



A huge well done to all of our Year 7 students who took part in this year's residential retreat. Their energy, teamwork and positive spirit made it a memorable experience for all. Students took part in lots of team building games, reflection time and even their own escape room. Thank you to Emma, our Chaplain, for organising the trip, our incredible staff for giving up their own time to supervise and support our students and to the amazing Youth Ministry Team who we are privileged to work with as part of our students' spiritual journey.



Last week some of our students were honoured to attend a special 'Learn with the Lords' event at Bishop Auckland College where they got the chance to hear from The Lord Shipley OBE on the workings of The House of Lords, how national legislation is shaped and wider discussions on the world of politics alongside Sam Rushworth, MP for Bishop Auckland. This was a superb opportunity for our students to broaden their political knowledge and experience and it was wonderful to see many of them contribute so thoughtfully and articulately to discussions. Our students were praised for their "top class" contributions, including Leo and Ezri, two of our Year 12 students who are very passionate about politics.



Our Year 10 football team are now into the final of the Ben Potts Cup following a 3-2 win against Parkside last week. The boys have recently been crowned as League Winners for the first time and are due to collect their trophy in the coming weeks. The team now have their sights on making it a silverware double!

Well done, boys- another fantastic sporting achievement for St John's!



A WORD FROM LISA BYRON, HEADTEACHER

Our students continue to amaze us with their resilience and self-belief. Not only are our Year 11 and Year 13 students showing incredible dedication and strength through their exams, students across the school are showcasing what it means to be a St John's Eagle every single day. We are incredibly proud of our Year 7 students who attended their residential retreat last week; their respect, confidence and responsibility were shining examples of our learning community.

It is also wonderful to see so many of our students engaging in all aspects of school life, whether it be through sporting achievements, performances, trips, Duke of Edinburgh, enrichment attendance or even just fantastic engagement in lessons. Our eagle logo symbolises many things, but most notably it stands for strength, courage, independence and vision, all of which we see in our students every day.

Last week's attendance:

- Year 7- 92.2%
- Year 8- 91.1%
- Year 9- 90.5%
- Year 10- 91.2%
- Year 11- 93.6%



COMING UP THIS WEEK

Monday 19 May- Tickets for our summer production of Frozen the Musical go on sale at 9am on Monday morning. This promises to be another wonderful St John's production, so don't "let it go" too long before you grab your tickets: www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-johns-catholic-school

Monday 19 May- Year 10 Work Experience. We wish our Year 10 students lots of luck as they begin their Work Experience week. We know they will find the experience informative and enjoyable.

Wednesday 21 May- Frozen rehearsals are for all cast this week until 4.30pm. As we get closer to the show it is important all cast members attend all rehearsals.

Thursday 22 May- Year 7 Progress Evening. We are looking forward to welcoming our Year 7 students along with their parents and carers into school for discussions on how their first year at St John's has gone. Appointments are still available via SchoolCloud. Contact school directly if you need any assistance.

Friday 23 May- Spring House Rewards. We will be celebrating last term's winning House with a visit from an ice cream van. All will be revealed on Tuesday.

Friday 23 May- Last day before half term. Wishing everyone a lovely week off.

Friday 23 May- Year 13 Leavers' BBQ. We look forward to a wonderful evening celebrating our Year 13 students.

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