



Tuesday was our whole school Careers Day which saw the whole school off timetable to take part in a range of different activities linked to careers. Year 7 took part in the Tyre Challenge, building key employability skills such as teamwork, communication, leadership, problem solving, financial management and creativity. Year 8 spent the day designing and creating their own board games. Some of our Year 9 students had a day of work experience, whilst those in school took part in the Barclays Life Skills game followed by talks and workshops from representatives such as Jet2, Siemens and Durham Wildlife Trust. Year 10 had the chance to explore careers in subjects of their choice, whilst some visited Bishop Auckland College to explore potential next steps. Year 11 spent the day considering their steps beyond GCSEs, engaging in A Level taster sessions in their chosen areas for a taste of life in Sixth Form, as well as the chance for some to test out the post-16 courses on offer at Bishop College including E-Sports, Bricklaying, Catering and Childcare. Finally, our Sixth Form students took part in workshops focused on their future choices, including topics such as university, apprenticeships, careers in the NHS, finances, interview skills and work experience. Well done to all of our students for their fantastic engagement, and to all of our visitors for coming in to deliver such important sessions for our young people. A special thank you also to Ms Somers and Dr Little for organising the day and ensuring it ran so smoothly.



On Friday, Miss Bell and Miss Liddle took a wonderful group of Year 7 History students to see the world premiere of Horrible Histories- The Concert at Darlington Hippodrome. The group had so much fun singing, clapping, heckling and booing along- all encouraged in Elizabethan theatre according to the host, William Shakespeare, who was the guide for this fantastic production through the ages. They heard all the classics from the hit BBC series, meeting lots of characters along the way, including Queen Elizabeth I, Henry VIII, Boudica, Cleopatra and many more. The students' behaviour was exemplary and was even commented on by members of staff at the theatre. Well done on a fantastic trip, Year 7.



A WORD FROM LISA BYRON, HEADTEACHER

Spotlight on... Careers

At St John's we remain committed to providing high-quality careers education that supports every student in achieving their full potential. Through our careers units as part of our Pastoral Programme, our own dedicated Careers Advisor and the wide range of career talks and workshops delivered throughout the year, we ensure our students are as well informed as possible for their next steps. Tuesday's Careers Day was a superb event, designed to help students explore future pathways, develop employability skills and gain first-hand insight into the world of work. We are incredibly proud of our students for their enthusiasm, maturity and fantastic engagement throughout the day. Events like Careers Day play a vital role in helping young people raise aspirations and make informed choices about their futures.

We have had some fantastic sporting achievements to begin 2026. Our Year 7 and 8 Netball teams had their first fixtures at Teesdale against Staindrop and Teesdale last week, displaying great practical skills and team work. Year 7 won 6-0 against Staindrop and drew 1-1 against Teesdale and Year 8 won 9-0 against Staindrop and 2-0 against Teesdale.

Last week, we welcomed students from Wolsingham for our first badminton fixture. The students enjoyed lots of competitive, fun and friendly games. Well done to all the students involved.

Our Year 11 football team were victorious against Parkside in the semi-final of the BASFA League Cup and are now through to the final.



COMING UP THIS WEEK

Sunday 25- Turing Scheme trip to Geneva. Our Year 8 students and staff have arrived safely in Geneva, Switzerland and we wish them an enjoyable trip. We look forward to sharing photos and updates.

Tuesday 27- Holocaust Memorial Day. To commemorate the day, two of our Sixth Formers have prepared a special reflection for all tutor groups. They will also be holding a sweet stall across break times on Tuesday, with proceeds going to the Holocaust Memorial Trust.

Thursday 29- Year 12 and 13 Progress Evening. Appointments are still available via SchoolCloud.

Friday 30- Year 10 English trip to see Weird the Musical. 50 of our Year 10 students are visiting Newcastle Theatre Royal for the world premiere of a brand new musical about the witches from Macbeth.

Looking Ahead: Appointments are now live for our Year 9 Progress Evening on Thursday 5 February.

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.

