# ST JOHN'S WEEKLY NEWS

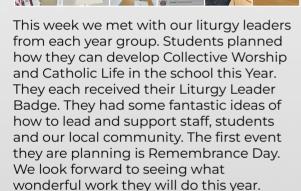
A Learning Community guided by Gospel Values

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A huge thank you to all of the prospective students and their families who came through our doors for our Open Evening on Thursday. It was a wonderful event and was lovely to see the school buzzing with interest and excitement. A huge thank you also to all of our students who helped out in departments, acted as tour guides for the evening, spoke so eloquently in the talk or sang as part of the choir or Les Miserables cast. Our students really are the best ambassadors for our school. Finally a huge thank you to our amazing staff who showed such passion this evening and continue to go above and beyond in their roles. We loved having the chance to share our special learning community with so many new visitors and it was also fantastic to see so many former students joining us with their own children- the 'Hall of Fame' photo wall

was a huge hit!



Students in Year 8 and 9 travelled to Eaglescliffe to compete in the first round of the U14 Cleveland County Schools' Competition. The boys played four games, winning three of them. They finished 2nd in their group and won the second place play off meaning they came third overall in their half of the competition. Well done, gents! More competitions for all year groups are being held in the coming weeks and Rugby club will continue every Wednesday after school. We look forward to continuing to share our sporting success each week.







# A WORD FROM LISA BYRON, HEADTEACHER

Regular attendance is key to your child's success in school. Being present allows students to keep up with their lessons, develop important social skills, and establish positive habits that will serve them throughout their lives. We strive for students to have an attendance rate of at least 95%. This ensures they are present for the majority of lessons and can progress academically without disruption. When a student's attendance falls below 95%, it becomes more challenging to keep up with classwork, which can lead to gaps in learning and affect their overall performance. Persistent absence, defined as missing 10% or more of the school year, can have a serious impact on both academic success and social development. While we understand that there are valid reasons for occasional absences, such as illness or family emergencies, keeping them to a minimum is essential for your child's progress. We appreciate your continued support in ensuring your child's regular attendance. If you have concerns about your child's attendance, please contact us. We are here to support you in ensuring your child receives the best possible education.

Last week's attendance figures were:

Year 7 97.7%, Year 8 91.2%, Year 9 92.7%, Year 10 92.5% Year 11 91.3%



On Thursday, St John's hosted European Day of Languages, welcoming students from Carmel College, English Martyrs, Our Lady & St Bede and St Michael's. Students were given a hot chocolate and a pain au chocolat on arrival then participated in a range of exciting language based activities including 'Teaching Harry Kane German', an escape room and a session on European Music. Students thoroughly enjoyed their day and were excellent ambassadors for their schools.

MFL Stars of the Week- Yr 7: Callum B, Yr 8 French: Grace N, Yr 8 Spanish: Olly A, Yr 9 Spanish: Olivia J

## TOMING UP THIS WEEK

**Tuesday 1-** Well done to all of our students who competed in the National Biology Spelling Bee last week. Our finalists from each tutor group will now take part in the next round during Pastoral on Tuesday.

**Tuesday 1-** We have two exciting new PE clubs beginning this week, provided by external coaches. On Tuesday there will be Table Tennis in the Gym until 4.20pm and on Thursday Dodgeball Club will also take place in the Gym until 4.20pm. Both are open to any students from Years 7-11 and are free to attend.

**Wednesday 2-** Year 8 Information Evening, 5.30pm. We invite parents and carers of our Year 8 students to an important Information Evening all about what to expect from Year 8, homework, curriculum and attendance. 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.

## LAST WEEK'S ACHIEVEMENTS





















## **ClassCharts** Year 7 Top

**Achievers** 

Beau W 70 Samuel M 7A Finley H 70 Claudia M 7J Callum S 70

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

Tylor S 8Y Pippa H 8R Olivia B 8Y Lucy C 80 Ollie A8Y

#### Year 9 Top **Achievers**

Grace I 9N Thomas K 9R Thomas T 9A Alfie W 90 Clara J 9R

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

Danae H 10H Jack R 100 Imogen P 10N Chloe D 10H Lillie C 10H

#### Year 11 Top **Achievers**

Mia H 11J Eleanor B 11A Evie W 11Y Aaliyah-Louise R 110 Anna T 11A

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- ☐ 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, 5.30pm
- ☐ 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 ☐ Tuesday 12 November- Christmas Market,
- 6pm (book a stall: <u>friends@stjohns.bhcet.org.uk</u>) ☐ Monday 4 November- Year 11 and Year 13 mock exams begin
- ☐ Friday 29 November- Disaggregated Day, school closed

## 🦃 I Heard a Whisper...

We have been inundated with wonderful nominations for our staff this week, showcasing the incredible support offered across the school to students, families and colleagues.

Well done this week to Miss Johnston (English), Miss Robinson (Head of Year 9), Mr Smith (Head of Year 7), Mrs Thompson (Head of Year 12/13), Miss Wright (Science), and Mrs Hale and Mrs Osborn (MFL) who have been selected to receive this week's sweet treats. If you would like to nominate a member of staff for going above and beyond in their role, drop us an email at:

iheardawhisper@stjohns.bhcet.org.uk



### Artist of the Week



Isabelle Parry 100









