ST JOHN'S WEEKLY NEWS

A Learning Community guided by Gospel Values

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A WORD FROM LISA BYRON, HEADTEACHER

"As long as there is love and memory, there is no true loss."

November is the month of remembrance, and we are aiming to do all we can as a community to focus on those we have lost. Our Remembrance Tree is a beautiful feature currently within our entrance foyer, and serves as a way for our staff and students to hold lost loved ones in their thoughts and prayers. Next week will also give us the opportunity to remember those who have lost their lives in war and there is already a wonderful display of students' prayers in Main Reception to commemorate Remembrance Day.

A special mention this week also goes to Isobel Hall in 100 who performed as part of the Easington Colliery Band at the Royal Albert Hall before half term. Isobel is a huge part of the musical life of St John's, and this is a fantastic achievement for her! Finally, I would like to commend our Year 11 students on their excellent behaviour and dedication throughout their first week of mock exams- keep up the good work!

LAST WEEK'S EVENTS



On Thursday, seven Year 8 students attended the Future Business Magnates (FBM) competition launch a Durham Riverside Stadium. This is the eighteenth time the competition has taken place in County Durham.



St John's will be competing against 12 other schools across six challenges throughout the school year. We will keep you posted of our progress through the competition.

On Wednesday, four Year 12 students travelled to Poland to visit the Auschwitz-Birkenau Memorial and Museum and the town of Oświęcim as part of the Lessons from Auschwitz project.

It was an emotional and eye opening day that ended with a candlelight reflection. Next week they will also have chance to speak to a Holocaust survivor. We look forward to the students sharing their experiences with the school in their Next Steps project.



On Friday, a group of our students took part in the District Athletics Competition at Bishop Barrington School. They all performed superbly, with our Year 7 boys coming in third, our Year 8 girls scooping second and our Year 8 boys winning first place. Well done all!









COMING UP THIS WEEK

November

- Year 11 will be continuing with their mock exams all week in their option subjects.
- **Wednesday 9** GCSE and A Level Drama students are attending a performance of An Inspector Calls at Newcastle Theatre Royal. They will be leaving school at 6.15pm.
- Thursday 10- A selection of current and former staff are gathering for a memorial service to remember our dear colleague and friend Mrs Jaquie Holloway who was a teacher and then Arts Co-ordinator at St John's for many years. Mrs Holloway's legacy is evident in the artwork and sculptures around school and in Main Reception. Some of our Performing Arts students and Choir members will be performing at this event to celebrate Mrs Holloway's life.
- Friday 11- We will be holding a Remembrance Day Service within school to commemorate this important date and the whole school will have a minute's silence at 11am.

Please can any outstanding Data Collection Forms please be returned to school as soon as possible. It is important we have accurate and up to date contact information for all students.



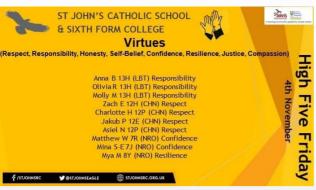
REMINDERS

Poppies and poppy accessories are on sale at Student Reception for students to buy at break and lunchtime in order to raise money for the British Legion.

Our next monthly Pre-loved Uniform Shop is taking place on Monday 28 November between 3.15 and 5pm. Entrance to school is via Sixth Form and uniform will be available in our Sixth Form Bistro. We are always grateful for any donations of pre-loved uniform in good condition to be able to support our families. Many thanks.

LAST WEEK'S ACHIEVEMENTS





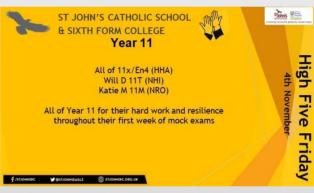
















DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- ☐ 16-18 November- Year 7 Residential Retreat
- ☐ Friday 25 November- Disaggregated Inset Dayschool closed
- Wednesday 30 November- Understanding Autism Information Session for parents and carers,
- ☐ Thursday 1 December- Year 11 Progress Evening
- Wednesday 7 December- SEND Coffee Morning, 10-11.30am
- Thursday 15 December- Christmas Concert, 6pm



LRC BOOK OF THE WEEK

Breathe, Karen Moncrieffe

Nicole has a secret she is hiding from everyone. She suffers from anxiety. To her boyfriend Alex, she appears calm. But Nicole begins to find it impossible to keep her feelings hidden. She is faced with a choice reveal her secret or lose Alex.











