



It was a privilege for our choir to join with the choir of English Martyrs School in leading the music for the Recommissioning Mass celebrated by Bishop Stephen at St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle earlier



this month. During the Mass, our diocesan Lay Chaplains were recommissioned in their ministry, and the students who help to support and enrich the spiritual life of our schools received a special blessing from Bishop Stephen in recognition of their dedication and service. In his homily, Bishop Stephen encouraged us to recognise our God-given dignity, to share love with others, and to continue building faith-filled school communities where everyone feels valued and supported. Thank you to everyone who took part in this joyful celebration of faith, service, and vocation. A special mention also to our wonderful Chaplain, Emma who continues to make our learning community such a wonderful place to learn and grow in faith with her kindness, support and unconditional love.

The Year 8 football team are off to a winning start in their first game of the season in the County Cup. The boys ran out as convincing winners against St Aidan's C of E Academy. Special thanks go to our new strip sponsors, MKM Bishop Auckland.



Our Year 8 Sports Leaders had a fantastic morning last Monday helping primary school students enjoy their Handball competition on our 3G pitch alongside Education Enterprise coaches. The boys have demonstrated exceptional confidence and maturity organising and officiating games and have thrown themselves into their first sports leadership opportunity.



A WORD FROM LISA BYRON,
HEADTEACHER

Spotlight on... Sport

As this newsletter so often reflects, sport is at the heart of school life, and we are incredibly proud of the wide range of opportunities available for every student to get involved, develop new skills and achieve success. Whether students aspire to represent the school in competitive fixtures or simply want to try something new, there is something for everyone. Alongside our successful school teams, students can enjoy a variety of enrichment activities, including trampolining, darts, badminton, rugby and many more. Our extensive programme encourages participation, teamwork, resilience and confidence, helping every student to find an activity they love.

We are also fortunate to benefit from exceptional sporting facilities, including our state-of-the-art 3G pitch and our very own swimming pool, providing students with outstanding opportunities to train, compete and thrive. The success of our sporting programme is reflected in our display cabinets, which are full to the brim with trophies and awards celebrating the achievements of our talented students across a range of sports. Come and see our fantastic facilities, meet our staff and students, and discover the many opportunities on offer at our Open Evening on Tuesday. We look forward to welcoming you and showing you how every student can find a place to succeed and shine through sport.

Thank you to our Year 10 parents and carers who attended our Information Evening on Wednesday. It was great to see so many in attendance to find out how best to support their child through the next two years of GCSEs. The PowerPoint from the evening has been shared with all parents and carers.



COMING UP THIS WEEK

Tuesday 29- To mark European Day of Languages which was on Saturday, 26 September, students will be watching a special video focused on the benefit of learning new languages and cultures, and taking part in a quiz to test their linguistic and musical credentials!

Tuesday 29- Open Evening, 5.30pm-7.30pm. This is one of the highlights of our school calendar and we look forward to opening our doors to prospective students from Year 5 and 6 and their parents and families. Come and explore our school, meet our fantastic staff and students, and find out more about the exciting opportunities available at St John's. Headteacher talks are at 5.30pm and 6.30pm.

We now have **87%** of our students using the Arbor Student App. This continues to be the best way for students to access their assignments and timetable and track their attendance and behaviour points. Please encourage your child to use the app if they are not already. If they are having any difficulties, they can come along to IT3 during PREP on Monday or Tuesday for support from Mrs Rose. There have been a number of queries regarding assignments. Currently, there is no facility on Arbor for students to organise their own assignments or submit them independently, they can only be marked off by staff. However, this has been fed back to Arbor and we hope this will become more user-friendly in the future. In the meantime, please note that any homework listed as 'Overdue' does not incur any negative points and is just waiting to be marked off by staff.

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 arose@stjohns.bhcet.org.uk.

High Five FRIDAY

25 September 2026

Virtues

Henry C 7A (RCA) Responsibility
Shane F 11A (LHA) Respect
Danny-Joe S 7Y (MST) Respect
Molly K 7A (MST) Resilience
Lola D 7R (MST) Confidence
Tilly W 11R (EST) Resilience and Responsibility

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

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Year 7

Patrick Y 7Y (MST)
Layton W 7Y (MST)
Luca M 7O (MST)
Dre W 7O (MST)
Caleb T 7N (MST)
Bobby J 7Y (MST)
Jodie M 7J (DDE)
Hugh S 7J (DDE)
James K 7A (DDE)
Miles G 7A (DDE)

Oliver A 7J (CMA)
Hugo M 7J (CMA)
Bertie C 7J (SCO)
Harper O 7N (SCO)
Katie W 7A (SCO)
Isabelle Y 7M (SCO)
Poppy P 7M (SCO)
Martha L 7M (SCO)
Nova S 7Y (HRO)
Jude M 7Y (HRO)
James E 7Y (HRO)

