



Spotlight on... Virtues

Our third annual Virtue Awards Evening took place on Thursday evening and was a truly special occasion, recognising the qualities that make St John's such a proud and inspiring community.

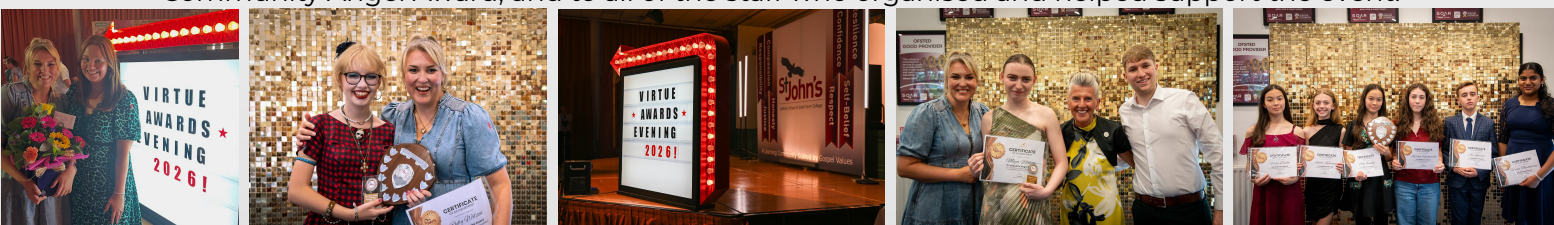
From respect and compassion to resilience, confidence and honesty, every student in attendance was celebrated - a powerful reminder that who our young people are matters just as much as what they achieve.

In a society where young people so often face pressures, scrutiny and criticism, it was wonderful to be reminded of how incredible the young adults within our community are. As Mrs Rose said in her opening speech, "The Virtue Awards are all about looking at success a little differently. Success may sometimes be about academic progress and exam results, but our young people are so much more than that. Success is also kindness. It is consistency. It is perseverance. It is fighting for what is right and always doing the right thing, even if that means standing out from the crowd. Success is always doing your best, even if that best looks different to the best of others. The students are at the heart of St John's and are what makes it such a wonderful learning community, and that is something really worth celebrating!"

We were honoured to welcome former student Sara Davies, who shared her incredible journey and reminded our students how amazing they are, "Not for what you do, but for who you are."

The evening was filled with proud moments, inspiring stories and families celebrating their children for being kind, determined and true to themselves. A huge well done to all of our award winners.

A special thank you to the Angel Trust who supplied the delicious food for our event and helped to present our Community Angel Award, and to all of the staff who organised and helped support the event.



As the temperatures soared last week, our students and staff made the most of it with ice lollies at break and lunchtime, choc ices in the Dining Hall and even a Year 10 Food class BBQ!



We are so proud of 7H for their conduct on Friday's trip to Auckland Palace. They coped admirably in the heat and fully immersed themselves in "Awful Auckland," exploring the not-so-pleasant side of Bishop Auckland's history. They then brought their learning to life by creating their own comic strips. As a special treat for engaging so well, they ended the morning by climbing Auckland Tower for amazing views and a much needed breeze!

Friday marked the end of our Year 5 weeks, having welcomed 24 schools and over 570 students into St John's for a taste of life as part of our learning community. Well done to all of the students for their engagement in the various lessons and activities, and we hope to see you soon!



COMING UP THIS WEEK

Monday 29- Summer Attendance Challenge. As we enter the final three weeks of the Summer term, we are giving our parents and carers three chances to win a £50 voucher. At the end of each week, names of students with 100% attendance will be entered into a prize draw as a thank you for your support with attendance.

Tuesday 30- Year 11 Prom. We are looking forward to seeing our students in their finery as we come together to celebrate all of their hard work and achievements.

Wednesday 1 July- All cast needed for Wednesday's Little Shop of Horrors rehearsal **until 5pm**, as well as principal rehearsals on **Monday until 5.30pm and Thursday until 5pm**. We will also be having a full cast dress rehearsal on Friday. With just one week to go until opening night, it's crucial that all cast members attend when needed. Tickets are still available via www.ticketsource.com/st-johns-catholic-school

Thursday 2 July- Year 6 Induction Evening, 6pm. We are looking forward to welcoming all of our new Year 7 students for September into school along with their parents and carers to meet their tutors and groups and find out key information for the Induction Days on the 9 and 10 July and for September.