High Five FRIDAY

23 January 2026

Virtues

Lydia H 9R (Responsibility (SCO))
 Sarah J 9R (Responsibility (SCO))
 Lily J 9R (Responsibility (SCO))
 Olivia S 9R (Responsibility (SCO))
 Grace K 9R (Responsibility (SCO))
 Craig B 9R (Responsibility (SCO))
 Ella P 9R (Responsibility (SCO))
 Sophia A 9R (Responsibility (SCO))
 Beaux A 9R (Responsibility (SCO))
 Eliza B 9R (Responsibility (SCO))
 Lorna B 9R (Responsibility (SCO))
 Melissa B 9R (Responsibility (SCO))
 Christa B 9R (Responsibility (SCO))
 Summer B 9R (Responsibility (SCO))
 Chloe S 9R (Responsibility (SCO))
 Edie-Rose C 9R (Responsibility (SCO))
 Con C 9R (Responsibility (SCO))
 Isla Collins B 9R (Responsibility (SCO))
 Rosamund B 9R (Responsibility (SCO))
 Constance C 9R (Responsibility (SCO))

Grace R 9R (Responsibility (SCO))
 Holly R 9R (Responsibility (SCO))
 Lara S 9R (Responsibility (SCO))
 Evie S 9R (Responsibility (SCO))
 Lydia S 9R (Responsibility (SCO))
 Hannah S 9R (Responsibility (SCO))
 Isla S 9R (Responsibility (SCO))
 Noah S 9R (Responsibility (SCO))
 Jack S 9R (Responsibility (SCO))
 Nicholas S 9R (Responsibility (SCO))
 Molly S 9R (Responsibility (SCO))
 Poppy S 9R (Responsibility (SCO))
 Holly T 9R (Responsibility (SCO))
 Mea T 9R (Responsibility (SCO))
 Nancy T 9R (Responsibility (SCO))
 Sophie W 9R (Responsibility (SCO))

Harriet D 9R (Responsibility (SCO))
 Lucy D 9R (Responsibility (SCO))
 Milana D 9R (Responsibility (SCO))
 Emily E 9R (Responsibility (SCO))
 Ella F 9R (Responsibility (SCO))
 Noah H 9R (Responsibility (SCO))
 Poppy H 9R (Responsibility (SCO))
 Rebecca J 9R (Responsibility (SCO))
 Abigail H 9R (Responsibility (SCO))
 Zuzanna K 9R (Responsibility (SCO))
 Laila K 9R (Responsibility (SCO))
 Leand M 9R (Responsibility (SCO))
 Eva M 9R (Responsibility (SCO))
 Annelise M 9R (Responsibility (SCO))
 Emily M 9R (Responsibility (SCO))
 Beaux N 9R (Responsibility (SCO))
 Dabson O 9R (Responsibility (SCO))
 New C 9R (Responsibility (SCO))
 Ivy R 9R (Responsibility (SCO))

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

High Five FRIDAY

23 January 2026

Virtues

Thomas S 11O (Responsibility (JHL))
 Esmae U 7M (Compassion (NHI))
 Eleanor S 7M (Compassion (NHI))

Year 10 Students who visited the Immersive Suite at Bishop Auckland College for World Religions Week: Responsibility (EST)

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

High Five FRIDAY

23 January 2026

Year 7

Willow D 7R (JKE)
 Luca C 7R (JKE)
 Connie A 7R (JKE)
 Isla H 7R (JKE)
 Lotti P 7R (JKE)
 Haroon S 7R (JKE)
 Emilia O 7Y (NPA)
 Samuel H 7Y (NPA)
 Grayson G 7Y (NPA)
 Larni R 7Y (IAI)
 Olivia T 7A (IAI)
 Roman T 7A (IAI)
 Toby H 7A (EMO)

Kathryn V 7J (EMO)
 Narelle M 7N (COS)
 Nola C 7Y (HRO)
 Honey T 7M (HRO)
 Jacob P 7H (MHA)
 Eddie DS 7M (MHA)
 Nikodem F 7O (MHA)
 Thomas C 7H (PBA)
 Oscar H 7H (PBA)
 Alyssa M 7H (PBA)

