



"Love one another as I have loved you". John 15:12, a beautiful theme for a truly memorable celebration.



On Friday we gave thanks for a remarkable year group who have lived out this message through kindness, compassion and support for each other. In our Year 13 Leavers' Liturgy, each student received a holding cross to carry with them when they leave; a simple but powerful reminder that they are always held in God's love and ours as they move into the next chapter of their lives. A huge thank you to all of our incredibly talented singers whose music lifted our prayers and brought the message of love to life so powerfully. As our Year 13 leave us, may they go forward with courage, faith and love, knowing they are never alone and will always be part of our learning community.

Mrs Swinbank and Miss Allaway had the pleasure of accompanying 7M on Friday's visit to the Auckland Project. The class are studying Urban Regeneration in their Geography lesson and they brought their learning to life by visiting Auckland Tower, Auckland Palace and the Faith Museum. They looked at why places like Bishop Auckland need regeneration and what charities like The Auckland Project do to help. They discussed how they would work to regenerate Bishop Auckland and they particularly enjoyed looking at artefacts and working out where they may have come from. Well done 7M, you made some excellent contributions, your behaviour was excellent and you were great ambassadors for St John's. This week it will be 7J's turn to visit.



Last week a group of Year 8 and 9 students attended a special work experience day at Auckland Castle, taking part in a range of activities including badge making, making canapes and setting up an afternoon tea, learning about manual handling and site maintenance and planting French beans. Our students engaged really well with the day and experiences and were excellent ambassadors for St John's.



A WORD FROM LISA BYRON,
HEADTEACHER

Spotlight on... Opportunities

We are beyond excited to launch a brand new cultural enrichment initiative within St John's- Soar and Explore.

The aim of Soar and Explore is to:

- Broaden our students' horizons and experiences
- Expand our cultural enrichment and international trip offering
- Supplement our current trip opportunities including Turing Scheme, Project Peru, Lourdes and the Ski Trip
- Offer parents an annual Trip Calendar for future planning
- Offer all students the opportunity to 'Soar and Explore'



We are always striving to improve the opportunities and experiences we offer our students, and have listened to our parent and student feedback closely. We cannot wait to share more information this week and reveal our 26/27 destinations.

St John's U13s were on fire in the Cricket County Cup on Friday. A dominant all-round display saw them post a huge 174 from 20 overs, before a relentless bowling and fielding effort bowled Polam Hall out for 82. Clinical with the bat, ruthless with the ball, exceptional in the field; St John's march on to the next round!



COMING UP THIS WEEK

Monday 11- Our first core GCSE exam begins with English Literature. Good luck to all of Year 11- you've got this!

Monday 11- This week is Mental Health Awareness Week and the focus this year is "Take Action", Even small actions can help us feel hopeful and less powerless and, while our individual actions matter, when we come together we are even more powerful. Throughout this week there will information shared on social media and during Pastoral students will be encouraged to think about how they could 'take action' to support their own or others' mental health.

Wednesday 13- All cast are needed for this week's Little Shop of Horrors rehearsals, until 4.30pm. Cast members should ensure they check their rehearsal schedule for all upcoming rehearsals.

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
 Niko F 70
 Annie B 7J
 Samuel H 7Y
 Lucy W 7J
 Oscar I 7R
 Toby H 7J

Year 8 Top Achievers
 Jenson C 8J
 Olivia S 8J
 Tyler C 8A
 Evie D 8J
 Jessica B 8J
 Illia K 8J

Year 9 Top Achievers
 Sam E 9O
 Oli K 9O
 Ruby K 9O
 Lexie H 9J
 Lara S 9M
 Matty R 9O

Year 10 Top Achievers
 Alex M 10A
 Jake O 10Y
 Leon B 10M
 Chloe B 10Y
 Michelle E 10Y
 Chloe W 10O

Year 11 Top Achievers
 Joshua W 11M
 Molly D 11A
 Ava S 11N
 Madelyn A 11N
 Sofia A 11O
 Marko V 11M

High Five FRIDAY
 8 May 2026

Virtues

Olivia B 11J Resilience (DDE)
 Lola N 11O Compassion (EST)
 Bailee H 8H Responsibility (DHA)
 Isabel W 12 Resilience (DHA)
 Imogen K 9J Resilience (NRO)
 Gracie-Rose S 9A Resilience (NRO)

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

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Year 7

Laurianne S 7M (HHA)
 Amalie W 7M (HHA & NHI)
 Laila G 7M (HHA)
 Christopher B 7J (MST)
 Elizabeth-Grace S 7R (SRO)
 Ava O 7R (SRO)
 Nieve F 7R (SRO)
 Isobel C 7R (SRO)
 Annie L 7R (SRO)
 Aaliyah C 7R (SRO)
 Daniel S 7J (DLA)
 Luca Z 7J (DLA and EMO)
 Toby H 7J (DLA)

