



Spotlight on... Duke of Edinburgh

Congratulations to our Year 9 Bronze and Year 10 Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Award participants, who have recently completed their final expeditions and demonstrated outstanding resilience, teamwork and determination throughout.

Our Year 10 Silver group tackled a challenging expedition through the stunning landscapes of Swaledale, following sections of the Pennine Way and passing through Tan Hill, Keld, Muker, Gunnerside, Reeth and Langthwaite. Along the way, they showed excellent navigation skills and problem-solving, with one group even overcoming an unexpected four-mile detour before successfully finding their way back on track. Despite tired legs, aching feet and the persistent attentions of the local midges, students remained positive, supportive of one another and determined to complete the challenge.

Meanwhile, 32 Year 9 students successfully completed their Bronze Final Expedition in Middleton-in-Teesdale. Facing challenging conditions, including strong overnight winds that tested both their tents and their resolve, students worked brilliantly in their teams, supporting one another throughout the expedition. They demonstrated maturity, responsibility and perseverance, while also enjoying the opportunity to cook together and reflect on their achievements.

All of our DofE participants represented themselves, their families and the school exceptionally well. Their commitment, teamwork and positive attitude were evident throughout, and they should be incredibly proud of what they have accomplished, as we are of them.



On Friday it was the turn of 7N to visit the Auckland Project. They engaged brilliantly with the exhibitions in the Spanish Art Gallery, exploring the incredible collection of Art and discovering the stories behind the paintings, artists and culture. They immersed themselves in the activities, using what they had learned to inspire their own creative ideas and discussions. All eight of our Year 7 tutor groups have now visited the Auckland Project. Throughout the visits, students have explored the rich local history and culture of Bishop Auckland, making valuable cross-curricular links across subjects while engaging with a range of experiences. A huge well done to all of our Year 7 students for their enthusiasm, excellent behaviour and willingness to embrace every opportunity.



Throughout the past month, every tutor group in Year 7 has taken part in their first ever Geography field trip to High Force in Middleton-in-Teesdale, learning all about the waterfall, rock formation and the local landscape. Students were a credit to St John's and they enjoyed some glorious weather on their days out.



COMING UP THIS WEEK

Monday 6 and Tuesday 7- Little Shop of Horrors performances, 7pm. We cannot wait to bring all of the hard work from the past few months together and see our incredibly talented cast take to the stage. There are still tickets available for both performances, and this really is a show not to be missed!

www.ticketsource.com/st-johns-catholic-school During the interval for the performance we will also be having a table top sale of keyboards and other items from the Performing Arts department to raise additional funds for the upcoming refurbishment of the Main Hall and Performing Arts spaces, so come grab a bargain!

Wednesday 8- We are looking forward to welcoming over 250 of our local primary school students into St John's for a special matinee performance of Little Shop of Horrors.

Thursday 9 and Friday 10- Year 6 Induction Days. Following a successful Induction Evening last week where we met our brand new Year 7 students and parents/carers for September, we look forward to welcoming the students later this week for their Induction Days where they will be getting a taste of what September has in store. A reminder they should wear primary PE kit for Thursday and primary uniform for Friday.

LAST WEEK'S ACHIEVEMENTS



ClassCharts

Year 7 Top Achievers

Kimberley C (70)
Cameron W (70)
Adelaide W (70)
Iona S (70)
Lily B (70)
Katherine J (7J)

Year 8 Top Achievers

Belle D (8A)
Daniel W (8O)
Natalia T (8J)
Belal Q (8A)
Verity D (8M)
Matilda T (8J)

Year 9 Top Achievers

Charlotte E (9O)
Isaac B (9H)
Issac B (9H)
Noah H (9A)
Sienna B (9M)
Milana D (9J)

Year 10 Top Achievers

Thomas T (10A)
Iona A (10N)
Mina S-E (10J)
Ryan D (10A)
Maddison S (10A)
Harry W (10N)

High Five FRIDAY
3 July 2026

Virtues
Self-Belief & Confidence (Maths Department)
Luke D 8Y
Nathan P 8J
Ali R 8Y
Georgie J 8M
Noah H 9A
Oli K 9O
Craig R 9A
Tom C 9A
Tom S 9A
Harry G 9A

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

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Year 7

Macy H 7Y (KIB)
Alicia W 7N (LCU)
Daniel S 7J (LCU)
Boaz F 7M (LCU)
Lois L 7O (CMA)
Eden T 7H (COS)
Leeon H 7Y (COS & SGO)
Oscar H 7H (SGO)
Oscar I 7R (SGO)
Laila G 7M (HHA)
Richie M 7M (HHA & NRO)
Sofia H 7M (HHA)
Katherine J 7J (NRO)

Archie P 7M (LBT)
Sofia H 7M (LBT)
Emily L 7A (SEB)
Oliver C 7A (SEB)
Lois L 7O (SEB)
Erin S 7O (SEB)
Niko F 7O (DHA)
Adelaide W 7O (DHA)
Vienna W 7O (DHA)
Lily B 7O (DHA)
Jason L 7O (DHA)
Cameron W 7O (DHA & NRO)
Kimberley C 7O (DHA)