Ethan P 7H (COS)
 Emilia O 7Y (COS)
 Aaliyah C 7A (DHA)
 Lily B 7O (DHA & CLJ)
 Jason L 7O (ELH)
 Thomas H 7M (NHI)
 Richie M 7M (NHI & SCO)
 Lucy E 7M (NHI)
 Ava C 7M (NHI)
 Ada A 7N (CLJ)
 Isobel M 7Y (RMO)
 Ethan W 7M (EST)
 Honey T 7M (EST)

High Five FRIDAY

23 January 2026

Year 8

Molly J 8N (SCO)
 Sam M 8A (NHI)
 Belal Q 8A (NHI)
 Kristen R 8A (COS)
 Isaac T 8A (COS)
 Chase N 8A (COS)
 Saule K 8M (AWR)
 Verity D 8M (AWR)
 Dacey L 8M (AWR)
 Bailee A 8M (AWR)
 Bailee H 8M (AWR)
 Maurisa-Rose B 8M (AWR)

Ethan B 8J (RMO)
 Evelyn K 8M (DHA)
 Lexi A 8M (DHA)
 Darcey L 8O (JKE)
 Daniel K 8O (JKE)
 Finley H 8O (JKE)
 Beau W 8O (JKE)
 Callum S 8O (JKE)

Ben A 8N (NPA)
 Henry C 8N (NPA)
 Kai D 8A (PBA)
 Sophie D 8A (PBA)
 Emily S 8A (PBA)
 Ruby J 8Y (VNI)
 Savannah S 8H (CHA)
 Belle D 8A (DHA)
 Sophie D 8A (CHA)
 Freya V 8A (CLI)
 Maurisa R-B 8M (DDE)
 Madysyn D 8M (DDE)

High Five FRIDAY

23 January 2026

Year 9

Lorna B 9R (SCO)
 Noah S 9H (SCO)
 Lily W 9H (ACH)
 Sophie W 9A (ACH)
 Brooke C 9J (ACH)
 Ella W 9N (ACH)
 Jacob M 9H (ACH)
 Ella W 9N (ACH)
 Kea W 9N (ACH)
 Leon W 9A (ACH)
 Cobie G 9J (CHA)
 Kai D 9N (EMO)
 Edie-Grace C 9H (EMO)

Joe M 9M (DHA)
 Lily S 9M (DHA)
 Christina J 9N (ELH)
 Tommy-Steven K 9J (ELH)
 Ryan-Lee B 9M (ELH)
 Emily E 9A (NHI)
 Leah H 9Y (NHI)
 Ruby K 9O (NHI)
 Nancy T 9R (NHI)
 Lara S 9M (NHI)
 Isaac B 9H (NHI)
 Layah H 9Y (DDE)
 Tom A 9Y (DDE)

Imogen K 9J (EBA)
 Isaac B 9O (HRO)
 Nancy T 9R (HRO)
 Eddie DS 7M (MHA)
 Sophie W 9A (COS)
 Emily M 9R (COS)
 Millie B 9A (HHA)
 Lewis B 9N (COS)
 Ruby M 9H (CHA)

High Five FRIDAY

23 January 2026

Year 10

Michelle E 10R (ACH)
 George L 10J (ACH)
 Sophie B 10A (ACH)
 Callie T 10R (ACH)
 Dexter M 10N (ACH)
 Niall S 10N (EMO)
 Chloe W 10O (EMO)
 Isabelle D 10Y (CJO)
 Millie M 10M (CJO)
 Millie B 10R (CJO)
 Hallie M 10Y (CJO)
 Alexi P 10R (CJO)
 Alexi W 10O (CJO)
 Ellis W 10N (CJO)
 Charlie T 10N (AWR)
 Madison R 10N (AWR & JHL)

