

ST JOHN'S WEEKLY NEWS

A Learning Community guided by Gospel Values

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WEEK A



We are delighted to share with you the fantastic results our students have achieved at both Key Stage 5 and Key Stage 4.

A Level/ Key stage 5 Results

Nearly half of all our A Level grades were A*-B.

Almost 80% of all KS5 grades were A*-C or equivalent and 100% of our students achieved A*-E. These figures are both significantly above the National Average. The vast majority of our students secured their first choice and course of university and we look forward to following their bright futures.

GCSE/ Key stage 4 Results

Almost three quarters of GCSE grades were Grade 9-4, and almost a quarter were Grade 7-9, both of which are above the National Average. We are incredibly proud of all of our students and wish them lots of luck in their next steps, whether that be Sixth Form, College, Apprenticeships, University or the world of work. See some of our individual student success stories on the next page and on our social media pages.

In the final week of term, 50 of our GCSE and A Level Drama, Music and Art students ventured to London for 24 hours of sightseeing, culture and art. The group visited Tate Modern Museum, watched an incredible performance of the musical Wicked and had a tour and workshop at The Globe Theatre. The students were impeccably behaved and had a fantastic time, a great way to end the school year!



A WORD FROM LISA BYRON, HEADTEACHER

I hope you all had a wonderful Summer and enjoyed valuable time with friends and family. We are delighted to welcome our students back to school this week ready to begin our new academic year and particularly welcome our new students joining us in Year 7 and Year 12.

This year brings some exciting changes to school, including the changes in our school day, our new Lunchtime Enrichment Programme and some recent site projects which have taken place over the Summer holiday. We now have brand new and extended student toilets in our MFL area and Dining Room which we know will make a big difference to our students.

A new school year brings with it the chance for a fresh start, to make new friends and take new opportunities, and we look forward to another year of our students aspiring for greatness and flying high.

During two weeks of the holidays, a total of 140 new Year 7 students attended our Summer School, taking part in a range of activities all centred around 'survival'. Students created historic treasure maps, built towers which could survive an earthquake, designed amazing new board games and made fabulous pieces of graffiti art. Most importantly though, they took part in team building activities, made new friends and built confidence. We look forward to welcoming them into Year 7.



COMING UP THIS WEEK

September

Tuesday 5- Back to school for all students. A reminder that congregation begins at 8.50am and students should arrive at their congregation areas before this time to ensure punctuality. A reminder also that our school day has changed for this academic year and school will now end at 3.20pm.

This year, congregation areas are:

- Year 7** Outside area between the Main Hall and the Science block (**front of school for Week 1**)
- Year 8** Grassed area next to portacabins
- Year 9** Outside swimming pool
- Year 10** Outside the Sportshall
- Year 11** Dining Room
- Sixth Form** Bistro

Our new school day also allows for an exciting new Lunchtime Enrichment Programme which will be launched with students on Tuesday. Enrichment sessions will take place in the first 25 minutes of lunchtime, allowing students plenty of time to get their lunch afterwards thanks to our new extended lunchtime. We have everything on offer from Football to Debating, Mindful Colouring to Coding and Diversity Club to Sign Language, and we look forward to our students getting involved with all of the opportunities on offer.

Tuesday 5- Photographs for Years 7, 9, 11, 12 and 13 will be taking place in the Sportshall with Phototronics. Over lunchtime there will also be an opportunity for those students in Years 8 and 10 who do not have photos on the system to have their photos taken. These photos will also be available for parents and carers to purchase.

LAST WEEK'S ACHIEVEMENTS



We love to celebrate and share our students' achievements, both in and out of school. If your child has a success they would like to share with us and are happy for it to be posted on our Facebook and Instagram pages, please email it, along with a photo, to Mrs Rose, Arts and Community Engagement Coordinator, at prose@stjohns.bhccet.org.uk.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Name: Kyrill Lebedin
Grades: A A B
Next Step: Computer Science at Durham University
"I have loved my time at St John's so much and will miss it. Everyone has been so supportive."

