# ST JOHN'S WEEKLY NEWS

A Learning Community guided by Gospel Values

# 29 SEPTEMBER 2025 WEEK A



From raft building to ghyll scrambling, wild camping to star gazing, our group of Year 8 students had the most fantastic week on their Outward Bound trip to the beautiful Lake District. The 23 students showed incredible resilience, teamwork and self-belief, tackling new skills, forging new friendships and making memories to last a lifetime. Well done, all!













On Thursday, Miss Liddle took Lily from Year 13 and Matthew and Kate from Year 10 along to Our Lady and St Bede's School in Stockton to record the brand new BHCET song. This song celebrates what it means to be part of a community and the wonderful experiences which take place in our schools, and we look forward to sharing it with you soon.



It was a fantastic first netball tournament of the academic year this week at Whitworth Park for our Year 9, 10 and 11 girls. Our Year 9 team had some brand new players and played superbly, winning four of their games and drawing one, with a total of 28 goals scored! Meanwhile, our Year 10 and Year 11 teams won all of their games, continuing an excellent streak of netball success for St John's! What a great start to the year and fabulous teamwork and self-belief shown by all.

The next of our Year 11 reward mornings was all about celebrating those students who received an average Attitude to Learning score of Excellent in their end of Year 10 report. These 74 students gathered during Pastoral for hot chocolate, with marshmallows of course! We're extremely proud of their efforts and fantastic work ethic and have no doubt this will continue throughout Year 11.





#### Spotlight on Sixth Form

Exciting things are coming for our Sixth Form, including refurbishment of facilities, new four-day timetable and increased wider opportunities specifically for Sixth Form. We want to reach out to our wider community and local businesses to be involved in this exciting new chapter for our Sixth Form. If you think you can support with offering our Sixth Formers talks or workshops on finance, life skills or careers, or can offer work experience opportunities, discounts or financial or equipment donations to help with our redevelopment, please complete the form emailed to parents and carers or contact us directly.

We are also excited to have officially launched our Languages 4 Life
Programme last week, a unique study enrichment opportunity for our Sixth
Form students. We are privileged to be working with colleagues at Durham University, working together to build a community where learning languages is not just about exams or grades but about connection, curiosity and celebrating the many voices of our world.

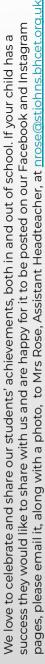
On Friday, Year 12 Scientists joined
Durham University Researchers on a
project to develop a new Tuberculosis
drug. Our students had computer
designed novel compounds and Durham
staff led them through the process of
making the designed chemical.
Our Sixth Form Open Evening on
Thursday 9 October is the perfect time to
find out more about these exciting
opportunities.

### TOMING UP THIS WEEK

**Tuesday 30 September-** Open Evening, 5.30-7.30pm. We are looking forward to welcoming prospective students and their parents into our school to meet our fantastic staff, tour our wonderful facilities and hear about what it means to be part of St John's Headteacher talks take place at 5.30pm and 6.30pm. **Wednesday 1 October-** Year 9 Information Evening, 5pm. Parents and carers of Year 9 students are warmly invited to attend our Information Evening focused on the curriculum, expectations, the options process and key dates for the upcoming year, as well as a chance to speak to the Head of Year and external support services. **Friday 3 October-** Year 9 Prison, Me? No Way! All of Year 9 are taking part in a series of workshops throughout the day focused on staying safe, making good choices and avoiding crime and anti-social behaviour.

## LAST WEEK'S ACHIEVEMENTS























#### **ClassCharts** Year 7 Top **Achievers**

Luca C 7R Francesca H 7J Elijah O 7M Daniel S 7J Richie M 7M

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

Thomas D 8N Imogen O 8N Gabby G8N Oliver D 8N Tommy S 8N

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

Kea-Shenell W 9N Dola O 9H Neve O 9J Constance C 9N Summer B 9H

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

Esther L 10J Isabella E 10A Trevor B 10J Iyla S 10J Joel H 10J

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

Chloe C 11A Chloe D 11A Jacob B 11A Nadia I 11M Zoe A 11M

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- ☐ Wednesday 8 October- Year 12 Information Evening, 5pm
- ☐ Thursday 9 October- Sixth Form Open Evening, 5.30-7.30pm
- ☐ Friday 10 October- Year 12 Retreat
- ☐ Wednesday 15 October- Year 13 Information Evening, 5pm
- ☐ Wednesday 15 October- Year 8 Residential Retreat
- ☐ Tuesday 21 October- Year 7 Welcome Mass (details to follow)
- ☐ Wednesday 22 October- Year 8 Information Evening, 5pm
- ☐ Friday 24 October- Staff Insetschool closed to students. Half term
- Monday 3 November- Term begins

## 🖑 I Heard a Whisper...

We have received so many wonderful emails this week thanking our staff's hard work, support, compassion and acts of kindness. As well as this week's nominees, we are proud to share a Year 7 parent nomination dedicated to all of our staff and acknowledging the fantastic teaching, learning and enrichment offering at St John's. Emails like this mean the world to us as a learning community and it is wonderful to hear such positive feedback. Well done this week to Michael Stephenson (Learning Mentor), Mrs Barnham (Head of Year 11) and Chris Skirrow (Minibus Driver) who all received personal nominations and earned themselves a sweet treat in return.

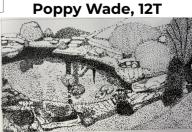




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ald like to extend my thanks to all staff for creating such a fantastic first impression for all new Y7 students: it has quickly been noted the attention to detail and high quality teaching, learning

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BISHOP Artist of the Week