Bridie-Leigh R 10M (LBT)
 Lexi-Mae B 10A (LBT)
 Lucy S 10A (LBT)
 Olivia S 10J (LBT)
 Raine N 10M (LBT)
 Silver N 10M (LBT)
 Mitty L 10N (LBT)
 Ella G 10R (LBT)
 Sophie H 10J (LBT)
 Hollie D 10A (LBT)
 Jessica M 10N (LBT)
 Phoebe W 10O (LBT)
 Aiden G 10O (LBT)
 Kyran H 10N (LBT)
 Sophie T 10N (LBT)
 Millie B 10R (LBT)
 Samuel J 10O (RMO)

Molly N 10R (LBT)
 Chloe B 10Y (LBT)
 Brooke T 10R (LBT)
 Daisy H 10R (LBT)
 Kai W 10J (NRO)
 Iris C 10J (NRO)
 Esther L 10J (NRO)
 Maya W 10J (JHL)
 Phoebe W 10O (JHL)
 Brooke W 10M (VNI)
 Leah W 10A (VNI)
 Sienna T 10A (VNI)
 Lucy N10A (VNI)
 Callie T 10R (VNI)
 Amelia D 10M (VNI)
 Thalia A10M (VNI)
 Holly D 10A (DHA)

Trevor B 10J (NHI)
 Michelle E 10R (NHI)
 Lily M 10J (NHI)
 Kodi S 10N (NHI)
 Jacob D 10J (DDE)
 Amber W 10R (DDE)
 Jake G 10O (CLJ)
 Evangeline E 10J (CLJ)
 Charlie G 10A (AWR)
 Brooke W 10M (AWR)
 Maya W 10J (NRO)
 Tia S 10J (NRO)
 Sophie H 10J (NRO)

High Five FRIDAY

23 January 2026

Year 11

Grace B 11O (SBH & NPA & CLJ)
 Megan B 11O (EMO)
 Harrison B 11N (EMO)
 Oliver B 11J (CCR)
 Post A 11N (CCR & JHL)
 Molly M 11O (CCR)
 Izzy P 11O (CCR)
 Olivia W 11N (CCR & RMO)
 Eve M 11R (CCR & NRO)
 Maden S 11R (CCR & NRO)
 Freddie C 11A (CCR & NRO)
 Noah J 11R (CCR)
 Oliver H 11R (CCR)
 Jack L 11N (CCR)
 Hannah M 11N (CHA)
 Scarlett H 11R (JHL)

Chloe D 11H (CLJ)
 Zoa A 11N (CCR & JHL)
 Robert B 11R (CLJ)
 Alex C 11M (CLJ)
 Lexi T 11J (RMO)
 Levi T 11J (RMO)
 George E 11M (RMO)
 Josh S 11J (RMO)
 Finley B 11Y (RMO)
 James K 11R (RMO)
 Thomas B 11N (RMO)
 Thomas S 11O (CCR & JHL & RMO)

Willow H 11J (NPA)
 Jack B 11J (NPA)
 Mack B 11M (HRO)
 Charlie L 11M (HRO)
 Nadia L 11M (HRO & NRO)
 Reuben S 11J (AWR)
 Olivia B 11J (AWR)
 Ava S 11N (AWR)
 Molly D 11A (DHA)
 Ted D 11A (DHA)
 Hassan S 11H (DHA)
 Hannah B (DHA)
 Eden W 11Y (NRO)
 Levi B 11R (NRO)
 Chloe C 11A (NRO)
 Chloe H 11A (NRO)
 Chloe D 11A (NRO)

Lewis W 11A (CLJ & NRO)
 Leon K 11R (NRO)
 Jacob B 11A (NRO)
 Bobby E-A 11A (NRO)
 Lily W 11M (NRO)
 Nelli R 11R (NRO)
 Ryan D 11Y (NRO)
 Steve H 11O (NRO)
 Harry B 11Y (NRO)
 Graydon L 11Y (NRO)
 Levi B 11R (NRO)
 Chloe C 11A (NRO)
 Chloe H 11A (NRO)
 Chloe D 11A (NRO)

