



Spotlight on... Year 11

What a wonderful day we had on Wednesday for our Year 11 Celebration Day- our class of 2026!

The day began with a beautiful liturgy at St Mary's Church where our choir performed beautifully and our students led us in readings and bidding prayers. Students were then called by name to the front, a tutor group at a time and gifted a special holding cross to keep a piece of St John's with them. A special mention must go to Chloe Diaz and Kate Tomlinson whose rendition of For Good from Wicked brought the church to tears and was a poignant tribute to the day. Following a lovely speech from Mrs Barnham, tutor awards were given and we awarded this year's Father Towers Award to Nadia and Robert. Thank you to Father Coxon and Emma our Chaplain for leading the liturgy and to all of the parents and carers who joined us.

The rest of the day was then all about reflecting on the past five years with photos, memories and time with friends. Our Alternative Awards gave plenty of laughter and the day ended with shirt signing and a silent disco- the perfect end to a wonderful day! A huge thank you to Mrs Barnham and Mrs Kennedy for their amazing organisation of the day.

To quote Emma during our liturgy- remember, Year 11, that you are not just a face in a crowd. You are known, you are valued and you are called by your name. You will always be part of our school community, and we wish you lots of luck in your next steps, whether that's returning for Sixth Form or heading elsewhere.

"Today is where your book begins. The rest is still unwritten."



There may still be four weeks left of this academic year, but that didn't stop us giving our students an early end of term treat to give them a little boost and time away from assessments to make memories with friends. There was certainly nothing 'silent' about this disco, with laughter, singing, foot stomping and squeals of delight in every session. From Year 7 to Year 12, our students danced until their feet were sore and sang their hearts out; there was even a conga or two!



On Friday, 7R, alongside Mrs Kennedy and Miss Heads, visited Auckland Castle to explore how Britain's religious landscape has changed over time and what it means to live in a diverse and multicultural society today. They looked at both historical and contemporary collections in the Faith Museum and students considered the rich variety of faiths and beliefs that shape our communities. They also had the opportunity to handle artefacts from different faith traditions, helping to deepen their understanding of how people express their beliefs and values. The session encouraged thoughtful discussion, respect for different perspectives and a greater appreciation of the diverse world around us. We were incredibly proud of 7R for their curiosity, engagement and maturity.



COMING UP THIS WEEK

Monday 22- Year 5 Week 2. Following a wonderful week last week with our Year 5 students from our Catholic feeder primaries, we are looking forward to welcoming our Bishop Cluster Year 5 students this week for exciting lessons and activities to sample life at St John's.

Wednesday 24- All cast needed for Wednesday's Little Shop of Horrors rehearsal **until 5pm**, as well as principal rehearsals on **Monday and Friday until 5pm**. There is also an important **Tech Rehearsal on Saturday 27 June for all cast, from 10am until 4pm**. All costumes should also be brought along to this rehearsal to be checked. Be sure to grab your tickets now: www.ticketsource.com/st-johns-catholic-school

Thursday 25- Virtue Awards. We are incredibly excited for our third annual Virtue Awards where we will be celebrating a whole new set of students who this year have displayed our core virtues and values. We look forward to joining with parents and carers and representatives from our local community to honour the remarkable young people they are.

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
19 June 2026

Virtues

Molly W 11M Compassion (EST)
Nelle R 11R Compassion (EST)
Muebh S 11R Compassion (EST)
Jack B 11N Compassion (EST)
Evie C 11N Compassion (EST)
Skye H 11O Compassion (EST)
Eve S 11O Compassion (EST)
Isobel G 13E Compassion (EST)
Eve C 13C Resilience and Responsibility (EST)
Sarah 13A Resilience and Responsibility (EST)
Beth T 13A Resilience and Responsibility (EST)
Year 9 Netball Team - BHCET Champions - Confidence & Self Belief (PE Dept)
Year 9 Girls District Athletics Champions - Confidence & Self Belief (PE Dept)

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

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Year 8

Kaleb C 8H (DHA)
Thomas D 8H (DHA)
George J 8M (DHA)
Chase N 8A (DHA)
Roman H 8O (HHA)
Ethan P 8D (HHA)
Ali R 8Y (DSM & NRO)
Francesca S 8O (MMG)
Darcy L 8O (MMG)
Maddis T 8J (MMG)
Rosie S 8O (MMG)
Tanaiswa M 8J (MMG)
Jessica B 8O (MMG)

