# ST JOHN'S WEEKLY NEWS

A Learning Community guided by Gospel Values

7 OCTOBER 2024 WEEK B



On Friday we welcomed the wonderful people from 'Prison, Me? No Way!' into school to spend the day with our Year 9 students. Students took part in a variety of workshops including hearing all about the realities of prison life, experiencing a prison cell first hand, hearing from some actual prisoners on the bad choices they made and reflecting on how they themselves can make better choices in the future. Our students had a fantastic day and showed excellent respect, responsibility and maturity in engaging with the workshops and approaching the difficult topics of the day.





Friday was CAFOD Harvest Fast Day and our Year 12 CAFOD Young Leaders raised an amazing £225 for the course with a bake sale held at breaktime. Thank you to all who got involved and supported the sale, and to our Year 12 students for their organisation.

On Wednesday we were lucky to welcome author Ross Montgomery into school to talk to our Year 7 students. In July, Year 7 were all gifted a copy of Ross' new book, I am Rebel, and students had their copies signed by Ross. Students listened intently as he spoke of his inspiration for writing the story, showed photographs and videos and even read an extract from his book. Well done, Year 7 on your excellent behaviour and thank you to Ross for such an entertaining afternoon.





A huge well done to our Year 7 and 8 students who competed in the Multi Skills Tournament at King James School on Friday. Boys' and girls' football were



runners-up in the competition and our badminton team came third. As always, our students were fantastic ambassadors for the school and showed great team spirit and self-belief.

# A WORD FROM LISA BYRON, HEADTEACHER



Saturday was World Teachers' Day. an international day to give recognition to the amazing teachers around the world who inspire, guide and empower students every day. We are incredibly lucky within St John's to have fantastic teachers who continually go above and beyond both in and out of the classroom. Our teachers show incredible passion, support students on their journeys and create enriching opportunities for our young people. Whether it's clubs, competitions, retreats, guest speakers or trips abroad, our teachers are always looking for ways to ignite sparks of curiosity and imagination, create lasting memories and transform our students' lives.

We are thrilled to announce that St John's has been successful again this year in securing funding through the Turing Scheme. Last year the project allowed our students to travel across the world visiting places such as Copenhagen, New York, Toronto and Charleston. More information will follow on the amazing opportunities this year's funding will offer.

Last week's attendance figures were: Year 7 95.6%, Year 8 89.6%, Year 9 92.6%, Year 10 90.8%, Year 11 88.9%

## COMING UP THIS WEEK

**Wednesday 9-** Year 12 Information Evening, 5.30pm. We invite parents and carers of our Year 12 students to an important Information Evening all about what to expect from Year 12, A Level preparations, opportunities and university applications. 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. Thank you to everyone who has attended our KS3 and KS4 information evenings so far- it has been great to welcome so many parents and carers into school and we hope you have found them informative.

**Thursday 10-** Sixth Form Open Evening, 5.30-7.30pm. We invite Year 10 and Year 11 students both from St John's and elsewhere to attend our Sixth Form Open Evening to find out about the courses on offer, life in Sixth Form and the fantastic opportunities and experiences available.

## LAST WEEK'S ACHIEVEMENTS











### **ClassCharts** Year 7 Top

**Achievers** 

Saule K 7M Noah R 7J Aimee H 70 Beau W 7O Rosie S 70

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

Finley G 8A Isabelle R 8Y Noah H8A Emily E 8A Neave W 8Y

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

Grace I 9N Taylor-Mae F 9Y Ryan D 9A Mina S-E 9J Charlie T 9N

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

Joshua W 10M Jack B 10N Skye H 100 Eva N-D 10H Bradley R 10A

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

April G 11A Ella C 11H Thomas G 11J Isla D 11A Anna T 11A

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- ☐ Tuesday 15 October- Show Racism the Red Card assemblies for all year groups
- ☐ 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
- ☐ Monday 11 November- Year 8 Retreat
- ☐ Friday 29 November- Disaggregated Day, school closed
- ☐ Thursday 5 December- Year 11 Progress Eve

## 🦃 I Heard a Whisper...

Our staff are always there for each other, supporting, encouraging and championing one another. It is one of the things which makes St John's such a special learning community and last week's I Heard a Whisper nominations all came from staff for fellow members of staff, showing just that. Well done to Miss Heads (LRC Manager/Assistant Head of Year 7), Mrs McGowan (PE), Mrs Nighoskar (Assistant Head of Year 11), Miss Crawford (MFL), Mrs Gillow (English/MFL), Mike (Caretaker) and Mrs Thompson (Head of Year 12/13) who all received last week's sweet treats.

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#### Artist of the Week



**Poppy Davidson** 12A