High Five FRIDAY

23 January 2025

Year 12 and 13

April G 12S (HTH)
 Ella M 12T (HTH & LBT)
 Jess B 12T (LBT)
 Isaac C 12T (LBT)
 Alicia M 12T (LBT)
 Health and Social Care class (VNI)
 Poppy W 12T (DDE)
 Beth K 12T (EST)
 Julia W 12T (EST)

Beth T 13A (HTH)
 Summer T 13C (HTH)
 Anna S 13A (HTH)
 Freya F 13E (HTH)
 Evan M 13E (HTH)
 Evan P 13R (ELH)
 Daniel Q 13R (LBT)
 Jack N 13C (LBT)
 Daniel D 13A (DDE)

ClassCharts Year 7 Top Achievers

Katherine J 7J
 Daniel S 7J
 Richie M 7M
 Athena A 7J
 Joseph H 7J

Year 8 Top Achievers

Katie G 8J
 Jensen C 8J
 Evie D 8J
 Callum B 8R
 Noah R 8J

Year 9 Top Achievers

Leon D 9H
 Ruby M 9H
 Ollie A 9Y
 Constance C 9N
 Tom A 9Y

Year 10 Top Achievers

Aidan C 10O
 Samuel J 10O
 Maya W 10J
 Iris C 10J
 Tia-Rose S 10J

Year 11 Top Achievers

Chloe D 11A
 Eden W 11Y
 Skye H 11O
 Nelle R 11R
 Freddie C 11R

Department Stars of the Week- 23/1

Philosopher of the Week: Lotti Pearath 7R
Reader of the Week: Sam Etherington 9O and Leon Denham 9H
Mathematician of the Week: Belal Qayumi 8A
Scientist of the Week: Christina Jones 9M and Tommy-Steven Keenan 9J
Linguist of the Week: Lily Bulch 7O and Joseph Hall 7J
Historian of the Week: Callum Brown 8R
Geographer of the Week: Ruby Mangles 9H
Sportsperson of the Week: Matilda Tinkler 8J
Designer of the Week: Allan Thompson 8M
Artist of the Week: Tom Amos 9Y
Musician of the Week: Lewis Burns 9N
Computer Scientist of the Week: Emily Bell 8M

MFL Stars of the Week: Olivia Brown (9), Belle Devlin (8A)
 Riley Thompson-Walton (9M), Callum Brown (8R), Annie Ballan (7J)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

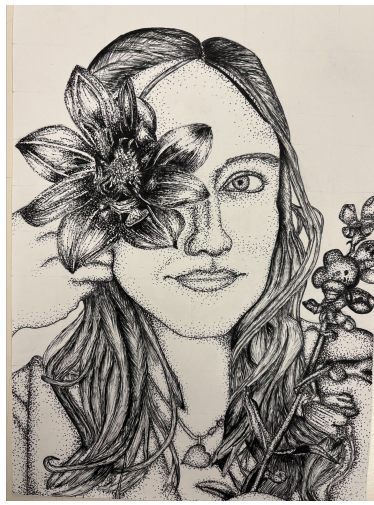
- Thursday 5 February- Year 9 Progress Evening
- Monday 9 February- Year 11 and 13 mocks begin
- Wednesday 18 February- Ash Wednesday Liturgies
- Friday 20 February- Break up for half term
- Monday 2 March- School reopens
- Thursday 19 March- Year 8 Progress Eve
- Monday 23 March- Year 10 and 12 mocks
- Wednesday 25 March- Jaquie Holloway Prize for Performing Arts
- Thursday 19 March- Year 8 Progress Eve

I Heard a Whisper...

A small "thank you," a kind word or a moment of recognition can echo louder than we realise. Saying thank you costs nothing and takes very little effort, but can often mean the world. We are so grateful to our parents, students and staff that continue to show their own gratitude to members of our learning community, and we love to share these nominations each week. Well done to Mr Morley (Maths) and Mrs Watson (Assistant Headteacher) who were the recipients of last week's I Heard a Whisper treat. Help us to continue to spread gratitude and positivity by sending your nominations to:

iheardawhisper@stjohns.bhcet.org.uk

Artist of the Week



Joshua Yorke, 13E