Jess R 8N (DDE)
Clayton N 8N (DDE)
Belle D 8A (RBE & HCO)
Verity D 8M (RBE)
Daniel W 8O (RBE)
Kristen R 8A (RBE & HCO)
Belal Q 8A (HCO)
Darcey S 8A (HCO)
Valentina T 8A (HCO)
Hannah K 8A (HCO)
Lexi BA (MHA)

Heidi M 8A (MMG)
Olivia S 8J (MMG)
Evie D 8J (MMG)
Madslyn D 8M (LHM)
Emily S 8M (LHM)
Kian H 8M (LHM)
Seb G 8Y (NRO)
Evan G 8Y (NRO)

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Year 10

Sophie B 10A (HCO)
Filip K 10R (HCO & LHA)
Daisy L 10R (HCO)
Iona A 10N (PJR)
Amelia C 10Y (PJR)
Olivia S 10J (PJR)
Alex P 10Y (PJR)
Harry S 10Y (PJR)
Anyia A 10M (MMG)
Macey B 10Y (MMG & HCO)
Cruz J 10Y (LHM)
Maya W 10J (LHM)
Rosie G 10M (DDE)

Sophie B 10A (DHA)
Sophie R 10M (HHA)
Viva-Rose P 10R (HHA)
Harrison M 10M (HHA)
James D 10M (HHA)
Ryan D 10A (HHA)
Mina SE 10J (ESM)
Lacey M 10J (AWR)
Millie B 10R (AWR)
Chloe B 10Y (AWR & HCO)

Harry M 10M (MMG)
Clara J 10R (RBE)
Mina S-E 10J (RBE)
Kate T 10Y (RBE & LHA)
Jessica A 10A (RBE)
Zea L 10Y (RBE)
Halle M 10Y (LHA)
Filip Z 10R (DLA)
Sophie R 10M (CLI)
Harry S 10Y (CLI)
Macey A 10J (NRO)
Lexi W 10N (NRO)
Tia-Rose S 10J (NRO)

Daisy J 12S (HHA)
Olivia F 12S (HHA)
Emily C 12S (HHA)
Vincent T 12T (HHA)
Niamh C 12T (HHA)
Lily J 9N (CHA)
Klaudia T 12T (HHA & LHA & NRO)

Imogen K 9J (DDE)
Neve O 9J (DDE)
Dolaborni O 9H (ESM)
Gracie H 9H (ESM)
Jacob M 9H (ESM)
Ruby M 9H (ESM)
Boys and Girls District athletics team (PE Dept)

Tom A 9Y (DDE)
Pippa H 9R (RBE)
Tylor S 9Y (HHA)
Poppy Y 9M (HHA)
Bokani N 9O (HHA)
Edie-Grace C 9H (ESM)
Sienna J 9H (ESM)
Milana D 9J (COS)
Lucy C 9J (COS)
Eva M 9R (DLA)
Grace R 9R (DLA)
Lorna B 9R (DLA)

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Year 7

Constance A 7R (JKE)
Isobel C 7R (JKE)
Luca C 7R (JKE)
Joseph C 7R (JKE)
Willow D 7R (JKE)
Layla W 7R (JKE)
Darcey D 7R (JKE)
Lainey-May J 7R (JKE)
Brayden N 7R (JKE)
Pippa S 7R (JKE)
Elizabeth-Grace S 7R (JKE)
Isa D 7R (JKE)
Lora P 7R (JKE)
Olivia R 7R (JKE)
Ellie S 7R (JKE)
Cassidy M 7R (JKE)
Annie L 7R (JKE)

Niko F 7O (DDE)
Erin S 7O (DDE)
Jack J 7A (DDE)
Tommy H 7M (ESG)
Esmee L 7M (EST)
Amalie W 7M (EST)
Sofia H 7M (EST)
Eden T 7M (EST)
Harry S 7M (ESM)
Ethan P 7M (ESM)
Oscar H 7M (ESM)
Eddie D-S 7N (CLI)

Denry A 7M (EST)
Francesca B 7M (EST)
Jack C 7M (EST)
Baed F 7M (EST)
Laila G 7M (EST)
Ella H 7M (EST)
Roshie M 7M (EST)
Eleanor S 7M (EST)
Honey T 7M (EST)
Archie D 7M (COS)
Leo R 7J (CLI)
Eddie D-S 7N (CLI)

