# ST JOHN'S WEEKLY NEWS

A Learning Community guided by Gospel Values

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### A WORD FROM LISA BYRON. HEADTEACHER

Education is not just about subjects, lessons and exams, it is about moulding young people and developing their character so that they grow up to be the best possible versions of themselves they can be. As a Learning Community Guided by Gospel Values, we take this responsibility of nurturing and guiding students very seriously and use eight Trust Virtues to help do that. Through their interactions and experiences with staff, their peers and the wider community, students exercise and develop these virtues of Justice, Compassion, Respect, Responsibility, Self-Belief, Honesty, Resilience and Confidence to contribute positively to society and live a happy and fulfilled life. As well as celebrating these through our weekly High Five Friday nominations, we wanted to share this week some extra special examples of where students have lived out these virtues.

### Resilience

Our Bronze DofE group were out on Thursday and Friday around Middleton-in-Teesdale successfully completing their final expedition. The whole group were amazing and showed lots of strength and resilience to keep going when they were tired. Well done all!



# FOCUS ON... Virtues

### **Compassion**

Monday night was the Bishop Auckland Town Council Youth Awards, and we were delighted to hear that two of our students picked up an award. Evan in Year 11 was awarded for his Contributions to Volunteering which he does for local charity, Angel





Trust and Maya in Year 7 won the Young Carer Award for the work she does in helping to care for people with disabilities. Well done to both!

On Wednesday, eight Year 8 students completed their final challenge of the FBM competition - the presentation of their idea to a panel of business experts. Since October, they have been working incredibly hard on their business idea: pencils with seeds in that you can plant once used. In this time, they have had to conduct market research,

## Confidence



create their own proto-type as well as plan the logistics of the business itself, from costings to legally protecting the idea. They were all brilliant representatives for the school and spoke with such confidence. Next Friday the team are at Beamish Hall Hotel for the celebration event, where results are announced. Good luck, all!

# Self-Belief



On Monday we celebrated our amazing Year 11 students for their Celebration Day. We were joined by many of our parents and carers at St Mary's Church for a lovely service led by Father Dennis to commemorate the final time our Year 11 students would be all together in school. This was then followed by some special awards and celebrations and treats back at school. Throughout their GCSEs, and their time at St John's, our Year 11 students have shown incredible self-belief and we are so proud of the people they have become. We wish them lots of luck in their next steps.

### COMING UP THIS WEEK

Monday 26- Year 10 mock exams start today and Year 12 mocks continue. Good luck everyone!

Monday 26- Pre-Loved Uniform Shop, 3.15-4.45pm. All are welcome- please enter via Student Reception.

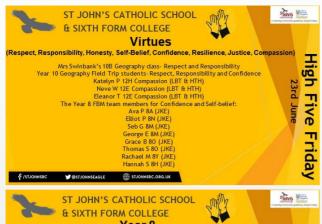
Monday 26- Thursday 29- Year 7 Geography Trip to High Force. Please ensure you have given consent for your child to attend this trip on MyEd. Students should wear their own clothes suitable for the weather conditions and footwear suitable for walking. Please bring a packed lunch and drink (free school meals will be provided). Money to buy snacks is optional. Monday- 7N & 7A, Tuesday- 7O & 7H, Wednesday- 7M & 7Y, Thursday- 7R & 7J

Thursday 29- Year 11 Leavers' Celebration. Year 11 students should meet at school at 6.15pm ready to travel to the venue together via coach. We will return to school at approximately 11.15pm for parents/carers to collect. We look forward to celebrating with our Year 11 students on what promises to be a wonderful evening.

### LAST WEEK'S ACHIEVEMENTS

















The Year 10 Intermediate Boys Athletics Team attended the regional final of the Track and Field Cup 2023 last week. They showed fantastic team spirit and outstanding individual performances, particularly from the students on field events. A special mention to Joshua M who won the 80 Hurdles and High Jump in his age category. Well done all!

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# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Monday 3 July- Year 12 Work Experience Tuesday 4 July- Year 6 Welcome Evening
- Wednesday 5- Friday 7 July- Year 9 and 10 Diocesan Summer Festival
- Thursday 6/Friday 7 July- Year 6 Induction
- Monday 10 July- Year 10 Work Experience
- Wednesday 12 July- Sports Day
- Thursday 13 and Friday 14 July- Addams Family the Musical. Tickets on sale now via Ticket Source (very limited availability)
- Tuesday 18 July- Rewards Day
- Thursday 20 July- Break up for Summer

### FOCUS ON.

This week we celebrated National Thank a Teacher Day by encouraging students and parents to send an e-card or post a thank you card to a member of Staff. There was an overwhelming amount delivered, so thanks to all who took the time to do so. Well done also to Miss Robinson,

NATIONAL THANK A **TEACHER DAY** 

THANK YO

TO ALL TEACHERS AND SUPPORT

STAFF IN SCHOOLS, COLLEGES AND

**EARLY YEARS ACROSS THE UK!** 

Head of Year 11, who received a sweet treat last week for I Heard a Whisper. Drop us an email at iheardawhisper@stjohns.bhcet.org.uk to nominate a

member of staff yourself for going above and beyond.









