



Our Year 10 students, along with Mr Hutchinson and Miss Kennedy, had a wonderful week last week exploring Halifax, the capital of the Canadian province of Nova Scotia. This once in a lifetime experience, our most recent Turing Scheme trip, involved learning about the rich history of Halifax, visiting a local school to find out about the Canadian education system and investigating overseas further education options with a visit to the local university. Our students were superb ambassadors and impressed with their enthusiasm, engagement and impeccable behaviour, and we know they have made memories to last a lifetime.



On Wednesday our Year 12 CAFOD Young Leaders travelled down to London for a special celebration day to honour their incredible hard work and dedication. Whilst there they also got the opportunity to visit the Houses of Parliament with Bishop Auckland MP Sam Rushworth and get a glimpse into life as a politician. We are so proud of their commitment to this amazing charity and to the Catholic Life of our school.

Last week, students from Year 7-12 had the opportunity to visit the powerful Knife Angel statue which is currently in Newton Aycliffe. The statue, made from over 100,000 knives, was created to raise awareness about knife crime and is an incredibly powerful piece of art. Students also took part in an eye-opening workshop, where they learned about the dangers of carrying knives and how to make safer choices. A huge thank you to Sgt Andy Boyd who ran the session and helped our students understand how to make a positive difference.



## A WORD FROM LISA BYRON, HEADTEACHER

*Whilst we all know that academic success is important and achievement in exams can open up a lot of doors in the future, we also acknowledge that our students are so much more than the grades they achieve. The sheet of paper students will receive in August with their exam results on will not show the **Respect** they modelled throughout their time at school. It will not show the **Compassion** they demonstrated to a friend who was going through a hard time, or the **Honesty** they were brave enough to exhibit when they'd made a mistake. It will not recognise the **Justice** they fought for, the **Responsibility** they took on or the **Resilience** they displayed to get through their toughest days. Those grades are important, but the **Confidence** and **Self-Belief** our students have showcased throughout their journey to achieving them is even more important.*

*Each week we share snippets of our students living out our eight school virtues, and this week is a special week in our calendar as we get to celebrate those virtues on a bigger scale with our second Annual Virtue Awards. We also look forward to acknowledging the hard work and dedication of our Year 11 cohort with their Celebration Day, a day dedicated to the amazing young people they are and their contributions to our Learning Community.*



## COMING UP THIS WEEK

**Monday 16 June-** Final core GCSE exam. We wish our students lots of luck as they head into their final week of GCSE exams, with the majority of A Level exams finishing this week too. Following Monday's GCSE Physics exam, Year 11 will be allowed to leave school site and will only be required to attend for any remaining revision sessions and exams. We look forward to celebrating their achievements at their Celebration Day and Prom.

**Monday 16 June-** Year 5 Week 1. We are looking forward to welcoming Year 5 students from our Catholic feeder and local primary schools into school for a taste of lessons and life at St John's.

**Wednesday 18 June-** Science Project Taster Day. We are excited to launch our amazing science project, working alongside some of the UK's leading chemists and drug development officers, to Year 11 students.

**Wednesday 18 June-** Frozen rehearsals are for principal cast and Lead Ensemble on Monday until 4.30pm and for all cast on Wednesday and Thursday until 4.30pm. Tickets: [www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-johns-catholic-school](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-johns-catholic-school)

**Thursday 19 June-** Virtue Awards 2025, 6pm-8.30pm. We are looking forward to celebrating 60 of our students, alongside their parents and carers, who have been nominated for this year's Virtue Awards.

**Friday 20 June-** Year 11 Celebration Day. Students should arrive at school for 8.50am in full uniform and may bring a spare shirt with them. Mass will begin at 10.15am at St Mary's Church and up to two guests are welcome per student. Students will then return to school to continue the celebrations, finishing their day at 1.45pm.

# LAST WEEK'S ACHIEVEMENTS



We love to celebrate and share our students' achievements, both in and out of school. If your child has a success they would like to share with us and are happy for it to be posted on our Facebook and Instagram pages, please email it, along with a photo, to Mrs Rose, Assistant Headteacher, at [nrose@stjohns.bhcet.org.uk](mailto:nrose@stjohns.bhcet.org.uk).