Sadie G 7A (DHA)
 Jason L 7A (DHA)
 Francesca B 7M (NHI)
 Boaz F 7M (NHI)

Zac M 7J (DLA)
 Francesca H 7J (DLA & EMO)
 Athena A 7J (DLA)
 Richie M 7M (SEB & NHI)
 Jessyka D 7A (SEB)
 Rhuben C 7J (EMO)
 Oscar H 7H (COS)
 Aurora P 7A (MMV)
 Lucy E 7M (MVA)
 Sadie G 7A (MMV)
 Samuel H 7Y (COS)
 Lucy W 7J (SCO)
 Jonah R 7Y (NRO)

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Year 8

Isaac T 8A (HCO)
 Guru S 8A (HCO & CHA)
 Kai D 8A (HCO)
 Chase N 8A (HCO)
 Jonathan D 8M (MST)
 Nathan M 8M (AWR & NHI)
 Rosie S 8O (COS & MHU)
 Heidi R 8O (CHA)

Tyler C 8A (NHI)
 Belal Q 8A (NHI)
 Yana H 8R (NHI)
 Sam M 8A (NHI)
 Issac O 8R (NHI)
 Emily S 8A (DHA)
 Jayden C 8H (DHA)

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Year 9

Harvey T 9Y (HHA)
 Shay M 9M (HHA)
 Isaac B 9M (HHA)
 Cleoviana C 9O (EMO)
 Charlotte E 9O (EMO)
 Eliza B 9M (SRO)
 Ella W 9M (SRO)
 Holly H 9R (SRO)
 Ivy W 9M (SRO)
 Jenson B 9A (SRO)
 Lara S 9M (SRO & NHI)
 Lydia-Rose H-W 9R (SRO)
 Sophia A 9A (SRO)
 Aisia S 9A (SRO)

Joe M 9M (NHI)
 Grace H 9H (NHI)
 Ruby K 9O (NHI)
 Emily E 9A (NHI)
 Thomas H 9A (NHI)
 Vito M 9R (NHI)
 Poppy Y 9M (HCO)
 Laila K 9J (HCO)
 Abigail H 9R (HCO)
 Michalina G 9R (SEB)
 Millie B 9M (SEB)
 Tayla G 9O (DHA)
 Evie Mc 9R (DHA)
 Constance C 9N (DLA)
 Grace N 9N (DLA & MHA)

Lilly J 9N (MHA)
 Mea T 9N (MHA)
 Tyler W 9N (MHA)
 ZZ Xuan 9O (MHA)
 Ella W 9M (MHA)
 Milana D 9J (MHA)
 Annalise M 9Y (MHA)
 Rhys L 9Y (MHA)
 Crag R 9A (MHA)
 Bokan N 9O (MHA)
 Evoline S 9Y (MHA)
 Oli K 9O (MHA)
 Neave W 9Y (MHA)
 Eddie-Rose C 9Y (MHA)

High Five FRIDAY
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Year 10

Lewis G 10O (LCU)
 James D 10M (LCU)
 Damon C 10R (SMS)
 Hollie D 10A (LBT)
 Sophie H 10J (LBT)
 Faye M 10R (HHA)
 Oscar BM 10Y (HHA & DLA)
 Charlie N 10O (EMO)
 Olivia J 10J (EMO & HCO)
 Lacey M 10J (EMO)
 Grace I 10N (EMO)
 Rishon T 10O (EMO)
 Brooke W 10M (HCO)
 Tilly W 10R (HCO)
 George L 10J (HCO)
 Sophie B 10A (HCO)

Jacob D 10J (SEB)
 Aiden G 10O (SEB)
 Lennox H 10Y (SEB)
 James D 10M (DLA)
 Mylie A 10Y (DLA)
 Kobe C 10M (DLA)
 Jessica B 10A (DLA)
 Megan P 10Y (DLA)
 Lucy N 10A (CHA)
 Joel H 10J (DHA)
 Chloe B 10Y (NHI)
 Trevor B 10J (NHI)
 Chloe W 10O (NHI)
 Dexter M 10N (EMO)
 Niall B 10N (EMO)
 Zachary P 10J (AWR)
 Anna M 10M (AWR)

