



We couldn't be more proud of our fantastic choir, who performed onstage at The Glasshouse ICM last week as part of the final of the North East Secondary School Choir of the Year Competition. Whilst they weren't winners this time, they performed confidently and beautifully, with the judges commending them on their sense of ensemble and ability to handle some tricky 3-part harmonies. This amazing group of young people show such talent and commitment as part of our choir and just keep going from strength to strength.



This week the Science Department took 15 Year 10 students considering A-level Science in St John's Sixth Form and Science-based careers for a post-16 STEM careers event hosted at New College Durham. The students were fantastic and got involved with each activity, including VR welding hosted by Dyer, building pneumatic circuits, a talk and Q&A by SMS technology, learned about civil engineering and practised surveying skills. They really enjoyed themselves and were a credit to the school, and we are excited to watch their love of science continue to grow.



A WORD FROM LISA BYRON, HEADTEACHER

Spotlight on... Sixth Form

We're delighted to share that interviews for all Year 11 students who have already applied to our Sixth Form are now complete. If you haven't applied yet, it's not too late- in fact, this is an ideal moment as we head

into the mock exam period. Students can still submit an application, and subject choices remain fully flexible. Our option blocks will be created after mocks so they can be tailored to students' preferred courses and their projected grades.

It's an especially exciting time for our Sixth Form as we continue to invest in significant improvements to our dedicated Sixth Form area, facilities and catering provision. Our four-day week, introduced this year, has already proved a great success and will continue

next year, offering students greater balance, independence and preparation for future study or employment.

We're also proud of the wide range of enrichment opportunities available, including international experiences. Project Peru 2027 will be officially launched this week, and we cannot wait to share more with students and families.

Last year, our Sixth Form achieved outstanding outcomes, placing us in the top five Sixth Forms for results, and we are equally proud of the exceptional pastoral care and support that underpin everything we do.

If you are considering your next steps, we warmly encourage you to find out more- there has never been a better time to join our thriving Sixth Form.

Last week, 12 of our Year 7s were taken on a PE reward trip to Pure Padel Durham to compete in a range of skills-based activities, followed by some match play. They all did so well developing their skills and trying their hand at a new sport.



COMING UP THIS WEEK

Monday 9- Year 11 and Year 13 mocks begin. We wish our students lots of luck as they embark upon their last set of mock exams before the GCSE and A Level exams in the summer.

Tuesday 10- Year 9 Mass. This week is the turn of Year 9 students to take time away from the busyness of school to attend parish mass at St Mary's during Pastoral. This opportunity is optional but all are welcome.

Thursday 12- Project Peru 2027 launch. There is a special talk taking place for students in Year 11 and Year 12 interested in our next Project Peru mission in July 2027.

Friday 13- Year 9 Options deadline. A reminder that students in Year 9 need to complete their GCSE options form by the end of the day on Friday. Any students who are struggling to do so should speak to their tutor.

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 mrose@stjohns.bhcet.org.uk.

High Five FRIDAY
6 February 2026

Virtues

Year 10 New College trip - Respect and Confidence (EDO)
Year 10 Weird Theatre Trip- Respect (NRO)
Ethan R 12S - Responsibility (DLA)
Jake C 12S Responsibility (DLA)
Kea S-W-Confidence (DQU)
Ava Mae J-Confidence (DQU)
Grace N-Confidence (DQU)
Lily B 7O - Compassion (DHA)

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

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Year 7

Archie P 7M (HHA)
Jimmy-Joe Y 7M (HHA)
Amalie W 7M (HHA)
Tommy H 8M (HHA)
Krysia M 7R (DDE & LCU)
Viviana V 7M (DHA)
Naomi D 7S 7A (DDE)
Cassie M 7R (DDE & LCU)
Koa T 7N (LCU)
Boaz F 7M (LCU)
7C Science (EDO)
Edith S 7M (LCU)
Clinton S 7Y (CJO)
Elizabeth-Grace S 7R (CJO)
Isla T 7Y (CJO)
Isobel C 7R (CJO)
Sofia H 7A (CJO)

