ST JOHN'S WEEKLY NEWS

A Learning Community guided by Gospel Values

31 OCTOBER 2022 WEEK B





LAST WEEK'S EVENTS

On Wednesday 19 October we welcomed the music duo He Knows She Knows into school to perform and talk to our students. Each year group spent a lesson with the pair who performed some well known songs to get our students singing and dancing along to increase their endorphins, something proven to help



with our wellbeing. They then followed this by talking about ways to improve our mental health, become more resilient and be kinder to ourselves and each other. A hugely enjoyable and informative day!

A WORD FROM LISA BYRON, 🧷 HEADTEACHER



We hope all of our students, parents, carers and staff had a restful and enjoyable half term break. Our first half term of this academic year was a busy one, filled with so much progress and success, and I'm sure the next seven and a half weeks will be no different. As we prepare to enter the month of November, we will be focusing on remembering those close to us who we have lost. We encourage all of our students to get involved with our weekly Thoughtful Thursday for this half term and hang a leaf from our Remembrance Tree.

Finally, I would like to personally wish our Year 11 students luck as they begin their mock exams; I am extremely proud of the hard work and commitment they have shown to their studies and revision so far.

On Thursday 20, the Year 10 and 11 Netball team achieved a fantastic 24-1 victory against Whitworth Park School, whilst the Year 9 team were also successful with a 9-7 win. Well done especially to Myrren Stevens and Jess Berriman who were each named Player of the Match.

Last week we delivered all of the donations we had received from our students, families, staff and members of our community to the Woodhouse Close Community Centre for their Foodbank. They were incredibly grateful for the generous donation from St John's and we would like to





thank everyone who contributed in any way to this important cause.

COMING UP THIS WEEK

- Our Year 11 students begin their mock exams this week, starting with their core subjects. Students should congregate in the Dining Room each morning as normal and will be escorted to the Sports Hall for their morning exam. For afternoon exams, students should arrive at the Sports Hall from 12.55pm for a 1pm start. We wish all of our Year 11 students lots of luck for the next two weeks of mock exams.
- Monday 31 October- Our next Pre-loved Uniform Shop is taking place from 3.15-5pm. Uniform will be available from the Sixth Form Bistro, with entrance to school via the Sixth Form entrance. A reminder that the Pre-loved Uniform Shop will take place on the last Monday of each month.
- Tuesday 1 November- We will be celebrating the Feast of All Saints with a Liturgy during Registration where we will pray for all the Saints in Heaven who devoted their lives to Jesus.
- Wednesday 2 November- We will then be celebrating the Feast of All Souls, where we remember all those we have lost. To commemorate this, students will be given the opportunity to write a Leaf of Remembrance to hang from our Remembrance Tree outside of the Main Hall. The tree will remain in place throughout the month of November for our 'Thoughtful Thursday' and Remembrance focus.

REMINDERS





LAST WEEK'S ACHIEVEMENTS



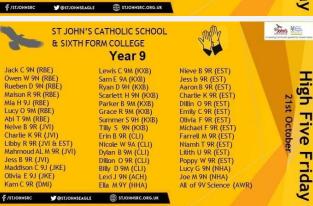


















DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- □ 16-18 November- Year 7 Residential Retreat
- ☐ Friday 25 November- Disaggregated Inset Day- school closed
- ☐ Wednesday 30 November- Understanding Autism Information Session for parents and carers, 4-5.30pm
- ☐ Thursday 1 December- Year 11 Progress
- □ Wednesday 7 December- SEND Coffee Morning, 10-11.30am



BOOK OF THE

My Swordhand is Singing, Marcus Sedgwick

Woodcutters Peter and his father Tomas arrive in the lonely village of Chust. Peter doesn't understand why his father carries a long wooden box around with him, or why he has dug a deep ditch around their hut. But he is increasingly aware of My Swordhand malevolence about the place: menacing shadows, villagers missing and people murdered only to reappear.

Set in the seventeenth century and

inspired by vampire folklore, this is a dark and menacing tale.









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