



Thank you so much to everyone who came along and supported our Christmas Market on Tuesday evening. It was a wonderful start to the festive season for our school community. A special thank you to our stall holders and our staff and students who helped out with the event. Thank you also to everyone who bought raffle tickets at our Christmas Market and to our stall holders who donated fabulous gifts. Finally, a huge thank you to Mrs Pullen for her incredible organisation skills with the evening and all of her work for The Friends of St John's.



Earlier this month, our netball teams took part in the North Durham County Schools Netball Tournament at The Beacon of Light, Sunderland. Our Under 14 team won 5 out of 6 games to draw 1st on points. They came 2nd overall on points securing their place in the next round in January. Our Under 16 team won 2 out of 4 games placing 3rd overall and narrowly missing out on regionals. Well done to both teams!

Last week we held an exciting Year 8 Young Enterprise Day which encouraged students to develop skills, work as a team and explore future careers. Each group was introduced to 15 different businesses. Working as a team, they pitched their ideas to secure both the business and the loan, before going ahead and 'buying' their chosen business. In the afternoon, the focus shifted to building their businesses, covering key areas such as budgeting, marketing, and costings. Students later presented their business ideas to the whole room. Their passion and confidence were outstanding, and they spoke with real conviction about the businesses they had created. The day concluded with an awards ceremony, celebrating achievements in Teamwork, Innovation, Marketing, Elevator Pitch, and Business of the Year. The students were exceptional throughout, and Young Enterprise commented that this was one of the best groups they have ever worked with.



A WORD FROM LISA BYRON,
HEADTEACHER

Focus on... Rewards

From our weekly High Fives to our termly House reward events, from cake breaks to our annual Virtue Awards, we love to celebrate our students' achievements and successes in every way we can. For the remainder of this term we have lots to look forward to and lots of opportunities to reward our students for a wide range of things. Here's what we have coming up in the next three weeks:

- ★ Advent Attendance Adventure (six prize draws on offer for attendance)
- ★ Christmas Good Puds (students rewarded for doing the right thing and showing kindness to others)
- ★ Year group end of term reward assemblies, featuring special awards for academic excellence, improvement and virtues among other things
- ★ 'Enrichment Champion' awards
- ★ Whole school reward in the final week (watch this space!)

And of course, don't forget to follow our Facebook and Instagram pages for lots more achievements and successes each week!



We are so incredibly proud of Lola in Year 11 and Lucy in Year 9 who, for the second year in a row, have given up their own time to sell poppies and raise money for the Royal British Legion. Feedback from the charity organisers

commended the girls on how polite, helpful and conscientious they were and what superb ambassadors they were for the school. We were delighted to welcome veteran representatives from the British Legion into school last week to present the girls with a certificate and thank them in person for their amazing contributions.



COMING UP THIS WEEK

Monday 1 December- Introducing our Advent Attendance Adventure with the opportunity to be part of six different prize draws over the next three weeks. All students who have full attendance in week 1 of December will automatically be entered into a draw to win £25. All students who then continue to have full attendance into week 2 will be entered into a brand new draw to win £50. And all students who have full attendance for the whole of December will be entered into a prize draw to win an amazing £100! Plus, every week we are also giving our parents and carers the chance to win in a weekly £50 draw.

Thursday 4 December- Year 11 Progress Evening. We are looking forward to welcoming our Year 11 students, along with their parents and carers, into school to meet with their teachers and discuss progress, mock outcomes and important next steps. Appointments are still available via SchoolCloud.

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.



ClassCharts
Year 7 Top Achievers
Katherine J 7J
Krystyn J 7J
Naomi D 7A
Cerliena-Rose T 7Y
Constance A 7R

Year 8 Top Achievers
Joni L 8Y
Ali R 8Y
Guru S 8A
Harini T 8M
Heidi H 8N

Year 9 Top Achievers
Ruby M 9H
Leland M 9Y
Eva M 9R
Oli K 9O
Tom A 9Y

Year 10 Top Achievers
Zea L 10Y
Matthew W 10R
Joel H 10J
Connor A 10Y
Esther L 10J

Year 11 Top Achievers
Jayden D 11O
Grace B 11O
Zuzanna W 11J
Chloe D 11H
Tilly R 11H