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Year 8

Dinny A 8M (JKE)
Vogue T 8H (IAI)
Harry S 8H (IAI)
Izaak D 8Y (HRO)
Isobel M 8Y (HRO)
Vienna W 8O (EMO)
Jason L 8O (EMO)
Toby H 8J (EMO)
Teddi D 8J (EMO)

Jessyka D 8A (SCO)
Lee F 8H (SCO)
Amelie B 8N (SCO)
Andrea F 8J (SCO)
Jack J 8A (CMA & AWR)
Zoe C 8A (AWR)
Jack R 8A (AWR)
Connie A 8R (AWR)
Brayden N 8R (AWR)

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Year 9

Georgie J 9M (COS)
Tommy S 9N (IAI)
Isia T 9M (IAI)
Noah R 9J (IAI)
Imogen O 9N (IAI)
Artem K 9J (IAI)
Natalia T 9J (IAI)
Amelia G 9R (IAI)
Lillie A 9M (IAI)
Ben A 9J (IAI)
Pleasure A 9J (MST)
Guru S 9A (CMA)
Joni L 9Y (CCR)
Hannah L 9Y (CCR)
Tommy-Lee C 9O (COS & MST)

Natalia T 9J (CSW)
Amelia B 9J (CSW)
Olivia S 9J (CSW)
Eve D 9J (CSW)
Illa K 9J (CSW)
Tanatswa M 9J (CSW & CCR)
Ellie-Rose S 9J (CSW)
Jenson C 9J (CSW)
Benjamin W 9A (EMO)
Amelia B 9J (EMO)

Clayton N 9N (DDE)
Ella S 9N (DDE)
Carollena A 9O (DDE)
Claudia M 9O (DDE)
Harrison B 9A (EST)
Ellie-Rose S-N 9J (EST)
Lawrence J 9O (EST)
Rosie G 9A (EST)
Sophie D 9A (SCO)
Ali R 9Y (SCO)
Joni L 9Y (SCO)
Imogen O 9N (SCO)
Issac T 9A (SCO)
Hope T 9N (SCO)

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Year 10

Jack R 10R (AWR)
Jack B 10A (AWR)
Sam E 10A (AWR)
Joe M 10H (AWR)
Beaux A 10M (CSW)
Lorna B 10R (CSW)
Olivia B 10J (CSW)
Kathian S 10R (CSW)
Rowan N 10A (CSW)
Lexie H 10J (DDE)
Clevania C (DDE)
Riley T-W 10M (EMO)
Lara S 10M (EMO)
Eli F 10O (EST)
Ruby K 10O (EST)

Mrs Lupton's Health and Social Care class (RLU)
Dola O 10H (SCO)
Neve O 10J (SCO & NRO)
Mea T 10N (SCO)
Maisy N-H 10N (NRO)
Lily S 10N (NRO)
Ella H 10O (NRO)
Milana D 10J (NRO)
Christopher R 10O (NRO)
Imogen K 10N (NRO)

Noah H 10A (JKE)
Olivia B 10Y (JKE)
Eddie-Rose C 10Y (JKE)
Tom C 10A (JKE)
Lucy D 10M (JKE)
Lara S 10M (JKE)
Emily R 10M (JKE)
Melissa B 10Y (JKE)
Tylor S 10Y (JKE)
Shay M 10M (JKE)
Affie O 10N (SCO & PWA)
Nicholas S 10J (SCO & PWA)
Alistair M 10J (PWA & NRO)
Charlie M-T 10N (PWA)

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Year 11

Tarisha A 11N (LBT)
Sophie T 11N (LBT)
Kyrah N 11N (LBT)
Milly H 11N (LBT)
Hollie D 11A (LBT)
Aiden G 11O (LBT)
Jessica M 11N (LBT)
Phoebe W 11O (LBT)
Ella G 11R (LBT)
Daisy H 11R (LBT)
Brooke T 11R (LBT)
Tilly W 11R (LBT)
Olivia S 11J (LBT)
Lucy S 11A (LBT)
Sophie H 11J (LBT)
Silver N 11M (LBT)
Grace M 11J (COS)
Oscar B-M 11Y (COS)
Jacob D 11J (DDE & NRO)
Prab C 11O (DDE & IAI)

Sam R 11O (IAI)
Madeline S 11N (IAI)
Leah W 11A (IAI)
Lexi W 11N (IAI)
Lily H 11A (IAI)
Amelia D 11M (IAI)
Harry W 11M (IAI)
Macey A 11J (LDV & NRO)
Kobe C 11M (AWR)
Mina S-E 11J (AWR)
Maddison S 11A (AWR)
Graham W 11R (AWR)
Tia-Rose S 11J (AWR & NRO)
Nathan A 11J (PWA)
Luke F 11J (PWA)
Maks W 11A (PWA)
Nail B 11N (PWA & IAI)
Charlie B 11O (PWA)
Eslie L 11J (NRO)

