



What a wonderful evening we had for our Sixth Form Open Evening on Tuesday. It was fantastic to welcome so many students, both from St John's and elsewhere, and their parents and carers through the door to explore our brand new Sixth Form facilities, meet our amazing staff and find out about the incredible opportunities on offer. If you would like to find out more, visit our [Sixth Form website](#) where you will also find the application form. The deadline for applications is Monday 2 November. Well done also to Thomas Keddlity who was the winner of the £50 Amazon voucher on the evening.



Our new Year 12 Chemistry students are continuing the tuberculosis drug discovery project with Durham and Newcastle University after its huge success last year. They have designed potential molecules using computer-aided design and tested their ability to dock with the target protein, spending time in the Chemistry labs at Durham University synthesising these molecules ready for further analysis. They are investigating ways molecules could be used to enhance the performance of anti-tb drugs and boost existing drug therapies to go beyond the initial Impact found during last year's project. You can find out more about the project [here](#).



The Year 11 football team played their first game of the season against St Aidan's C of E Academy in the County Cup on Monday.

The boys battled and showed amazing determination with the final score ending 1-1. The stalemate could not be broken in extra time, so we were forced to decide with penalties. St John's thankfully held their nerve and managed to secure the win, progressing to the next round against St Bede's RC Peterlee. Well done, boys! A special thanks also goes to our Year 11 strip sponsors, Vest Construction Ltd.

Spotlight on... Sixth Form

It's an exciting time for our Sixth Form at the moment. Not only are we in the Top 5 Sixth Forms for results in County Durham, we have brand new facilities including our wonderful new Sixth Form LRC, exciting international trips such as Boston, Iceland and Peru and a wide range of enrichment opportunities including:

- Sports Leadership Level 3
- Duke of Edinburgh Gold
- LSA Scheme
- Aspiring Teachers programme
- Sporting clubs and Performing Arts opportunities
- Lifeguard schemes
- Work Experience
- Charity Fundraising
- Cafod Young Leaders



It was wonderful to showcase everything about our Sixth Form at our Open Evening last week and to welcome so many prospective Sixth Formers through the door. The deadline for applications is 2 November and the application form can be found [here](#).

Why Choose St John's Sixth Form?

- ✦ Teachers who go "above and beyond" to support
- ✦ A nurturing, caring environment where all students are known by name and guided in their journey
- ✦ A four-day timetable (Monday-Thursday) with wider qualifications, work experience, university visits and bespoke intervention taking place on Fridays
- ✦ An extensive enrichment programme
- ✦ Above national average outcomes and achievement
- ✦ Top 5 institution in County Durham for results
- ✦ Leadership opportunities, including Sports Leaders and Aspiring Teachers
- ✦ Fantastic international opportunities, including Project Peru and Turing Scheme visits



On Thursday, we supported the National Literacy Trust and the British Council trying to set a new GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS™ title for the most people reading online in 12 hours. The record attempt was part of the

Take 10 to Read campaign in the National Year of Reading 2026, with the message: whatever you're into, take 10 to read into it. Students across school took part in this worldwide attempt, not just in the LRC, but in various lessons from Maths to History. We registered over 400 students taking part and look forward to hearing if the World Record attempt was successful!



COMING UP THIS WEEK

Monday 12- Year 7 Author Visit. All of Year 7 will be meeting author Helen Rutter and will have the chance to have their copy of The Game Changers signed by her.

Wednesday 14- Year 13 Parent Information Evening. We look forward to welcoming Year 13 students and their parents/carers into school to receive key information regarding their final crucial year at St John's and how best to support students during exams. Refreshments from 5.15pm, presentation at 5.30pm.

Advanced Notice- Year 7 Meet the Tutor- Tuesday 3 November, 3:30 - 5pm.

This will be an **online event** and the opportunity to have a short appointment with your child's tutor to find out how they have settled in to St John's and ask any questions. Appointments will open up on SchoolCloud on Tuesday, 20 October. Year 7 parents will receive an email in the coming week to register for SchoolCloud.

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

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Virtues

April G 135 - Confidence and Responsibility (HTH)
Tommy-Lee C 90- Responsibility (RBE)
Ellie-Rose S 9J (SBH)
Katie G 9J (SBH)
Summer R 10R- Resilience (JDU)
Year 13 Law - Responsibility and Confidence (DLA)
Molly C 12T Confidence and Responsibility (EST)
Hannah M 12T Confidence and Responsibility (EST)
Harrison M 11M Responsibility and Resilience (EST)
Finbar H 11R Responsibility and Resilience (EST)
Jacob D 11J Responsibility and Resilience (EST)
Tilly W 11R Responsibility and Resilience (EST)
Ellie S 12S Resilience and Confidence (HBA)
Megan M 12S Resilience and Confidence (HBA)
Hannah S 12S Resilience and Confidence (HBA)
Niko F 80 - Justice (DLA)