High Five FRIDAY
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Virtues

All Student Librarians- Responsibility & Respect (LHE)
Harini T 8M Responsibility & Compassion (LHE)
Verity D 8M Responsibility & Compassion (LHE)
Belle D 8M Responsibility & Compassion (LHE)
Saula K 8M Responsibility & Compassion (LHE)
Matthew W 10R Responsibility & Compassion (LHE)
Oli K 9O Responsibility & Compassion (LHE)
Thomas H 7M Self-Belief & Resilience (LHE)
Jimmy-Joe Y 7M Self-Belief & Resilience (LHE)
Evan M 13E Self-Belief and Confidence (RBE)
Ezri H 13R Self-Belief and Confidence (RBE)
Pippa H 9R Self-Belief and Confidence (RBE)
Lily H 13C Self-Belief and Confidence (RBE)
Lola N 11O Responsibility (NRO)
Lucy D 9M Responsibility (NRO)

Lucy B 7J Self-Belief and Confidence (RBE)
Freya F 7J Self-Belief and Confidence (RBE)
Constance C 9N Self-Belief and Confidence (RBE)
Francesca H 7J Self-Belief and Confidence (RBE)
Willow D 7R Self-Belief and Confidence (RBE)
Katherine J 7J Self-Belief and Confidence (RBE)
Jorgia P 11A Self-Belief and Confidence (RBE)
Abi T 12T Self-Belief and Confidence (RBE)
Emilia O 7Y Self-Belief and Confidence (RBE)
Lucy O 12S Self-Belief and Confidence (RBE)
Dakota H 11H Resilience (MGI)
Finley T-S 11A Respect (CJO)
Year 8 Enterprise Day students- Responsibility and Confidence (BSM)

Respect, Responsibility, Honesty, Self-Belief, Confidence, Resilience, Justice, Compassion

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Year 8

Horia A 8R (LCU)
Tom B 8N (LCU)
Alfie R 8N (EBA)
Issac O 8R (EBA)
Yana H 8R (EBA)
Tamarah M 8R (EBA)
Oliver D 8N (NPA)
Teni A 8N (NPA)
Belle D 8A (NPA)
Hannah K 8A (NPA)
Heidi H 8N (EDO)
Ella S 8N (EDO)
Seth L 8N (EDO)

George A 8M (AWR)
Oscar C 8M (AWR)
Allan T 8M (AWR)
Neive M 8M (AWR)
George J 8M (AWR)
Evelyn K 8M (AWR)
Guru S 8A (CHA)
Heidi H 8N (MWI)
Hannah L 8Y (MWI)
Thea P 8O (CHA)
Beau W 8O (CHA)
Holly A 8O (CHA)

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Year 10

Joey R 10O (LCU)
Thomas T 10A (LCU)
Olivia J 10J (JKE)
Sam N 10O (JKE)
Ewan R 10M (JKE & CHA)
Yu Tao Z 10Y (JKE)
Connor A 10Y (JKE)
Isabella E 10A (JKE)
Max A 10M (JKE)
Nathan A 10J (AWR)
Luke F 10J (AWR)
Joel H 10J (COS)
Matthew W 10R (COS)

Thomas T 10A (SGO)
Kohl T 10Y (SGO)
Tia-Rose S 10J (AWR & NRO)
Artem S 10J (AWR)
Jessica M 10N (AWR)
Macey B 10Y (AWR)
Macey A 10J (NRO)
Robyn S 10S 10N (NRO)
Iris C 10J (NRO)
Esther L 10J (NRO)
Harry C 10O (NRO)
Aidan C 10O (NRO)

Hollie D 10A (LBT)
Aiden G 10O (LBT)
Ella G 10R (LBT)
Milly H 10N (LBT)
Sophie H 10J (LBT)
Jessica M 10N (LBT)
Lucy S 10A (LBT)
Olivia S 10J (LBT)
Sophie T 10N (LBT)
Phoebe W 10O (LBT & NRO)

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Year 12 and 13

Niamh C 12T (HTH & NRO)
Rosa J 12T (HTH)
Jaimee R 12S (HTH)
Harrison S 12S (HTH)
April G 12S (HTH)
Yulia S 12T (HTH)
Alicia M 12T (LBT)
Ella M 12T (LBT)
Eason Z 12T (LBT)
Daisy J 12S (NRO)
Olivia F 12S (NRO)
Jenny S 12T (NRO)

Anna S 13A (LBT)
Georgia F 13E (LHE)
James G 13R (LHE)
Erin L 13R (NRO)
Jack R 13C (NRO)
Emily C 13A (NRO)
Aimee C 13C (NRO)
Eve C 13C (NRO)
Lily D 13A (NRO)
Poppy D 13A (NRO)