## High Five FRIDAY

13 June 2025

### Virtues

Sofia M 12E Compassion and Responsibility (EST) Caleb R 7Y Compassion and Responsibility (DHA) Ewan P 7Y Honesty (DHA) Jayden C 7Y Respect (DHA) Leo B 12R Confidence (ERA) George B 12C Confidence (ERA) Aimee C 12C Confidence (ERA) Logan Elliott 12R Confidence (ERA) Ezri H 12R Confidence (ERA) Alfie J 12R Confidence (ERA) Jonny L 12C Confidence (ERA) Max N 12R Confidence (ERA) Jack R 12C Confidence (ERA) Laksh C 12C Confidence (ERA) Reece S 12C Confidence (ERA)	Dominik S 7M Resilience (DAT) Tommy-Lee C 7O Resilience (DAT) Ivy W 8M Resilience (DAT) Leon W 8A Resilience (DAT) Henry S 9A Resilience (DAT) Harry W 9N Resilience (DAT) Ava A 10Y Resilience (DAT) Vanessa N 10O Resilience (DAT) Robert B 10R Resilience (DAT) April G 11A Resilience (DAT) David I 9J Resilience (DAT) Nadia I 10M Resilience (DAT) Kaleb P 7O Resilience (DAT) Lucy C 8O Resilience (NRO)
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Year 11 and Year 13- Resilience and Self-Belief  
Respect, Responsibility, Honesty, Self-Belief, Confidence, Resilience, Justice, Compassion

## High Five FRIDAY

13 June 2025

### Year 7

Luke T 7O Roman H 7O Darcy L 7O Jayke N 7O Kaleb P 7O Kai D 7A (SGO) Tyler C 7A (SGO) Kristen R 7A (SGO) Chukwunenye O 7A (SGO) Tamarah M 7R (SEB) Seth L 7R (SEB) Evan G 7Y (AWR) Allan T 7M (LCU) Ethan-James O 7R (LCU)	Lexi A 7A (MMG) Belle D 7A (MMG) Darcey S 7A (MMG) Verity D 7M (MMG) Saula K 7M (MMG & PTA) Hannah K 7A (MMG & CLI) Yevanhelina T 7O (YDI) Gabriel M 7M (CLI) Dominik S 7M (DAT) Tommy-Lee C 7O (DAT) Kaleb P 7O (DAT)	Alli R 7Y (PTA & MWI) Joni L 7Y (PTA) Isabella G 7N (PTA) Maisie C 7N (PTA) Daniel W 7O (PTA) Tyler C 7A (DHA) Amelia B 7J (DHA) Jaxon C 7Y (DHA) Ava D 7Y 7R (MWI) Rosie G 7R (MWI) Charlotte W 7R (MWI) Beau W 7O (MWI) Thea P 7O (MWI) Francesca S 7O (MWI)
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## High Five FRIDAY

13 June 2025

### Year 8

Chloe M 8J (NRO & SEB) Alistair M 8J (NRO & LCU) Olivia B 8J (NRO) Sally B 8J (NRO) Caitlyn H 8O (MWI) Alfie D 8Y (RCA) Jake L 8Y (RCA) Tyler S 8Y (RCA) Leland M 8Y (RCA) Christina J 8N (RCA) Chloe C 8N (RCA) Maisy H 8N (RCA) Ava J 8N (RCA) Leon W 8A (ESM & DAT) Harley G 8A (ESM) Bella L 8M (SGO) Riley T W 8M (SGO) Lexi H 8J (SEB)	Ivy W 8M (DAT) Grace N 8M (AWR) Kai D 8N (AWR) Olivia B 8Y (MMG) Isia S 8M (MMG) Lydia S 8A (ESM) Isia C 8A (ESM) Craig R 8A (ESM) Ivy R 8A (ESM) Tyler T 8A (ESM) Noah H 8A (ESM) Katie-Anna W 8A (ESM) Brooklyn H 8A (NHA)	Ava Mae J 8N (DHA) Eva Mc 8R (DHA) Annalise M 8Y (MWI) Melissa B 8Y (MWI) Jessica C 8R (MWI) Olivia B 8Y (COS) Neve O 8J (COS) Noah G 8H (LCU) Chloe C 8N (LCU) Sophia A 8Y (LCU) Emily R 8M (LCU) Emily E 8A (ESM) Jack S 8A (ESM) Jack B 8A (ESM) Evie P 8A (ESM) Sienna N 8A (ESM) Sophie W 8A (ESM) Evoline S 8A (ESM)
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## High Five FRIDAY

13 June 2025

### Year 9

Kai W 9J (COS) Viva Rose P 9R (COS) Connor A 9Y (COS) Esther L 9J (DHA) Zea L 9Y (DHA) Lucie H 9O (MMG) Isia S 9J (MMG) Mollie M 9O (MMG) Sophie H 9O (MMG) Evangeline E 9J (MMG) Georgia M 9O (MMG) Megan P 9Y (MWI) Mylee A 9Y (MWI) Allyra B 9Y (MWI)	Molly N 9O (SEB) Jacob H 9H (SEB) Nathan K 9M (LCU) Ewan R 9O (LCU) Amber W 9R (LCU) Harrison M 9O (LCU) Henry S 9A (DAT) Harry W 9N (DAT) David I 9J (DAT) Harley B 9J (DAT) Charlie B 9H (DAT) Oliver S 9J (DAT) Ethan H 9R (DAT) Tanisha A-M 9N (DAT)
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## High Five FRIDAY

