ST JOHN'S WEEKLY NEWS

A Learning Community guided by Gospel Values

10 OCTOBER 2022 Week B



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A WORD FROM LISA BYRON, HEADTEACHER

Here at St John's we are extremely appreciative of our wonderful community of parents, carers, students, staff, parishioners and local residents. Whilst CAFOD focuses on helping those oversees in need of support, we feel it is equally important to help those closest to us and in our local area. We are therefore incredibly grateful for all the support offered from our community in the way of uniform donations, old books and equipment, monetary contributions and food bank donations. Thank you, everyone!



LAST WEEK'S EVENTS

On Monday and Tuesday, Years 9 and 10 each had a day's experience with the charity Prison Me No Way, focused on making positive choices, staying safe and avoiding crime. Students got to step inside a prison cell and hear from a current prisoner about the stark realities of life in prison, as well as learning about ways to be safe in today's society. It was a fantastic experience and one we're sure our students will remember.

Well done to our Netball team who played against King James on Monday. Our Year 9 team won 19-2 and our Year 10/11 team won 24-6! A fantastic achievement and display of team work and self-belief. Our Year 10 boys also had an impressive football win against Outwood Academy, Normanby on Thursday claiming an 11-0 victory!



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COMING UP THIS WEEK

- ☐ Tuesday 11, 10.30am- Year 7 Welcome Mass. This is a wonderful opportunity to officially welcome our Year 7 students into our school community. Parents are welcome to attend and arrive from 10.20am, and refreshments will be served at the end of Mass.
- ☐ Tuesday 11- Selected students from Years 8, 9, 10 and 11 are participating in a Cross Country event at Barnard Castle School. Students who are attending can come to school in their full PE kit and should bring a packed lunch. Good luck to all involved.
- ☐ Tuesday 11- The Year 9 and Year 10/11 Netball teams have a fixture at home to Sedgefield.
- ☐ Thursday 13. 5.30-7.30pm- Sixth Form Open Evening. Year 11 students, both current St John's students and those from elsewhere, are warmly invited to our Open Evening to learn about the fantastic courses and opportunities on offer in Sixth Form.
- ☐ Thursday 13- A selection of our Music and Performing Arts students are attending Carmel College for a special performance evening dedicated to former Trust CEO, Dame Maura Regan.
- All week- Reward Assemblies are taking place all week to celebrate the fantastic achievements of students from last academic year, with subject nominations from each department.





Due to the success of our Pre-loved Uniform Shop, this is a service we will now be offering on the **last Monday of each month**. Uniform will be available from the Sixth Form Bistro, with entrance to school via the Sixth Form entrance. If the last Monday of the month falls on a holiday, the shop will take place the week before or after, Please see below for our dates for the remainder of this academic year. The shop will run from 3.15-5pm on these days.: 31 October, 28 November, 30 January, 27 February,

27 March, 24 April, 22 May (29 is a Bank Holiday), 26 June.

PE Shoe Swap! We have had over 20 students donate or trade their old PE footwear that they have outgrown. The PE Department would like to encourage even more students to consider swapping their footwear that no longer fits instead of buying new. Speak to your PE teacher for more information.

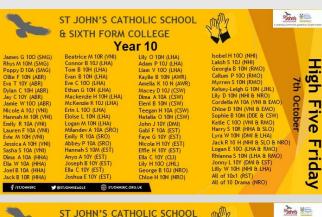
We are continuing to accept foodbank donations for Woodhouse Close Community Centre until Friday. Thank you for all your kind donations so far.

LAST WEEK'S ACHIEVEMENTS





















DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- ☐ Friday 21 October- School closed to students due to Staff Inset Day
- ☐ Friday 21-Sunday 30 October Half Term. School reopens Monday 31
- Monday 31 October- Friday 11 November-Year 11 Mock Exams
- Wednesday 16-Friday 18 November-Year 7 Retreat
- Thursday 1 December- Year 11 Progress Evening



LRC BOOK OF THE WEEK

A Medal for Leroy, Michael Morpurgo

Inspired by the true story of Walter Tull, the first black officer in the British army. Michael doesn't remember his father, an RAF pilot lost in the war. And his French mother, heartbroken and passionate, doesn't like to talk about her husband. But then Auntie Snowdrop gives Michael a medal, followed by a photograph, which begin to reveal a hidden history. A powerful story of love, loss and identity.