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

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Year 7

Astrid H 7J (CMC)
Archie S 7J (CMC & DDE)
Noah F 7O (EFA)
Abigail H 7O (EFA)
Martha L 7M (EFA)
Edwin M 7J (EFA)
Sonia K 7N (HHA)
Florence H 7A (SGO)
Emmie C 7A (SGO)
Miles G 7A (SGO)
Bailey K 7A (SGO)
Cash C 7A (SGO)
Kaiden H 7A (SGO)
Ada W 7M (SJO)
Lev B 7M (SJO)
Summer H 7A (IAI)
Jameliah-Rose A 7J (SCO)
Danielle S 7O (SCO)
Hugh S 7J (SCO)
Ellie H 7N (SCO)
Georgia B 7O (SCO)
Billie-Catherine L 7N (SCO)
Will M 7J (SCO)
Jodie M 7J (RMO)
Ellie F 7O (RMO)
Caleb T 7N (IAI)
Olivia M 7O (DDE)
Angel A 7O (DDE)
Katie W 7A (DDE)
Justin F 7A (DDE)
Rivah CN 7N (DDE)
Martha L 7N (DDE)
Ayla A 7Y (HRO)
Sienna L 7Y (HRO)
Stephanie K 7Y (MJE)
Rivah O 7N (LCU)
Orlah-Mae B 7Y (LCU)
Elliott C 7N (LCU)
Beatrice B 7N (LCU & NRO & HHA)
Nova K 7Y (JHL)
Robert C 7Y (JHL)

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Year 8

Mila L 8H (IAI)
Freddie S 8O (IAI)
Eddie D 8N (PRO)
Niko F 8O (PRO)
Dinny A 8M (PRO)
Ada A 8N (PRO)
Destiny W 8H (PRO)
Isabel B 8N (PRO)
Archie R 8H (CMC)
Macy H 8Y (HRO)
Joseph H 8Y (HRO)
Archie P 8M (HHA & SLO)
Amalie W 8M (HHA)
Sofia H 8M (HHA)
Jimmy-Joe Y 8M (HHA)
Jack C 8M (HHA)
Richie M 8M (HHA)
Jonathan B 8N (EFA)
Connie A 8R (AWR)
Luca C 8R (AWR)
Brayden N 8R (AWR)
Adhi L 8A (AWR)
Rose D 8N (DHA)
Poppy H 8H (DHA)
Leo R 8J (DHA)
Shelby T 8O (DHA)
Jack R 8A (CMA)
Oliver C 8A (CMA)
Joseph H 8J (COS)
Francesca H 8J (LCU)
Esme U 8M (LCU)
Amelia D 8A (LCU)
Martha B 8H (LCU)
Thomas-Henry H 8R (LCU)
Ada A 8N (JHL)
Jake H 8N (JHL)
Isabel B 8N (JHL)
Jonathan B 8N (JHL)
Michael R 8H (SCO)
Jessica D 8A (SCO)
Lotti P 8R (SCO)
Athens A 8J (RMO)
Grace C 8H (RMO)
Ethan W 8M (NHI)
Esmee U 8M (NHI & SLO)
Aurora P 8A (NHI)
Carlenna-Rose T 8Y (NHI)
Lily B 8O (ELH & RMO)
Ellie H 8M (SLO)
Evie P 8N (CLJ)

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Year 9

Gabriel M 9M (ASP)
Daniel K 9O (ASP)
Luke D 9Y (ASP)
Lexi-May C 9Y (IAI)
Liam W 9Y (IAI)
Verity D 9M (CMC)
Evan C 9R (HHA)
Lawrence J 9O (HHA)
Thea P 9O (HHA)
Heldi R 9O (HHA)
Elliott M 9M (HHA)
Arabelle A 9Y (HHA)
Francesca S 9O (EMU)
Aimee H 9O (EMU)
Finley H 9O (CHA)
Beal Q 9A (CHA)
Daniel K 9O (DDE)
Savannah B 9O (DDE)
Matthew B 9Y (DDE)
Henry B 9Y (DDE)
Tommy S 9N (DDE)
Imogen O 9N (DDE & AHA)
Guru S 9A (DHA)
Thomas P 9A (DHA)
Belle D 9A (CMA)
Freya V 9A (CMA)
Kai D 9S (CMA)
Matthew B 9Y (COS)
Harrison B 9M (NHI)
Jenson C 9J (NHI)
Luke T 9O (MHA)
Hannah L 9Y (MHA)
Ella S 9N (MHA)
Belle D 9A (LCU)
Beau W 9O (LCU)
Beau W 9O (LWI)
Issac O 9R (LWI)
Riley R 9J (ELH)
Evelyn K 9M (HHA)
Gabby G 9A (EST)
Clayton N 9N (EST)
Ethan-James O 9R (SCO)
Yara J 9R (RMO)
Bailee H 9M (RMO)
Thomas D 9O (HBA)