Dinny A 7M (EST & CJO)
Francesca P 7M (EST)
Jack C 7M (EST)
Ella H 7M (EST & IAI)
Thomas H 7M (EST)
Boaz F 7M (EST)
Tommy H 7M (EST)
Eleazar H 7M (EST)
Jessyka D 7A (IAI)
Ella B 7A (IAI)
Abbie C 7H (COS)
Larni-Rose B 7Y (COS)
Jack R 7A (DHA)
Bobby C 7D (DHA)
Joseph H 7J (CLJ)
Christopher B-B 7J (DDE)

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Year 8

Rosie S 8O (JKE & IAI)
Savannah S 8O (JKE)
Annabelle D 8O (JKE)
Darcey L 8O (JKE)
Hope T 8N (DDE)
George G 8M (DDE)
Jessie S 8O (MHA & CHA)
Jayne K 8O (MHA)
Francesca S 8O (IAI)
Beau W 8O (IAI)
Ella Rose S-N 8J (COS)

Redden H 8M (AWR)
Dominik S 8M (AWR)
Tori T 8H (DHA)
Bela Q 8A (DHA)
Freya V 8A (CLJ)
Emily S 8A (CHA)
Tyer C 8A (NHI)
Annabel O 8A (NHI)

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Year 9

Lola M 9N (DIA)
Cora S 9N (DIA & IAI)
Kea-S W 9N (DLA & MMG)
Charlie M-T 9N (DIA)
Edie Grace C 9H (DDE)
Sienna J 9H (DDE)
Isabelle R 9Y (DDE)
Neave W 9Y (DDE & LCU)
Brooklyn H 9A (DHA & LCU)
Lena N 9Y (HHA)
Brooklyn H 9A (HHA)
Aislinn M 9J (CHA)
Indri B 9J (COS)
Leland M 9Y (COS)

Sophia A 9A (EST)
Oliver B 9A (EST)
Isla C 9A (EST)
Emily E 9A (EST)
Noah J 9A (EST)
Rowan N 9A (EST)
Ivy T 9A (EST)
Craig R 9A (EST)
Jack S 9A (EST)
Leon W 9A (EST)

Heldi D 9R (LCU)
Jack S 9A (LOV & FGJ)
Jack S 9R (NH & EGI)
Grace R 9R (NH)
Daniel S 9R (NH)
Nancy T 9R (NH)
Beau A 9M (IAI)
Evie P 9A (IAI)
Chloe C 9N (IAI)
Sarah M-R 9J (IAI)
Ava W 9J (IAI)
Chloe C 9N (DHA)
Eva M-R 9H (DHA)
Noah S 9H (CHA)

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Year 10

Faye M 10R (HHA)
James D 10M (HHA & DLA & CHA)
Eve B 10P (EST)
Millie B 10R (EST)
Macey B 10Y (EST & AW)
Ariana C 10M (EST)
Rosie G 10M (EST)
Clara J 10R (EST)
Thomas K 10R (EST)
Joseph R 10C (LCU)
Armen S 10C (LCU)
Charlie G 10A (AWR)
Charlotte T 10N (LLA)
Harry W 10N (LLA)
Alesha Z 10O (AWR)

Sophie R 10M (EST)
Bridie-Leigh R 10M (CHA)
Niamh M 10M (EST)
Harrison M 10M (EST)
Sophie T 10M (EST)
Tejaswi S 10A (EST)
Brooke T 10R (EST)
Sienna T 10A (EST)
Mia W 10A (EST)

Matthew W 10R (EST & CHA)
Ailis W 10A (EST)
Brooke W 10M (EST)
Oliver B 10Y (EST)
Dexter M 10Y (EST)
Lacey M 10Y (AWR)
Callie T 10R (AWR)
J-Lucas W 10J (LLA)
Clive C 10R (DHA)

