ST JOHN'S WEEKLY NEWS

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27 FEBRUARY 2023 WEEK A

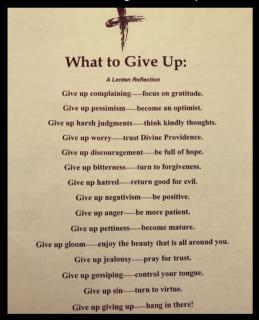




A WORD FROM LISA BYRON. HEADTEACHER

I hope you all enjoyed a restful break. As our Spring 2 term begins, so too do our Year 11 mock exams, the final set before the Summer exams begin. We know our students will put all of their hard work and revision into practice and we wish them luck with the next two weeks.

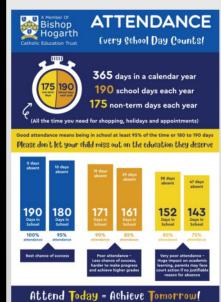
We are also now in the season of Lent. a period of time where we reflect, prepare and make commitments. For many, Lent may mean giving up something, such as chocolate, but it can also be a chance to give and do more for others. Each day, we will be sharing CAFOD's Lenten calendar with students for ideas on how they can use Lent as a time to give and help.

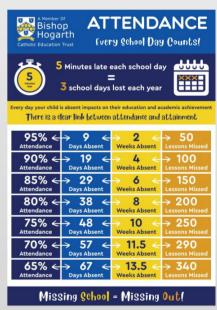


LAST WEEK'S EVENTS

On Wednesday before Half Term we welcomed the YAM team (Youth Aware of Mental Health) to deliver sessions to our Year 9 students around the topic of mental health. They explored self-help and signposting, the differences between normal low mood and depression and changes to look out for in friends. Students found the sessions helpful for understanding mental health a little better.

We have been doing a big push on attendance and punctuality within school recently, sharing students' attendance figures with them to remind them of the importance of being in school and being on time. Whilst we appreciate that illness, and therefore absence, is often unavoidable, it is important to remember that days off do add up and can often contribute to students falling behind with learning. Please see below some posters from the Trust which highlight the importance of good attendance and punctuality, and please ensure you contact school to inform us of your child's absence in the event they are too ill to be in school.





COMING UP THIS WEEK

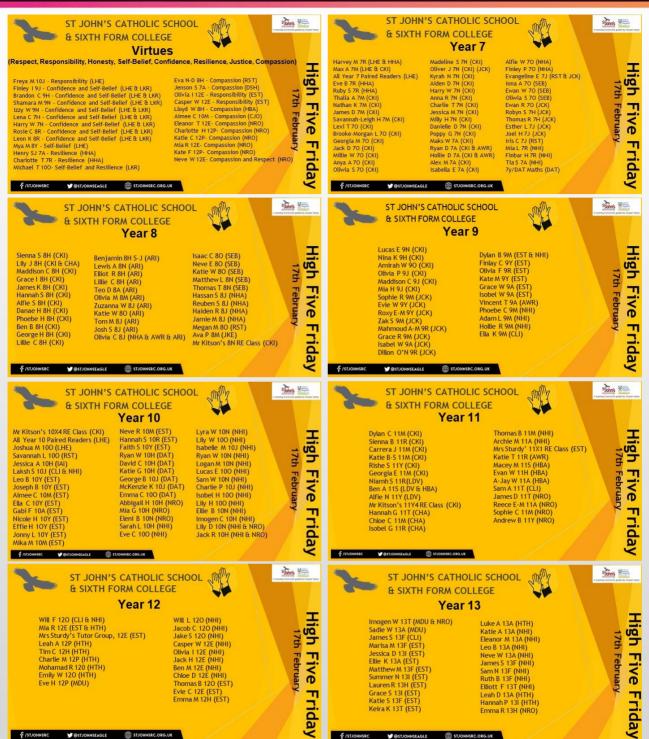


February/March

- Monday 27- Year 11 mock exams begin
- Monday 27- Pre-loved Uniform Shop, 3.15-5pm. A range of uniform items will be available for free from the Sixth Form Bistro, with entrance to school via the Sixth Form entrance. All are welcome.
- Monday 27- Auditions for The Performing Arts Prize Concert, Main Hall 3-4pm. Students should ensure they have emailed Miss Bell to book an audition slot.
- Tuesday 28- NEU Strike- School is open to Year 8, Year 11 and Year 13 students, as well as those who receive free school meals. All other students are to access lessons or work online. Please see the parent letter sent before Half Term for more details and guidance.
- Wednesday 27- Addams Family rehearsal for named characters involved in the 'When You're An Addams' opening number, 3-4pm.
- Thursday 2- Year 10 Work Experience Parent Information Evening. An in-person presentation will take place in the Lecture Theatre from 3.30-4pm. This information will then be repeated in an online presentation from 5.30-6pm. The link for this will be sent out via MyEd. A recording of the online presentation will also be made available for anyone unable to attend.
- Thursday 2- Performing Arts Rewards Trip. The Performing Arts Faculty are rewarding members of choir and MADD from Years 7-10 and 12 for their contributions to the extra-curricular life of the school with a trip to Sunderland Empire to see The Ocean at the End of the Lane. The coach will leave school at 1.10pm and return at approximately 6pm. All students should have their lunch at 12.30pm.

LAST WEEK'S ACHIEVEMENTS







DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Monday 6- National Careers Week
- Monday 20 March- Year 13 mocks begin Wednesday 22 March- The Performing

- Arts Competition Concert, 6pm
- 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...

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Once again, we have received some lovely emails to our I Heard a Whisper account and it is wonderful to see so many staff members being praised and celebrated by parents and colleagues. Most recently, we acknowledged the excellent work of our SEND team and our tutors.

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?

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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.

Well done to Mrs Hannant, Mrs Davis and Mrs Kreczak who all received a sweet treat before half term. Head over to our Facebook or Instagram pages to read their nominations.