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Year 10

Jacob M 10H (IAI)
Noah G 10H (IAI & NRO)
Neave W 10Y (PRO)
Isa C 10R (RMO)
Christina J 10N (CLJ)
Julia B 10R (CLJ)
Grace N 10M (CMC)
Harry M 10J (CMC)
Lucy C 10M (SLO)
Rebecca A 10Y (SGO)
Holly H 10R (SGO)
Cobie G 10J (SGO)
Harry M 10J (SGO)
Kael-S W 10J (SGO)
Sara M 10J (SGO & SGO)
Pippa H 10R (HRO)
Indi B 10Y (HRO & SGO)
Kelly C 10Y (HRO)
Olivia B 10Y (SGO & SLO & LHA & RMO)
Tom S 10A (JHL)
Riley T 10M (JHL)
Mollie S 10R (JHL)
Neave W 10Y (JHL)
Chloe C 10N (SCO)
Edie-Grace C 10H (SCO)
Nieve O 10J (SCO & NRO)
Dola O 10H (SCO)
Summer B 10H (HBA)
Constance C 10N (HBA)
Lewis B 10N (EST)
Aimee R 10Y (EST)
Emily E 10A (LHA)
Shay M 10M (LHA)
Poppy S 10Y (LHA)
Eva M 10R (LHA)
Melissa B 10Y (LHA)
Lucy D 10M (EMU)
Imogen K 10N (NRO)
Sally B 10Y (NRO)
Olivia B 10J (NRO)
Queenmercy A 10N (NRO)
Noah H 10A (LHA)
Nancy T 10R (LHA & ELH)
Abigail H 10R (LHA & ELH)
Daniel S 10R (LHA)
Jack B 10A (LHA)
Joe M 10M (LHA & JHL)
Ellie M 10M (LHA)
Rhys L 10Y (LHA & PRO)
Christie B 10Y (LHA & PRO)
Riley H 10M (LHA)
Sophia A 10A (LHA)
Ellie R 10M (LHA & CHA)
Melissa B 10Y (LHA)
Tom C 10A (LHA)
Ollie A 10Y (LHA & AHA)
Edie-Rose C 10Y (LHA)
Finley G 10A (LHA)
Harriet S 10R (LHA)

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Year 11

Chloe B 11Y (CMC)
Leon B 11M (CMC)
Alex P 11Y (CMC & JKE)
Charlie G 11A (CMC)
Oscar B 11Y (PRO)
Milly H 11M (PRO)
Madison R 11Y (PRO)
Graham W 11R (AWR)
Lacey M 11J (AWR & LDV)
Ella G 11J (AWR)
Karl O 11N (LDV)
Phoebe W 11O (LDV)
Nathan A 11J (LDV)
Elsie B 11O (LDV)
Maya W 11J (ELH)
George J 11J (NHI)
Sienna T 11A (NHI & EST)
Michelle E 11Y (CLJ & DDE)
Brooke W 11M (AWR & EST & AHA)
Tania A-M 11N (LHA)
Trevor B 11J (LHA)
Noah B-R 11N (LHA)
Harley B 11J (LHA)
Yu Q C 11N (LHA)
Evangeline E 11J (LHA)
Grace L 11O (LHA)
Joel H 11J (LHA)
Samuel J 11O (LHA)
Jessica M 11N (LHA)
Destin M 11R (LHA)
Anna R 11M (LHA & AHA)
Tilly-Mary Y 11J (LHA & ELH)
Mina S-E 11J (LHA & AWR)
Macey A 11J (LHA & AWR)
Bradley B 11J (LDV)
Thomas K 11R (EST)
Nathan K 11M (EST)
Grace C 11N (NRO)
Aiden G 11O (LBT & RBE)
Sophie H 11J (LBT & RBE)
Molly N 11R (LBT)
David J 11J (SGO)
Sophie T 11N (SGO)
Amelia D 11M (SGO)
Aimee S 11Y (DDE)
Rose L 11M (DDE)
Isabella E 11A (JKE & AHA)
Ewan R 11M (JKE)
Jake O 11Y (JKE)
Jessica A 11A (JKE)
Sophie B 11A (JKE)
Connor A 11Y (JKE)
Ryan D 11A (SLO)
Tilly W 11R (LHA)
Jessica B 11Y (LHA & EST)
Tejassvi S 11A (SLO & EST)
Anna A 11M (NHI)
Tia-Rose S 11J (NRO)
Olivia S 11J (NRO)
Rishon T 11O (AHA & NHI & NRO)
Bokani N 11R (AHA & EST)
Alex M 11A (LHA)
Lennox H 11Y (LHA & SGO & RMO)
Mollie W 11M (LHA & EST)
Yi Tao Z 11Y (LHA & JKE & EMU)
Jenson S 11 A (LHA)
Georgia C 11R (LHA)
Max A 11M (LHA & JKE)
Leah W 11A (LHA)
Megan P 11Y (LHA)
Thalia A 11Y (LHA & NHI & CHA)
Kate T 11Y (LHA & NHI)
Sophia C 11R (LHA)
Robbie K 11M (LHA)
Eve M 11Y (LHA)
Matthew W 11R (LHA & EST)
Holly D 11A (DHA & LDV)
Iyla S 11J (AHA & NHI)
Tia-Rose S 11J (AHA & EST)
Rishon T 11O (AHA & NHI & NRO)