Jonny L 13C (LCU)
Ezri H 13R (HTH)
Katie C 13R (HTH & NRO)
Lily A 13C (LBT)
Lily W 13C (HTH)
Hannah A 13C (LBT)
George B 13C (LBT & NRO)
John J 13A (LBT)
Hannah N 13A (LBT)
Evan P 13R (LBT)
Isaac S 13R (LBT)
Madison R 13E (LBT)
Gabrielle F 13A (NRO)
Lucy J 13C (NRO)
Summer T 13C (NRO)

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Year 7

Rose W 7N (LCU)
Toby H 7J (LCU)
Isabella C 7A (LCU)
Leon H 7Y (LCU)
Naomi D 7A (MAI & LHE)
Miles M 7A (MAI)
Lewis T 7A (MAI & LHE)
Cerliena-Rose T 7Y (COS & LHE)
Oscar H 7H (COS)
Annie L 7R (COS)
Karnal O 7Y (NPA & SGO)
Kosi O 7Y (NPA)
Ava M 7Y (NPA)
Isobel M 7Y (NPA)
Grace C 7Y (NPA)
Eva P 7Y (NPA)

Elizabeth C 7N (LHE)
Annie B 7J (LHE)
Krystyn J 7J (LHE)
Michael R 7H (LHE)
Alfie W 7N (LHE)
Zac M 7J (LHE)
Frankie S 7H (LHE)
Darcie-Mae L 7A (LHE)
Sophie R 7O (LHE)
Lexi-Mae H 7A (LHE)
Mila L 7H (LHE)
Isaac S 7A (MAI)
Logan B 7N (EDO)
Connie A 7R (EDO)
Ethan I 7N (EDO)
Pippa S 7Y (EDO)
Shelby T 7O (SGO)

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Year 9

Harriet S 9R (LCU)
Harry G 9A (LCU)
Leland M 9Y (LCU)
Brooklyn H 9A (LCU)
Milana D 9J (COS)
Jessica N 9H (CHA)
Sam E 9O (SGO)
Robbie O 9H (SGO)
Leyland M 9Y (SGO)
Caleb H 9O (SGO)

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Year 11

Evan B 11A (LCU)
Jack B 11J (NPA)
Zoe A 11M (NPA)
Chloe D 11A (NPA)
Mazie H 11M (AWR)
Chloe D 11A (AWR)
Logan J 11A (LDV)
Jayden D 11O (CHA)
Thomas S 11O (CHA)

Skye H 11O (NRO)
Heidi S 11M (NRO)
Eden W 11Y (NRO)
Olivia B-M 11M (NRO)
Nadia I 11M (NRO)
Luci B 11Y (NRO)
Lily W 11M (NRO)
Eve M 11R (NRO)
Lewis W 11A (NRO)
Maebh S 11R (NRO)
Chloe C 11A (NRO)
George A 11Y (NRO)

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Department Stars of the Week- 28/11

Philosopher of the Week: Callum Scott 8O

Reader of the Week: Toby Haigh 7J

Mathematician of the Week: Alyssa Mbutia 7H

Scientist of the Week: Logan-Leigh Bendelow 7N

Linguist of the Week: Cerliena-Rose Taylor 7Y

Historian of the Week: Noah Robertson 8J

Geographer of the Week: Guru Shivakumaram 8A

Sportsperson of the Week: Heidi Harrison 8N

Designer of the Week: Teddi Davison 7J

Artist of the Week: Ali Race and Joni Lapinskas 8Y

Musician of the Week: Daniel Wherry 8O

Computer Scientist of the Week: Harriet Simpson 9R



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Wednesday 10 December-** Parishioner Christmas Lunch-
- Thursday 11 December-** Year 10 Progress Eve
- Monday 15 December-** Christmas Celebration (*tickets available via TicketSource*)
- Thursday 18 December-** Student Christmas Lunch
- Friday 19 December-** Break up for Christmas 2026
- Monday 5 January-** Return to school
- Tuesday 13 January-** Year 9 Options Evening
- Tuesday 20 January-** Whole School Careers Day
- Thursday 29 January-** Sixth Form Progress Eve
- Thursday 5 February-** Year 9 Progress Eve



I Heard a Whisper...

Through I Heard a Whisper, your words of thanks remind our staff how deeply their work matters. Every nomination, whether it's from a parent or carer, a student or a colleague, is a reminder that small actions make big impacts. Thank you to all those who have sent in nominations for celebrating our team. Well done last week to Ms Maddison (Head of Technology), Miss McAdam (English), Mr Barber (Head of Media), Mrs Pullen (Assistant Headteacher) and Mrs Rose (Assistant Headteacher) who all received a sweet treat as a small thank you for their dedication and work. Keep those nominations coming so we can continue to celebrate our amazing staff:

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Artist of the Week



Emmie Ellwood 8Y



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