Eve B 11R (EST)
Macey B 11Y (EST)
Oliver B 11Y (EST)
Amelia C 11Y (EST)
Rosie G 11M (EST)
Clara J 11R (EST)
Thomas K 11R (EST)
Nathan K 11M (EST)
Daisy L 11R (EST)
Harrison M 11M (EST)
Sophie R 11M (EST)
Tejawi S 11A (EST)
Henry S-J 11A (EST)
Mile W 11M (EST)
Joe W 11A (EST)
Matthew W 11R (EST)
Alfie W 11A (EST)
Brooke W 11M (EST)
Joey R 11O (EMO)
Charlie N 11O (EMO)

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Year 12

Lexi B 12S (LBT)
Robert B 12J (LBT & NRO)
Molly D 12S (LBT)
Dakota H 12S (LBT & NRO)
Willow H 12J (LBT & HTH & NRO)
Maiya J 12T (LBT)
Megan M 12S (LBT)
Ava R 12T (LBT)
Jack R 12T (LBT)
Cohen R 12J (LBT)
Feame R 12S (LBT)
Lewis W 12J (LBT)

Laycie W 12T (DDE)
Hannah S 12S (DDE)
Paige A 12T (LBT)
Zuzanna P 12T (LBT)
Hannah S 12T (LBT)
Molly M 12T (LBT)
Louie W 12S (LBT)
Daniel B 12J (HTH)
Eve M 12S (HTH)
Nicole S 12 (HTH)

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Year 13

April G 13S (LBT)
Spencer V 13T (LBT)
Jaimee R 13S (LBT)
Ella M 13T (LBT)
Olivia E 13S (LBT)
Sophie C 13T (LBT)
Aimee S 13T (LBT)
Molly W 13T (LBT)
Amy-May H 13T (LBT)
Abi T 13T (LBT)

Isla D 13S (HTH)
Ethan R 13J (HTH)
Vinnie T 13J (HTH)
Durga 13T (HTH)
Olivia F 13S (NRO)
Vincent T 13J (NRO)

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Arbor Top Scorers

- ### Year 7
- Illia Holosii
Millie Clarke
Martha Livesley
Katy Brown
Harry Stevens
Anna Troshkin
Jaydon Bouquet
Danny Joe Spensley
- ### Year 8
- Joseph Hall
Esmae Urch
Rhuben Clark
Katherine Jones
Ella Hoyle
Jan Hulboj
Eleanor Shaw
Daniel Smith
- ### Year 9
- Verity Devlin
Olivia Sneddon
Dominik Szabat
Joni Lapinskas
Aimee Howard
Beau Wilson
Oliver Carruthers
Tanatswa Muchena
- ### Year 10
- Emily Redhead
Isla Hatton
Imogen Kelly
Nancy Tonge
Olivia Bell
Christie Brown
Ella Hildon
Emily Morton
Sienna Newell
- ### Year 11
- Trevor Betiku
Macey Alderson
Ewan Rong
Prab Cheema
Finbar Harris
Mina Sewell-Ellsworth
Thailia Adams
Leon Best

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Tuesday 6 October-** Sixth Form Open Eve
- Wednesday 7 October-** Year 12 Info Eve
- Friday 9 October-** Trust PD Day- **School closed**
- Wednesday 14 October-** Year 13 Info Eve
- Tuesday 20 October-** Year 7 Welcome Mass
- Tuesday 20 October-** Year 8 Info Eve
- Thursday 22 October-** Year 13 Boston trip
- Friday 23 October-** Break up for half term
- Monday 2 November-** School reopens
- Monday 2 November-** Year 11/Year 13 mocks
- Wednesday 4 November-** Year 8 Retreat
- Wednesday 4 November-** Year 9 Info Eve
- Tuesday 8 December-** Year 11 Progress Eve



I Heard a Whisper...

Behind every successful school is a team of exceptional people. From inspiring lessons to pastoral support, from the classroom to behind the scenes, our staff go above and beyond for our school community. We thank them all for their commitment, compassion and countless contributions to school life. Well done this week to Miss Robinson (Head of Year 11), Mrs Moran (English), Joanne Dugdale (Pastoral Support Manager) and Miss McAdam (English) who will all receive a sweet treat last week. Please keep your email nominations coming- we love spreading gratitude and joy: iheardawhisper@stjohns.bhcet.org.uk

Artist of the Week



Lydia Westgarth, 10R



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