Lucy S 10A (EST)
Oliver S 10A (EST)
Ailis S 10A (DDE)
Brooke T 10R (CJO)
Tilly-May Y 10J (CJO)
Halle M 10Y (CJO)
Hannah M 10Y (CJO)
Iris C 10J (NRO)
Harry C 10N (NRO)
Esther L 10U (NRO)
Dexter M 10U (NRO)
Maya C 10U (NRO)
Lacey M 10U (AWR)
Callie T 10R (AWR)
Molly D 11A (DHA)

Jack B 11N (EST)
Finley T-S 11A (EST)
Oliver C 11A (EST)
Jacob C 11H (HHA)
Chloe H 11N (HAA)
Isabella P 11O (HHA)
Isabel G 11N (DDE)
Noah L 11R (IAI)
Amber C 11A (DHA)
Allanna A 11N (IAI)
Evie S 11O (DHA)
Molly D 11A (CLO)

Lola N 11O (LCU)
Kristian W 11R (AWR)
Joshua W 11M (AWR)
Jacob B 11A (AWR)
Spencer S 11R (AWR)
Chloe C 11A (AWR)
Eva N-D 11H (AWR)
Ava W 11Y (AWR)
Nelle R 11R (CHA)
Eden W 11Y (NRO)
Chloe H 11A (NRO)
Nadia J 11M (NRO)
Lewis W 11A (NRO)
Freddie C 11A (NRO)
Eve M 11R (NRO)

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Year 11

Ethan R 12S (DLA)
Jake C 12S (DLA)
Finn H 12S (DDE)
Anna T 12S (HTH)
Yasmin W 12S (HTH)
Imogen M 12S (HTH)
Harrison S 12S (HTH)
Niamh C 12T (NRO)

Levi C 13C (EST)
Summer T 13C (EST)
Beth T 13C (EST)
Sarah T 13A (EST)
Harriet F 13E (EST)
Hannah A 13C (LBT)
Leo B 13R (LBT)
George B 13C (LBT)
Hannah B 13E (LBT)
Emily C 13A (LBT)
Logan E 13R (LBT)
Faye G 13E (LBT)
Katie H 13E (LBT)

Eve C 13C (EST)
Jessica 13C (EST)
Summer T 13C (EST)
Beth T 13C (EST)
Sarah T 13A (EST)
Harriet F 13E (EST)
Hannah A 13C (LBT)
Leo B 13R (LBT)
George B 13C (LBT)
Hannah B 13E (LBT)
Emily C 13A (LBT)
Logan E 13R (LBT)
Faye G 13E (LBT)
Katie H 13E (LBT)

Ezri H 13R (LBT)
John J 13A (LBT)
Savannah L 13E (LBT)
Isabelle M 13R (LBT)
Sofia M 13R (LBT)
Hannah N 13A (LBT)
Evan MP 13R (LBT)
Isaac S 13R (LBT)
Lewis A 13R (SMC)
Charlie P 13C (SMC)
Ezri H 13R (HTH)
Lily A 13C (HTH)
Summer T 13C (HTH)
Hannah A 13C (HTH)

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Year 12

Beth K 12T (EST)
Finn H 12S (EST)
Jess B 12T (LBT)
Max B 12S (LBT & SMC)
Joshua C 12S (LBT)
Isaac C 12T (LBT)
Ruby H 12S (LBT)
Ella M 12T (LBT)
Jaimee R 12S (LBT)
Spencer V 12T (LBT)

Ethan R 12S (DLA)
Jake C 12S (DLA)
Finn H 12S (DDE)
Anna T 12S (HTH)
Yasmin W 12S (HTH)
Imogen M 12S (HTH)
Harrison S 12S (HTH)
Niamh C 12T (NRO)