Ewan R 10M (SRO)
 Layton H 10Y (SRO)
 Oscar K 10M (SRO)
 Ryan D 10A (SRO)
 Calle T 10R (SRO)
 Isabella E 10A (SRO)
 Jessica A 10A (SRO)
 Sophie R 10M (SRO)
 Macey A 10J (AWR & HCO & NRO)
 Lacey M 10J (AWR & HCO)
 Tilly W 10R (NHI)
 Callie T 10R (NHI)
 Thalia A 10Y (NHI)
 Iyla S 10J (NHI)
 Michelle E 10Y (NHI)
 Alex M 10A (NHI)

High Five FRIDAY
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Year 11

Henry S 11O (HHA)
 Millie D 11N (HHA)
 Ava A 11Y (LQU, EMU)
 Jamie M (EMU)
 Jorgia P (EMU)
 Ava A (EMU)
 All of 11YENS (SRO)
 Mazie H 11M (AWR)
 Eve M 11R (AWR & NRO)
 Teddy M 11H (AWR)
 Ava S 11N (AWR & DLA)

All of 11aNHIMa (NHI)
 Yr 11 Triple Science (EMU)
 Laycie W 11N (DLA)
 Neve E 11O (DLA)
 Joshua S 11N (DLA)
 Jack B 11Y (DLA)
 Jayden D 11O (DLA)
 Logan H 11J (HHA & HCO & RMU)
 Y11 GCSE French Students (DHA & COS)
 Yr 11 Art and Photography students (DDE & DQU)

Liana A 11O (AWR)
 Joshua W 11M (AWR)
 Lily W 11M (AWR)
 Finley TS 11A (HCO & EMU)
 Brooke W 11N (HCO)
 Levi B 11R (NRO)
 Bobby E-A 11A (NRO)
 Lewis W 11A (NRO)
 Jack B 11N (NRO)
 Dakota H 11H (NRO)
 Brihana 11M (NRO)
 Freddie C 11A (NRO)
 Skye H 11O (NRO)

High Five FRIDAY
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Year 12

Jaimee R 12S (LBT)
 Spencer V 12T (LBT)
 Poppy W 12T (LBT)
 Alicia M 12T (LBT)
 Zak S 12T (LBT)
 Imogen McW 12S (LBT)

Year 12 Law (DLA)
 Beth K 12T (EST)
 Emily C 12S (HTH)
 Jake C 12S (HTH)
 Yullia S 12T (HTH)
 Daisy J 12S (HTH & HHA)

High Five FRIDAY
 1 May 2026

Year 13

Yr13 Sociology (LBT & MDU)
 Yr13 Criminology (LBT & HTH)
 Yr 13 Psychology (HTH & VNI)
 Y13 Maths (NHI)
 Y13 Lang/Lit (NRO)

📅 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Monday 18 May- Year 10 Work Experience
- Wednesday 20 May- Year 7 Retreat
- Friday 22 May- Break up for half term
- Thursday 21 May- Year 13 Leavers' BBQ
- Monday 1 June- School reopens
- Monday 15 June- Year 5 Week 1
- Wednesday 17 June- Year 11 Celebration Day
- Monday 22 June- Year 5 Week 2
- Thursday 25 June- Virtue Awards
- Tuesday 30 June- Year 11 Prom
- Thursday 2 July- Year 6 Welcome Evening
- Monday 6/ Tuesday 7 July- Little Shop of Horrors school production
- Thursday 9/ Friday 10 July- Year 6 Induction
- Tuesday 14 July- Whole school liturgies
- Friday 17 July- Break up for Summer
- Wednesday 2 September- School reopens for all students

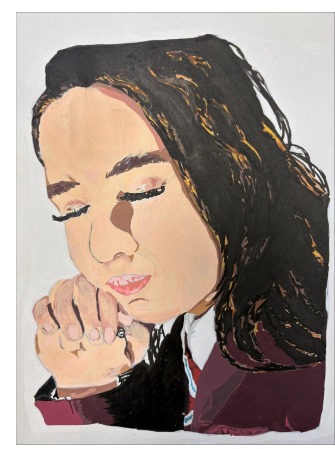
👏 1 Heard a Whisper...

“Spot the effort, not the flaw. Celebrate the progress, not the mistake.”

In a world filled with criticism and negativity, let's be the community that celebrates effort, says thank you and lifts each other up. I Heard a Whisper strives to do just that, encouraging gratitude and positivity. Well done this week to Mrs Rose (Assistant Headteacher), Mrs Moran (English), Emma Ramsey (Chaplain) and Anna Tarn (Admin) who all received last week's sweet treats.

Help us continue to spread kindness and joy by dropping us a nomination heardawhisper@stjohns.bhcet.org.uk

🎨 Artist of the Week



Eve Brownson, 11O