ST JOHN'S WEEKLY NEWS

A Learning Community guided by Gospel Values

13 FEBRUARY 2023 Week B

LAST WEEK'S EVENTS



Thursday evening saw students from GCSE and A Level Drama and A Level History visit Stockton Globe Theatre for a performance of Six the Musical, all about the wives of Henry VIII.

The show was absolutely fantastic and the students (and staff) had a wonderful time and, as always, were superb ambassadors for St John's.

On Thursday we also held our callback auditions for The Addams Family. The standard this year was the best it has ever been and Mrs Rose, Miss Bell and Miss Aisbitt had a really tough decision on their hands. We look forward to all of the cast being together on Thursday for our first rehearsal and to sharing out official cast list and first cast photo with you then.

This week we had fantastic attendance and contributions to some of our extra-curricular activities. The Duke of Edinburgh group braved the winds on Wednesday to practise putting up tents, and over 50 students got involved with the various PE clubs on offer, including Gymnastics, Girls' Football and Badminton.

February



A WORD FROM LISA BYRON. HEADTEACHER

As we come to the end of our first half term of 2023, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all members of our learning community for their continued support and efforts. Our students continue to work hard and amaze us every day with their commitment and talents, demonstrated perfectly in their achievements both in and out of the classroom. It is wonderful to be able to share so much student success each week through High Five nominations, extra-curricular contributions and individual success stories. This week's newsletter alone is filled with many of the opportunities and activities they have got involved with, giving themselves the chance to learn new skills, make friends and be part of something special. And, of course, none of these would be possible without the hard work of our staff who enable students to shine on a daily basis and you, our parents and carers, who support and encourage them to be the best that they can be. I hope everyone has a restful and enjoyable half term break.

A special congratulations this week to two students on their Music achievements: Isobel Hall in Year 10 received Merit in Grade 6 Trombone and Chloe Dodd in Year 12 achieved Distinction in her Grade 6 Cornet exam.

Well done to all of the students in our Year 7, 8 and 9 Rugby teams who played fixtures against Durham Johnston and English Martyrs this week. There will be many more fixtures coming up after



Half Term, with tournaments for every year group and Girls' Rugby too.

We look forward to seeing students getting involved with all of these opportunities.

COMING UP THIS WEEK

- Monday 13- Year 9 Options Drop-In, 4-6pm. Year 9 students and their parents/carers are invited to attend to find out more about the subjects on offer and speak to subject staff.
- **Tuesday 14-** If your child has a place on the Flame trip to Wembley Arena on Saturday 4 March, they need to attend a meeting at 9.10am on Tuesday in the Lecture Theatre. If your child no longer wishes to attend Flame, please contact school as a matter of urgency as we do have a waiting list.
- **Thursday 16-** A Project Kenya Bake Sale will take place during Break time and Lunch time, with items priced at 50p or £1. All proceeds will go towards Project Kenya fundraising.
- **Thursday 16-** All Addams Family cast members, including those in the Chorus, are needed for our first rehearsal, 3-4pm in the Main Hall.
- **Friday 17-** Last day of this half term. School reopens on Monday 27 February.

LAST WEEK'S ACHIEVEMENTS



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Monday 27 February- Year 11 mocks begin
- Thursday 16 March- Year 7 Progress Eve
- Monday 20 March- Year 13 mocks begin
- Thursday 23 March- Year 11 Progress Eve
- Thursday 30 March- Year 10 Progress Eve Friday 31 March- Last Day of Term before
- Easter break (school reopens Monday 17)
- Thursday 27 April- Year 8 Progress Eve
- Thursday 13 and Friday 14 July- The Addams Family the Musical, 7pm

FOCUS ON...

We have continued to receive some lovely nominations for our wonderful staff and they have been a joy to read. This week we acknowledged the fantastic work that goes on beyond the classroom in areas such as Welfare, Finance and Administration. Well done to Bernadette on

Main Reception, Susie our Parent Support Advisor and Sara our Finance Officer who all got nominated by a parent or colleague and received a sweet treat this week.



Has a member of staff at St John's gone above and beyond in their role or gone out of their way to help or support?

Please email

iheardawhisper@stjohns.bhcet.org.uk to notify us of the staff who you think deserve a special shout out and a sweet treat. Each week we will share a selection and

celebrate those members of staff.







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