13 June 2025

### Year 10

Eve M 10R (SEB) Ava S 10N (SEB) Thomas B 10N (EST) Charlotte J 10H (EST) Lily J 10H (EST) Teo D 10 (DHA) Hannah S 10J (AWR) Olivia B 10J (AWR) Harry B 10Y (AWR) Isaac C 10O (CLI) Hassan S 10J (CLI) Alfie S 10H (LCU) Bradley R 10A (LCU)	Brihanna J 10M (DAT) Finley T-S 10A (DAT) Freddie C 10A (DAT) Thea C 10Y (DAT) Eva N-D 10H (DAT) Ava A 10Y (DAT) Vanessa N 10O (DAT) Robert B 10R (DAT) Nadia I 10M (DAT) Alfie S 10H (DAT) Hannah S 10H (DAT) Brooke W 10H (DAT)
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## High Five FRIDAY

13 June 2025

### Year 12

Leo B 12R (HTH) George B 12C (HTH) Aimee C 12C (HTH) Elliott L 12R (HTH) Ezri H 12R (HTH) Alfie J 12R (HTH) Jonny Li 12C (HTH) Max N 12R (HTH) Reece S 12R (HTH)	Sarah T 12A (EST) Eve C 12C (EST) Jessica P 12C (EST) Ruby W 12A (RBE) Jack R 12C (HTH & RBE) Jack L 12A (CLI) Ryan W 12C (CLI)
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### Department Stars of the Week- 13/6

- Philosopher of the Week:** Iris Comerford 9J
- Reader of the Week:** Luke Ictendon 8J
- Mathematician of the Week:** Isla Flitter 8N
- Scientist of the Week:** Regan Wight 7R
- Linguist of the Week:** Tyler Cuss 7A and Aimee Howard 7O
- Historian of the Week:** Ella Smith 7N
- Geographer of the Week:** Lily McManners 9O
- Sportsperson of the Week:** Caitlyn Hugh 8O
- Designer of the Week:** Kristen Rushworth 7A and Belal Qayumi 7A
- Artist of the Week:** Maddison Staniforth 9A
- Musician of the Week:** Jake Gridley 9O
- Computer Scientist of the Week:** Emmy Thinkell 7O



## ClassCharts

### Year 7 Top Achievers

Nathan M 7M  
Carollena A 7O  
Hannah K 7A  
Belal Q 7A  
Holly A 7O

### Year 8 Top Achievers

Lucy C 8O  
Riley H 8M  
Olivia B 8Y  
Sienna J 8H  
Lexi K 8M

### Year 9 Top Achievers

Damon C 9R  
Ryan D 9A  
Thomas K 9R  
Thomas T 9A  
David I 9J

### Year 10 Top Achievers

Aiden S 10A  
Eva N-D 10H  
Hassan S 10J  
Stephanie A 10O  
Ellie-Mae H 10O

### Sixth Form Top Achievers

Alfie J 12R  
Ryan W 12R  
Ruby W 12A  
Charlie P 12C  
Georgia F 12E

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Monday 23 June- Year 10 and Year 12 mock exams begin
- Monday 23 June- Year 5 Week 2
- Monday 30 June- Year 11 Prom
- Wednesday 2 July- Year 13 Peru Trip
- Wednesday 2 July- Year 9/10 Summer Festival
- Thursday 3 July- Induction Evening for incoming Year 7 students and parents
- Monday 7 July/ Tuesday 8 July- St John's presents 'Frozen the Musical'
- Thursday 10/ Friday 11 July- Year 6 Induction Days
- Friday 18 July- Last day of the school year
- Tuesday 2 September- New Academic Year



## I Heard a Whisper...

The relationship and communication between home and school is so important for ensuring our students are supported and able to thrive. This therefore makes it even more special when we receive such wonderful feedback from our parents and carers and read such lovely emails praising the hard work and dedication of our staff. Well done this week to Mr Quigley (Head of Art), Mrs Hale (MFL), Mrs Rose (Assistant Headteacher), Danielle Dowson (Admin- Exams) and the staff who accompanied the Year 7 Retreat: Emma Ramsey (Chaplain), Mr Smith (Head of Year 7), Miss Heads (Assistant Head of Year 7), Thomas Young (Learning Mentor), Miss Wilkinson (Assistant Headteacher), Mr Parker (Deputy Headteacher), Miss Gatiss (PE) and Miss Wright (Science).

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## Artist of the Week



Jessica Rouse, 7N