LAST WEEK'S ACHIEVEMENTS



ClassCharts

Year 7 Top Achievers

Willow D (7R)
Zoe C (7A)
Daisy G (7R)
Lotti P (7R)
Alicia W (7N)
Lily B (7O)

Year 8 Top Achievers

Olivia S (8J)
Callum B (8R)
Riley R (8J)
Tanatswa M (8J)
Matilda T (8J)
Isabella T (8J)

Year 9 Top Achievers

Emme R (9Y)
Neave W (9Y)
Emily R (9M)
Neve Sofia O (9J)
Milana D (9J)
Chloe M (9J)

Year 10 Top Achievers

Thomas T (10A)
Mollie M (10M)
Jessica M (10N)
Joel H (10J)
Thomas R (10O)
Elise G (10O)

High Five FRIDAY
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Virtues
Responsibility / Compassion / Confidence

Abi T 12T RCA	Molly W 12T RCA
Rosa J 12T RCA	Amy H 12T RCA
Nimah T 12T RCA	Lexi W 12T RCA
Rory B 12S RCA	Lilith 12S RCA
Zack S 12T RCA	Kate B 12T RCA
Poppy 12T RCA	Klaudia T 12T RCA
Leah 12T RCA	Isabel W 12S RCA
Isabel P 12T RCA	

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

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Year 7

Evan I 7H (ELH)	Leo R 7O (DLA)
Isabel B 7N (CLI)	Athena A 7O (DLA)
Grace C 7H (CLI)	Lucy B 7J (DDE)
Lily B 7O (CMA)	Katherine J 7J (DDE)
Cameron W 7O (CMA)	Macy H 7Y (COS)
Jason L 7O (CMA)	Mary C 7M (EUR)
Kimberley C 7O (CMA)	Alicia W 7N (LCU)
Francesca B 7M (CMA)	Oscar S 7H (LCU)
Alyssa M 7H (COS)	Boaz F 7M (LCU)
Dinny A 7M (HRO)	Zoe C 7A (SGO)
Honey T 7M (HRO)	Thomas C 7H (SGO)
Sofia H 7A (HRO)	Archie P 7M (EST)
Sophie H 7Y (LMH)	Tommy H-H 7M (EST)
Miles M 7A (LMH)	Esmae U 7M (EST)
Esmae U 7M (LMH)	Jonah R 7Y (NRO)

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Year 8

Aimee H 8O (JKE)	Rosie G 8O (SGO)
Darcy L 8O (JKE)	Leo G 8R (SGO)
Heidi R 8O (JKE)	All R 8Y (NRO)
Finley H 8O (JKE)	Emmie E 8Y (NRO)
Claudia J 8O (JKE)	Evan G 8Y (NRO)
Francesca S 8O (JKE)	Seb G 8Y (NRO)
Rosie S 8O (JKE)	Jon L 8Y (NRO)
Daniel W 8O (JKE)	Lexi-May C 8H (NRO)
Beau W 8O (JKE)	Emilia K 8Y (NRO)
Dominik S 8M (LMH)	Luke D 8Y (NRO)
Isia T 8M (LMH)	Harry H 8Y (NRO)
George A 8M (LMH)	Hannah L 8Y (NRO)
Maisie C 8N (DDE)	Maggie W 8Y (NRO)
Teni A 8N (DDE)	