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Year 13

Eve C 13C (EST)
Jessica 13C (EST)
Summer T 13C (EST)
Beth T 13C (EST)
Sarah T 13A (EST)
Harriet F 13E (EST)
Hannah A 13C (LBT)
Leo B 13R (LBT)
George B 13C (LBT)
Hannah B 13E (LBT)
Emily C 13A (LBT)
Logan E 13R (LBT)
Faye G 13E (LBT)
Katie H 13E (LBT)

Ezri H 13R (LBT)
John J 13A (LBT)
Savannah L 13E (LBT)
Isabelle M 13R (LBT)
Sofia M 13R (LBT)
Hannah N 13A (LBT)
Evan MP 13R (LBT)
Isaac S 13R (LBT)
Lewis A 13R (SMC)
Charlie P 13C (SMC)
Ezri H 13R (HTH)
Lily A 13C (HTH)
Summer T 13C (HTH)
Hannah A 13C (HTH)

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MFL Stars of the Week: Archie Rushton 7H, Chloe Carruthers 9N
Belal Qayumi 8A, Edie-Grace Clinton 9H, Jenson Cullen 8J

ClassCharts Year 7 Top Achievers

Joseph H 7J
Daniel S 7J
Athena A 7J
Kimberley C 7O
Krystyn J 7J



Year 8 Top Achievers

Rosie S 8O
Kai D 8A
Carollena A 8O
Matilda T 8J
Beau W 8O

Year 9 Top Achievers

Neave W 9Y
Annalise M 9Y
Grace R 9R
Emme R 9Y
Nancy T 9R

Year 10 Top Achievers

Charlie G 10A
Lexi W 10N
Megan P 10Y
Shane F 10A
Jake O 10Y

Year 11 Top Achievers

Nadia I 11M
Chloe D 11H
Madelyn A 11N
Molly M 11O
Posi A 11N

Department Stars of the Week - 6/2

- Philosopher of the Week: Ava Oxley 7R
- Reader of the Week: Bobby Clayton 7O
- Mathematician of the Week: Grace Richardson 9R and Nancy Tonge 9R
- Scientist of the Week: Joseph Hall 7J
- Linguist of the Week: Eden Toole 7H and Archie Rushton 7H
- Historian of the Week: Oliver Carruthers 8J
- Geographer of the Week: Jessie-Leigh Crow 8O
- Sportsperson of the Week: Isabel Bennett 7W
- Designer of the Week: Georgie Jackson 8M
- Artist of the Week: Lydia Shutt 9A
- Musician of the Week: Richie Matthews 7M
- Computer Scientist of the Week: Heidi Robinson 8O and Beau Wilson 8O



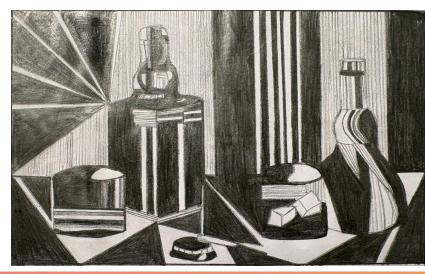
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 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 begin
- Wednesday 25 March- Jaquie Holloway Prize for Performing Arts
- Thursday 26 March- Year 7 Progress Eve
- Tuesday 31 March- Whole school Lenten liturgies
- Thursday 2 April- Break up for Easter
- Monday 20 April- School reopens

I Heard a Whisper... iheardawhisper@stjohns.bhcet.org.uk

We are incredibly proud at St John's of the opportunities, experiences and support our students receive, both in and out of the classroom. None of this would be possible without our amazing staff who continually invest their time, energy and creativity to make sure our students enjoy truly amazing experiences and are given everything they need to become the best versions of themselves. Last week's I Heard a Whisper nominations shone a light on just some of these examples, and we know our students, parents and colleagues are incredibly grateful for all of the efforts of our staff. Well done to Miss Bell and Miss Liddle (Performing Arts), Thomas Young (Learning Mentor/ Trust Turing Scheme Manager) and Mrs Hannant (Assistant Head of Humanities) who all received a well-earned sweet treat

Artist of the Week



Lydia Shutt, 9A