continue to celebrate our amazing staff. All nominations will be shared anonymously.

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Artist of the Week

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Molly Davey 10Y