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Year 9

Neve O 9J (JKE)	Christopher R 9O (LCU)
Chloe M 9J (JKE)	Bokani N 9O (LCU)
Lucy C 9J (JKE)	Ivy W 9M (COS)
Milana D 9J (JKE)	Jack O'C 9O (DDE)
Sally B 9J (JKE)	Sienna J 9H (DDE)
Alistair M 9J (JKE)	Christie B 9Y (DDE)
Cobie G 9J (JKE)	Ivy W 9M (SGO)
Sarah MR 9J (JKE)	
Ella W 9J (JKE)	
Ryan B 9M (LMH)	
Lily S 9N (LMH)	
Thomas H 9R (LMH)	
Michalina G 9R (MHA)	
Luke I 9J (MHA)	
Isaac B 9H (MHA)	
Sonny J 9O (MHA)	
Sally B 9J (MHA)	
Lexie H 9J (MHA)	
Isia 9R (MHA)	
Ava S 9N (DLA)	
Lily J 9N (DLA)	
Lorna B 9R (DLA)	
Grace R 9R (DLA)	
Eva M 9R (DLA)	
Grace 9N (DLA)	

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Year 10

Katie T 10Y (LHA & LWI & NRO)	Nathan A 10J (CLI)	Grace I 10 (LHA)
Jenson S 10A (LHA)	Myilee A 10Y (CLI)	Jessica M 10N (LHA)
Millie W 10M (LHA)	Maddison R 10N (AWR)	Anna R 10N (LHA)
Lucie H 10M (LHA)	Harry W 10N (AWR)	Fraya H-F 10O (LHA)
Sophia C 10R (LHA)	Sophia C 10R (AWR)	Sophie T 10N (LHA)
Fibz Z 10R (LHA)	Alesha Z 10O (AWR)	Noah B-R 10N (LHA)
Halle M 10Y (LHA)	Tilly Y 10J (LMH)	Samuel J 10O (LHA)
Evie M 10Y (LHA)	Maya W 10J (LMH)	Joel H 10J (LHA)
Georgia C 10R (LHA)	Ellis W 10N (LMH)	Yu C 10N (LHA)
Megan P 10Y (LHA)	Harrison M 10M (LCU)	Iona A 10N (LHA)
Ethan H 10R (LHA)	James D 10M (LCU)	Mina S-E 10J (LHA)
Clive C 10R (LHA)	Ryan D 10A (LCU)	Harley B 10J (LHA)
Gracie B 10M (LHA)	Sophie T 10N (SGO)	Lilly M 10J (LHA)
Robina K 10M (LHA)	David I 10J (SGO)	Tilly-May Y 10J (LHA)
Ava A 10M (LHA)	Brooke T 10R (LBT)	Michelle E 10Y (DDE)
Faye M 10R (AWR & LHA)	Aiden D 10N (NRO)	Charlie N 10O (DDE)
Millie B 10R (AWR)	Robyn S 10N (NRO)	Daisy H 10R (LBT)
Tia-Rose S 10J (AWR & LHA)		Aiden G 10O (LBT)
		Chloe B 10Y (LBT)

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Year 12

Daniel D 12 (CLI)	Niamh C 12T (HTH)
Spencer V 12T (LBT & SMC)	Anna T 12T (HTH)
Lucas E 12S (LBT)	Zak S 12T (SMC)
Joshua C 12S (LBT)	Beth K 12 T (DDE)
Vinnie T 12W (LBT)	Jaimee R 12S (LBT)
Isaac C 12T (LBT)	

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Calling parents, carers, local businesses and further education providers.

We are on the lookout for people to support our Careers Fair for our students on Friday 3 July and want to offer as many different jobs, employment sectors and further education providers as possible. If you are able to help us, please contact Hannah Teasdale, Careers Advisor, at hteasdale@stjohns.bhcet.org.uk

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- ☐ **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 Days
- ☐ **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...

The final Summer term is always the busiest here at St John's, with a wide range of trips, whole school events and celebrations. It can be very easy to take for granted that these things just happen, but the reality is that a lot of work and dedication goes into providing these opportunities for our students. It is therefore wonderful to see so much acknowledgement and gratitude being shown for our staff who really do go above and beyond to give our students the absolute best experiences, both in and out of the classroom.

Well done this week to Mrs McGowan and Mrs Widdowson (PE), Miss Liddle and Miss Bell (Performing Arts), Emma Ramsey (Chaplain), Miss Giblin and Miss Gough (LSAs), Miss Hankey (English), Mr Oxberry (Computer Studies) and Mr Turnbull (Head of PE) who all received this week's sweet treats.

Send your nominations to our dedicated email address:

iheardawhisper@stjohns.bhcet.org.uk

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.