# ST JOHN'S WEEKLY NEWS

A Learning Community guided by Gospel Values

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## LAST WEEK'S EVENTS

On Thursday and Friday evening we had our school production, The Addams Family the Musical. Our fantastic cast performed to two sell-out audiences and wowed everyone with their incredible acting, singing and comic timing. It was truly wonderful to see such talent on the stage and all of the hard work and dedication paying off in spookily spectacular form! Well done to all involved.



On Wednesday we held our Sports Day for Years 7-9. The sun came out for us and we had a fantastic day of fun and sporting success. Well done to Wilfrid House who were our overall winners and to all of the individual and team winners during the day. Thank you to the PE Department for their organisation and a special thank you also to Year 11 student



Michael Smith who took some incredible action shots for us which really reflect the talent and determination of the day!



On Tuesday we welcomed 150 Year 4 students from our Catholic Feeder Primary schools to take part in a Retreat Day. They took part in activities which explored The Parable of the Mustard Seed and were reminded that each act of kindness, however small, can have a great impact on the lives of those around us.



#### A WORD FROM LISA BYRON. HEADTEACHER

We have made it to the end of another busy academic year, and it is fair to say that it has flown by. We may have faced challenges along the way, but we can finally say that we have made it through to the end with a great deal of achievements and successes to show for it. And through it all we have supported each other and shown resilience, self-belief and teamwork. I am incredibly proud of all of the students and staff within our wonderful Learning Community and would like to thank our fantastic staff for working tirelessly to provide students with the experiences and opportunities you have seen shared in this newsletter each week. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you, our parents, carers, families and wider community for your support during this year.

We wish you all a wonderful Summer holiday.

Our Project Kenya team are currently on their long journey home from what has been a once in a lifetime trip for all staff and students involved. From working with some of the poorest families and building incredible relationships with the children and community of Nakuru, to seeing four of the Big Five on safari in the Masai Mara, they have made memories which they will remember forever.















### COMING UP THIS WEEK

Tuesday 18- Celebration Day and Summer Spectacular for Year 7, Cuthbert House and nominated students from each Tutor Group. Details of the day's arrangements will be shared with students during PREP. Wednesday 18-Thursday 19- Arts Trip to London. 50 students are visiting London for two days to experience the arts via a musical, theatre tour, workshop and museum visit. Students should arrive at school for 5.45am to enable us to leave promptly, and we will return at approximately 7.30pm on Thursday.

Thursday 19- Last day of term. School will finish at 1.15pm and all buses are arranged for this time. Students should attend in full school uniform.

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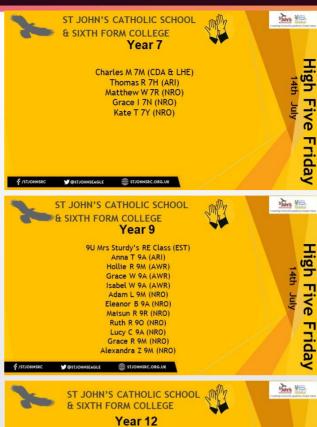
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Students in Year 7, 8 and 9 took part in the annual International Camino Inglés competition describing the pilgrimage of a historical character to Santiago de Compostela in Galicia. Incredibly, St. John's had a 1st and 2nd place entry. Kate Tomlinson won the competition receiving a Galaxy tablet and Zea Lapinskas finished 2nd winning a GoPro camera.







Well done to these Year 10 girls who successfully completed their Bronze DofE in Middleton-in-Teesdale, in spite of the changing weather!



Well done to Daisy Hall in Year 7 who placed first out of 15 competitors in a Tumbling competition earlier this month!

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- W/C Monday 7 August- Year 6 'Survival' Summer School Week 1
- ☐ Thursday 17 August- A Level Results Day, from 8am in the Main Hall
- Thursday 24 August- GCSE Results Day and Sixth Form Enrolment, from 8.30am in the Main Hall
- □ W/C Monday 29 August- Year 6 'Survival' Summer School Week 2
- ☐ Tuesday 5 September- School reopens to all students

#### FOCUS ON...

We are lucky at St John's to work with an amazing group of staff who support, encourage and champion each other on a daily basis. Last week's I Heard a Whisper nominations were all from staff who want to celebrate the hard work and dedication of their colleagues. Well done to Miss Giblin (LSA), Emma our Chaplain, Mr McIntyre (Deputy Head) and Angela our Sixth Form Bistro Catering Assistant who were all nominated by colleagues and received a sweet treat and shout-out. We only have one more week of Whispers for this academic year, so please drop us an email if there is a member of staff who you think deserves a shout-out at the end of term: iheardawhisper@stjohns.bhcet.org.

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