ST JOHN'S WEEKLY NEWS

A Learning Community guided by Gospel Values

17 OCTOBER 2022 WEEK A





This week has been all about celebrating the achievements of our students. Our Rewards Assemblies showcased the fantastic work and effort of our students last academic year, as well as awarding Sports Awards and Pastoral Awards for contributions to the life of St John's.. It was lovely to see so many students being recognised for their efforts. Well done one and all! We also got the chance to celebrate our Year 7 students in their Welcome Mass, a fantastic community event. Finally, numerous sporting and music events have taken place this week which once again highlight the amazing talents of our students. I feel extremely proud of our Learning Community and all of the achievements and successes within it.



LAST WEEK'S EVENTS

On Tuesday, students from Years 8-11 took part in a Cross Country event in Barnard Castle. All students were fantastic and seven students were even selected to





represent the district. Our Sixth Form Open Evening was held on Thursday evening and was a huge success. Many thanks to all students, parents, carers and family members who attended, and to our staff and current Sixth Formers for talking so passionately about the courses and opportunities on offer. Applications can be completed via our website between now and November 1.



On Tuesday we celebrated our Year 7 Welcome Mass, with over 100 parents, carers and family members in attendance. Our choir provided the wonderful singing, whilst Jonny Li played piano beautifully during Communion. It was amazing to be able to welcome our Year 7 students officially into our Learning Community, and we congratulate them on their superb behaviour throughout Mass, as well as saying a huge well done to all who read, greeted and took part in the offertory.

On Thursday evening, our talented Senior Brass Ensemble and 11 singers dazzled the audience at an evening of music to celebrate the retirement of our former Trust CEO, Dame Maura Reagan, for which they received high praise from across the Trust. We are so proud of the achievements of all of our musicians, but a special mention must go to Year 10 student Isobel Hall, who is taking to the stage of the Royal Albert Hall on Saturday as percussionist for Easington Colliery Band, as they compete in the top tier of the National Brass Band Finals. Wishing you lots of luck, Isobel!



October

COMING UP THIS

- Tuesday 18- Year 11 students will be receiving a talk during Pastoral from an external speaker focused on exam skills, revision and stress management
- Wednesday 19- Students in Years 7-11 will be attending a one hour music performance from a duo called He Knows, She Knows focused on mental health and discrimination. Sixth Form students are able to attend when they have study periods if they wish.
- Thursday 20- The Netball team have a fixture away to Whitworth Park School. The squad list will be displayed in the Dining Room this week as only limited numbers are able to attend.
- Friday 21- Staff Inset Day- school is closed to students.
- Friday 21-Sunday 30- Half Term. School will reopen on Monday 31

Tickets are still available for our Project Kenya Quiz Night on **Friday** November 18 and are available from Main Reception.



Our next monthly Pre-loved Uniform sale is taking place on Monday 31 October between 3.15 and 5pm. Entrance to school is via Sixth Form.

Many thanks to all who have donated to our Food Bank collection so far. Due to popularity and

demand, we will continue to collect any items until Thursday 20.



LAST WEEK'S ACHIEVEMENTS









DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

☐ Friday 21 October- School closed to students due to Staff Inset Day

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- ☐ Friday 21-Sunday 30 October Half Term. School reopens Monday 31
- ☐ Monday 31 October-Pre-Loved Uniform Shop, 3.15-5pm
- ☐ Monday 31 October-Year 11 Mocks begin
- □ Thursday December 1-Year 11 Progress Evening



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LRC BOOK OF THE WEEK

Finding a Voice, Kim Hood

Jo's life feels like a precarious balancing act, walking the tightrope of her mother's fragile mental health. Struggling to maintain a facade of normality, she knows that the tiniest slip can send things spiralling out of control at home. Meanwhile at school, her atypical home life has not gone unnoticed. Then she meets Chris, a disabled and nonverbal teenager in the school's special education wing. In him she finds a friend she feels she can really talk to and a vital outlet.







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