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Year 8

Markas P 8A (KIB)
Frankie M 8R (KIB)
Emmie E 8Y (DOU)
Ethan B 8J (LCU)
Emily M 8J (LCU)
Jayden C 8H (LCU)
Georgie A 8M (AWR)
Redden H 8M (AWR)
Belle D 8A (CHA)
Ellie-Rose S 8J (COS)
Olivia S 8J (COS)
Henri B 8R (COS)
Beau W 8o (SGO)
Gabby G 8N (CHA)

Katie G 8J (DHA)
Finlay 8R (JHL)
Evie-Mae B 8R (JHL)
Amelia-Robyn G 8R (JHL)
Bailee H 8H (LLA)
Jessica R 8N (LLA)
Natalia T 8J (LLA)
Heidi B 8J (LLA)
Heidi M 8A (LLA)
Chuck O 8A (LLA)

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Year 9

Frankie T 9H (KIB)
Alycia C 9O (KIB)
Poppy Y 9M (KIB)
Sarah M 9J (JKE)
Alycia C 9O (DHA)
Eva Mc 9R (DHA)
Gracie-Rose S 9A (HHA)
Roxy D 9A (HHA)

Frankie B 9J (NRO)
Pippa H 9R (NRO)
Lorna B 9R (NRO)
Charlotte E 9O (SEB)
Rowan L 9A (SEB)
Lily S 9N (MMG)
Dola O 9H (MMG)

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Year 10

Tanisha AM 10N (LHA)
Noah B-R 10N (LHA)
Samuel J 10O (LHA)
Clive C 10R (LHA)
Halle M 10Y (LHA & DLA)
Jake G 10O (LHA)
Lewis G 10O (LHA)
Mina S-E 10J (LHA)
Thomas K 10R (KIB)
Joel H 10J (KIB)
Oliver J 10N (KIB)
Evangeline E 10J (KIB)
James D 10M (LCU & DLA)
Savannah-Leigh H 10M (AWR)
Michelle E 10Y (AWR)
Maddison S 10A (AWR & DLA)
Artem S 10J (AWR)

Joe W 10A (EST)
Clara J 10R (EST)
Eve B 10R (EST)
Mason C 10Y (EST)
Ailie W 10A (EST)
Millie W 10M (EST)
Tajawsi S 10A (EST)
Daisy L 10R (EST)
Amelia C 10Y (EST)
Harry S 10Y (EST)
Nathan K 10M (EST)
Brooke T 10R (EST)
Harrison W 10M (EST)
Rosie G 10M (EST)
Macey B 10Y (EST)
Sophie R 10M (EST)
Oliver B 10 (EST)

Faye M 10R (HHA)
Macey A 10J (HHA)
Isabella E 10A (NRO)
Matthew W 10R (NRO)
Jessica M 10N (NRO)
Jake C 10Y (NRO)
Rishon T 10O (JHL)
Yu Qi C 10N (JHL)
Jessica B 10A (DLA)
Ryan D 10A (DLA)
Bridie R 10M (DLA)
Georgia C 10R (DLA)
Gracie B 10M (DLA)

All of the GCSE French Class (COS/DHA)
Isabella E 10A (NRO)
Matthew W 10R (NRO)
Jessica M 10N (NRO)
Jake C 10Y (NRO)
Jessica B 10A (NRO)
Max A 10M (NRO)
Grace I 10N (MMG)
Ethan H 10R (CMA)
Zachary P 10J (NRO)

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Year 12

Isla D 12S (HTH)
Imogen M 12S (HTH)
Jaimee R 12S (LBT)
Jess B 12T (LBT)
Josh C 12S (LBT)
Spencer V 12T (LBT)
Isaac C 12T (LBT)

Poppy W 12T (LBT)
Vincent T 12W (LHA)
Klaudia T 12 T (LHA)
Adam W 12W (LHA)
Julia W 12W (LHA)
Daisy J 12S (NRO)

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Our Year 11 students all looked incredible as they came together as a year group for the final time on Tuesday evening to celebrate their prom in style. The Hammer and Pincers was the perfect venue and the evening was spent dancing, singing and celebrating all of their incredible achievements. A wonderful night was had by all and core memories were made!

We look forward to seeing many of them on their Results Day in August when we have no doubt there will be plenty more celebrations in store and all of their hard work will be rewarded.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **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

Please note, any parents or carers who received confirmation of their child's place on one of next year's Soar and Explore trips will receive confirmation letters early this week with full details of payment plans and first deposits (due by 31 July).



1 Heard a Whisper...

We continue to have so many exciting events, activities and trips in our final weeks of this half term, and none of this, or the incredible support offered to our students, would be possible without our amazing staff.

Well done this week to Miss Allaway (LSA), Mrs Osborn (MFL), Mr Smith (Head of Year 8), Miss Crawford (MFL), Michael Stephenson (Learning Mentor), Miss Robinson (RE), Jayne Summerbell (Admin), Josh Park (Business Manager) and Mrs Hannant (Humanities) for their well deserved nominations and sweet treats.

Let us thank a member of staff on your behalf by dropping us an email:

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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.bhctet.org.uk