Ada A 7N (RBE)
Rio B 7Y (RBE)
Naomi D 7A (RBE)
Francesca H 7J (RBE)
Katherine J 7J (RBE)
Emily L 7A (RBE)
Emilia C 7Y (RBE)
Eliah O 7M (RBE)
Maya P 7M (RBE & EST)
Iona S 7O (RBE)
Eden T 7M (RBE & CLI)
Andrea T 7J (DDE)
Joseph Hail J 7J (DDE)
Honey T 7M (HHA)
Laurianne S 7M (HHA & EST)

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Year 9

Queenmercy A 9N (DHA)
Ella W 9N (DHA)
Alfie L 9M (DHA)
Joe M 9M (DHA)
Maisy N-H 9N (CHA & MMG)
Edie-Rose C 9Y (CHA)
Rhys L 9Y (CHA)
Lily W 9H (CHA)
Grace N 9N (CHA)
Mea Jazmin T 9N (CHA)

Imogen K 9J (DDE)
Neve O 9J (DDE)
Dolaborni O 9H (ESM)
Gracie H 9H (ESM)
Jacob M 9H (ESM)
Ruby M 9H (ESM)
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Tom A 9Y (DDE)
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Tylor S 9Y (HHA)
Poppy Y 9M (HHA)
Bokani N 9O (HHA)
Edie-Grace C 9H (ESM)
Sienna J 9H (ESM)
Milana D 9J (COS)
Lucy C 9J (COS)
Eva M 9R (DLA)
Grace R 9R (DLA)
Lorna B 9R (DLA)

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Year 12

Daisy J 12S (HHA)
Olivia F 12S (HHA)
Emily C 12S (HHA)
Vincent T 12T (HHA)
Niamh C 12T (HHA)
Lily J 9N (CHA)
Klaudia T 12T (HHA & LHA & NRO)

Donald B 12S (CLI)
Daniel D 12S (CLI)
Eason Z 12T (CLI & CPU)
Julia W 12W (HHA & LHA)
Adam W 12W (LHA)

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ClassCharts
Year 7 Top Achievers
Eden T 7H
Katherine J 7J
Lily B 7O
Leon D 7H
Ethan P 7H

Year 8 Top Achievers
Nathan P 8J
Verity D 8M
Kristen R 8A
Belle D 8A
Illia K 8J

Year 9 Top Achievers
Lucy Con. 9J
Leland M 9Y
Rhys L 9Y
Tylor S 9Y
Ruby M 9H

Year 10 Top Achievers
Mina S-E 10J
Jacob D 10J
Amber W 10R
Chloe W 10O
Aela W 10O

SPORTING NEWS



There were outstanding performances on display at the Year 9 and Year 10 District Athletics Competition held at Shildon earlier this week. Our students were a credit to St John's showing great self believe and confidence whilst also supporting their team. Several PBs were achieved which certainly helped Year 9 girls secure 1st place. Year 9 boys came 2nd, just pipped to the post by Hummersknott and Year 10 girls placed 5th and Year 10 boys secured 4th.

In addition to this, our Year 8 and 9 girls put on a fantastic performance at the BHCET Netball Tournament. They showed outstanding skill, teamwork and resilience, finishing first place in the U15 tournament and third in U13. Special congratulations goes to Indi, who received the BHCET Virtues Award - a brilliant recognition! Well done to our students and the PE Department!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Tuesday 30 June-** Year 11 Prom
- **Thursday 2 July-** Year 6 Welcome Evening
- **Monday 6/ Tuesday 7 July-** Little Shop of Horrors school production (www.ticketsource.com/st-johns-catholic-school)
- **Thursday 9/ Friday 10 July-** Year 6 Induction
- **Tuesday 14 July-** Whole school liturgies
- **Friday 17 July-** Break up for Summer
- **Monday 20- Friday 24 July-** Year 6 Summer School
- **Thursday 13 August-** A Level Results
- **Thursday 20 August-** GCSE Results Day
- **Wednesday 2 September-** School reopens for all students



I Heard a Whisper...

A couple of weeks ago we took 'I Heard a Whisper' to a whole new level!

In honour of National Thank a Teacher Day, and Year 11 Celebration Day, we gave some of our Year 11 students a little mission.

The assignment was simple- show gratitude to the teachers and staff of St John's who have helped make you into the young people you are. Those who have inspired you, made you feel valued, fought your corner, believed in you, brightened your day, made you love a subject you never thought you would and brought out the best in you.

We gave students a set of categories and a box of sweet treats and set them off on a mission to spread joy. Check out the video on our Facebook and Instagram pages to see what happened next.

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