## ST JOHN'S WEEKLY NEWS

A Learning Community guided by Gospel Values

20 MARCH 2023 WEEK B



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## LAST WEEK'S EVENTS

7H and 8R had a fantastic day on Tuesday planting new trees such as Scots pine, birch, cherry, willow and rowan on the school site, with help from Oases North East. Students learnt that planting trees can help to improve biodiversity and can help to combat climate change by absorbing carbon dioxide from the atmosphere.





A special shoutout goes to our expert tree planters in 7H, Lee, Jacob, Harry, Ellie, Jessica and Lena, who stayed out an extra hour to help. Well done to everyone who took part!

Tuesday 14 March was World Pi Day, as the start of the number pi is 3.14 and around the world the date is written with the month first. Often represented by the lowercase Greek letter  $\pi$ , pi is one of the most well-known mathematical constants and is the ratio of a circle's circumference to its diameter. Pi is actually an irrational number (a decimal with no end and no repeating pattern). In Maths lessons this week we have held a competition for students to remember pi to as many decimal places as possible. Congratulations to the following students who all win prizes for remembering the most number of decimal places in their year groups.

Year 7- Daisy Laws - 16 decimal places

Year 8- Ava Smith - 55 decimal places

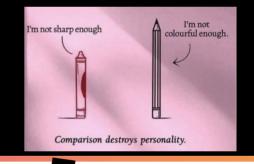
Year 9- Alexandra Zamoisa - 45 decimal places

Year 10- Ben Snowdon - 81 decimal places!

Ben is the overall school winner and receives a £15 Amazon voucher and the other winners will get a £10 Amazon voucher.

# A WORD FROM LISA BYRON. HEADTEACHER

We are now entering a crucial time of year for our Year 11 and Year 13 students, as they complete their last set of mock exams and take their final steps towards the summer exams. This week, Year 11 will receive their mock exam results and Year 13 will begin their final mock exams. It is so important that students continue to work hard and remain focused, accepting the fantastic support on offer from staff and being disciplined and motivated in their own revision. It is equally important. however, that they look after their own mental health and maintain a healthy balance between revision and free time. They should also remember that each and every one of us is unique, with our own talents and skills, and comparing ourselves to others and their achievements can have a negative impact on our confidence and self-worth.



#### **March**

## COMING UP THIS WEEK &

- Monday 20- Year 13 mock exams begin. Our thoughts and prayers are with our students.
- Wednesday 22- Jaquie Holloway Performing Arts Prize, 6pm. Tickets are still available for this event, held in memory of our former Arts Coordinator, Mrs Holloway. The evening will consist of individual performances from students competing for our top prizes in disciplines such as dance, songwriting and musical theatre, as well as ensemble performances from our choir, band and Addams Family the Musical cast. Our Year 10 GCSE Art and Photography students will also be displaying some of their work in a special exhibition, with artwork on sale in aid of Cancer Research UK.
- Thursday 23- CAFOD Soup Lunch across both lunchtimes-£1.
- ☐ Thursday 23- Year 11 Progress Evening 2. This is a valuable opportunity to discuss the final mock results and key revision and preparation steps as we move towards the GCSE exams in May. Appointments are still available to be made on School Cloud.
  - This year's Dance and Gymnastics Show will now be replaced with an in-school performance during Pastoral on Tuesday 28 March. All performers will be given 3 tickets to invite friends to watch. This is open to all year groups but all routines must be finished and shown to Mrs Widdowson or Mrs Pryer by Monday 27 March. Performances will be videoed and sent to parents on request.
    - Our Year 8 Residential Retreat takes place Wednesday 19 April Friday 21 April. If your child has a place and no longer wishes to attend, please contact school as a matter of urgency as we do have a reserve list.
- Many thanks to all who have contributed to our Food Bank collection in Main Reception. We will be accepting donations up until Friday 31 March and all donations are gratefully received.

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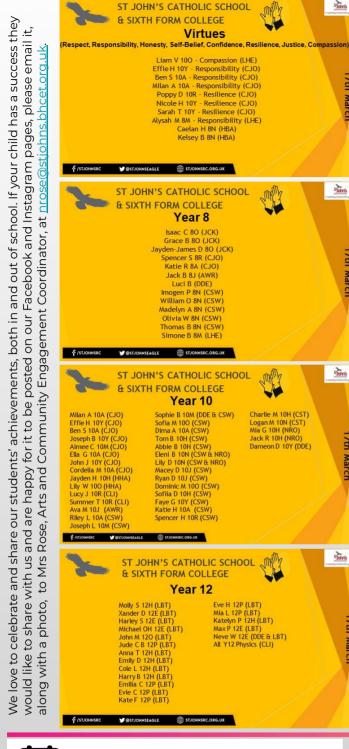
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### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Thursday 30 March- Year 10 Progress Eve Friday 31 March- Last Day of Term before Easter break (school reopens Monday 17)
- Thursday 20 April- Year 7 Progress Eve
- Thursday 27 April- Year 8 Progress Eve
- Monday 1 May- Bank Holiday Wednesday 3 and Thursday 4 May-
- Strictly St John's, 6.30pm. Monday 8 May- Bank Holiday- Coronation
- Thursday 13 and Thursday 14 July-Addams Family the Musical. Tickets will be on sale in the Summer term.

# FOCUS ON...

Once again, we have received some lovely emails acknowledging the fantastic work of our staff. Well done to Amy our Chef Manager, Mrs Nighoskar, Assistant Head of Year 9, and Mr Smith, PE, who all received a sweet treat and card with their nomination on last week.

If you would like to nominate a member of staff for going above and beyond in their role, drop us an email at iheardawhisper@stjohns.bhcet.org.uk



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?