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Year 12

Seb G 12S (HHA)
George E 12S (HHA)
Paige A 12T (LBT)
Zuzanna P 12T (LBT)
Chloe D 12T (LBT & SBH)
Nicole S 12S (LBT)
Cohen R 12J (LBT)
Zuzanna W 12T (DDE)
Isabelle K 12S (DHA)
Hannah B 12T (COS & NRO)
Zoe A 12S (EST & JHL)
Molly C 12T (EST & JHL)
Hannah M 12T (EST & JHL)
Ellie S 12S (EST & JHL)
Joel J 12S (SLO)
Isaac C 12T (SLO)
Sam C 12S (SLO)
Dakota H 12S (NRO)
Molly M 12T (NRO)
Sophia A (SBH)
Hassan S (CLJ)
Ben B (CLJ)
Daisy J 13S (HTH)
Emily C 13S (HTH)
Olivia F 13S (HTH)
Abi T 13T (HTH & DDE)
Anna T 13S (HTH & NPA)
Isia D 13S (HTH)
Joshua C 13S (HTH)
Jake C 13J (HTH)
Niamh C 13S (HTH)
Imogen M 13S (HTH)
Ethan R 13J (HTH)
Yulia S 13T (HTH)
Harrison S 13J (HTH)
Yasmin W 13S (NPA)
Finn H 13S (EST)
Beth K 13T (EST)
Julia W 13J (EST & JHL)
April G 13S (EST & JHL)
Joe M 13S (SLO)
Niamh T 13T (DDE)
Jaimie R 13S (LBT)
Leah R 13T (LBT)
Poppy W 13T (LBT)
Isabel W 13S (LBT)
Jess B 13T (LBT)
Ella M 13T (LBT)
Vinnle T 13J (NRO)

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Year 13

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Arbor Top Scorers Year 7

Sienna Lomax
Beatrice Barker
Stephanie Kirova
Martha Livesley
Katie Walsh
Archie Stobbs
Arun Uppal
Astrid Hope
Ellie Hutchinson

Year 8

Esmee Urch
Ada Anoke
Willow Dolan
Ella Hoyle
Katherine Jones
Joseph Hall
Richie Matthews
Alicia Waude

Year 9

Verity Devlin
Belle Devlin
Matthew Basham
Kai Dodds
Finley Haigh
Saul Keaveney
Guru Shivakumaram
Beau Wilson

Year 10

Harry Mather
Bokani Ndlovu
Melissa Bowman
Olivia Bell
Lucy Clark
Oli Kwiecien
Ellie Robinson
Sarah Morales Rosales

Year 11

Rishon Thomas
Tilly Wilson
Thailia Adams
Anyia Allen
Mina Sewell-Ellsworth
Matthew Wherry
Tilly-May Young
Jacob Dawson
Iyla Short

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Tuesday 20 October-** Year 7 Welcome Mass
- 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
- Tuesday 3 November-** Year 7 Meet the Tutor (online event, more details to follow)
- Wednesday 4 November-** Year 8 Retreat
- Wednesday 4 November-** Year 9 Info Eve
- Tuesday 17 November-** Year 9 Build my Skills Workshop
- Tuesday 8 December-** Year 11 Progress Eve
- Monday 14 December-** Christmas Celebration
- Tuesday 15 December-** Advent Liturgies

I Heard a Whisper...

Last Monday was World Teachers' Day, a day dedicated to the incredible commitment and passion of our educators. Let's take a moment to express our gratitude for all the teachers and staff in our schools who go above and beyond to inspire and empower our students every day. Thank you for your hard work, patience, and commitment to shaping the future.

Well done to last week's nominees for the difference they have made: Miss Middleton (LSA), Josh Park (Business Manager), Mrs Hogarth (Trust Director of English) and Mr Malkin (Trust Director of Maths).

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Artist of the Week



Lily Smith, 10N