



Bishop Stephen Visits

We were incredibly proud to welcome Bishop Stephen, Bishop of Hexham and Newcastle into St John's for a Trust-wide liturgy and Celebration. Bishop Stephen was involved on a Q&A session with our students and they were able to share how unique our Trust is.



Year 7 Welcome Mass

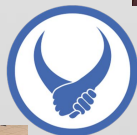
Year 7 were welcomed into the St John's community by celebrating mass with their parents and carers at St Mary's Church. Father Dennis commissioned each child, parent/carer and staff and they made a promise to support, nurture and care for our students.



In November we Remember



Retreats



Throughout the whole month of November the Remembrance Tree remained outside the main hall. Students and staff were able to pray for those who have gone before us.

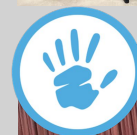
We held a Remembrance Day service at the front of school in front of our statue dedicated to Captain Richard Holloway and Mrs Holloway. Chloe from Year 13 played the last post and led us in our two minutes silence.



Students in Sixth form took part in a retreat day focusing on the theme of 'No Limits'. The day started with an inspirational speech by Stuart Myers, who shared his life story after being born with no arms. Students ended their retreat day with a sponsored walk to raise money for Teenage Cancer Trust. Year 8 students went on retreat to the Emmaus Village to explore the true meaning of Advent and the special talents God has gifted to each of them.

Diwali

Year 7 Students took part in a Hindu Dance Workshop to celebrate the festival of Diwali. They were taught 3 dance routines and learnt about the festival and Hindu traditions.





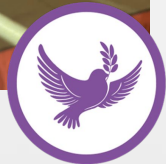
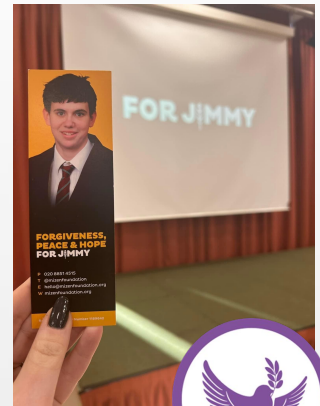
Parishioner's Christmas Lunch



We were delighted to welcome over 50 parishioners from our local area for our annual Christmas Lunch. They had a lovely two course lunch and were entertained by our wonderful students.

The Mizen Foundation

We were incredibly privileged to welcome the Mizen Foundation to talk to Years 8, 10 and 11. Their talk was incredibly powerful and inspiring about faith and forgiveness



Supporting our local community

Our amazing Welfare Team prepared gift bags and hampers for our lovely families. Students and staff donated toys and gifts for the Angel Trust and Jessica, a former pupil donated gifts to support local families.

Advent Liturgies



All Year groups gathered together for an Advent Liturgy led by the school Chaplain, Emma. Students had time to reflect and pray about the upcoming birth of Jesus. Students led them in reflections and hymns.



Student Spotlight

Emma is currently taking part in the Pope John Paul II award. Within her local parish she has supported children in the preparation for First Holy Communion and led Stations of the Cross. She recently took part in an Interfaith Prayer Vigil at Derwentside to pray with for and raise awareness for refugees.

Emma Maguire 13H