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Name: Lauren Reeve
Grades: A* A* A*
Next Step: Journalism, Media and Culture Studies at Newcastle University
"I will miss the teachers, my friends and the great memories I've made here."

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Name: Matthew Mellody
Grades: A* A* A* A A
Next Step: Maths and Statistics at Durham University
"The stress is over but it's all been worth it. The best part of Sixth Form has been being able to be altogether with friends."

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Name: Ellie Redmond
Grades: Distinction B B
Next Step: Paramedic Science at Sunderland University
"I will really miss the teachers- they really are the best. They are always supportive, comforting and happy even while pushing you"

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Name: Jessica Dailey
Grades: A* A* A* B
Next Step: Business and Management at Durham University
"I have learned a lot at St John's, and made a lot of friends along the way."

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Name: Charlotte Simpson
Grades: Double Merit in Health and Social Care
Next Step: Teaching Assistant Apprenticeship at Toft Hill Primary School
"7 years have flown by. I will miss the teachers, the support and the friendliness"

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Name: Eleanor Mustill
Grades: A* A* B
Next Step: Maths at Liverpool University
"The best thing about Sixth Form has been being with my friends and the amazing memories made"

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Name: Tyler Eleanor
Grades: A* C C
Next Step: Sports Journalism at Sunderland University
"The staff really helped me turn things around in Sixth Form and I became really focused on my goal. You don't realise the support you get here- they care so much."

St John's Student Success

Name: Reece Elliott-Monaghan
Results Highlights: 8 GCSEs at Grades 4 and 5
Next Step: Drama, Criminology and Business at St John's Sixth Form
"5 years have flown by and it's been mint! The teachers and support here really make me want to stay"

St John's Student Success

Name: Cory Wilson
Results Highlights: Grades 7-9 in all subjects
Next Step: Maths, Computer Science, History and Psychology at St John's Sixth Form
"I've had such good opportunities and great support so far at St John's. It's a great community to be a part of"

St John's Student Success

Name: Jasmine Scott
Results Highlights: Grades 7-9 in all subjects
Next Step: Criminology, Law and Spanish at St John's Sixth Form
"I'm over the moon with my results and never thought I'd do this well. I know all the teachers well and feel comfortable and supported here"

St John's Student Success

Name: Bodie Davison
Results Highlights: 5 grade 9s, 4 grade 8s, 1 grade 7
Next Step: Chemistry, Maths, Psychology and RE at St John's Sixth Form
"I'm really happy with my results. The atmosphere at St John's is so friendly with such supportive, friendly teachers"

St John's Student Success

Name: Katie Brooks-Shea
Results Highlights: Grades 6-9 in all subjects
Next Step: PE and Biology at St John's Sixth Form with the hope of working for England Netball in the future
"St John's is so familiar to me. I have enjoyed my 5 years here so far, so thought why not do 2 more, plus I really like all of the teachers"

St John's Student Success

Name: Skye Downie
Results Highlights: 6s and 7s in all subjects
Next Step: Gateshead Sports Academy- Uniformed Public Services and Rugby Academy
"I will really miss the people I've met at St John's. The teachers have made such a big difference and helped me to turn things around"

St John's Student Success

Name: Evan McGowan
Results Highlights: Grades 5-7 in all subjects
Next Step: Drama, English Lang/Lit and History at St John's Sixth Form
"St John's is the place I feel comfortable. The atmosphere is really nice and the staff are so approachable and friendly"

St John's Student Success

Name: Elsa Jackson
Results Highlights: Grade 8 in every subject
Next Step: English Lang/Lit, Media and Spanish at St John's Sixth Form
"I feel so comfortable at St John's and everyone is really lovely. It really is such a great community to be a part of"

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Wednesday 20 September- SEND Coffee Morning, 10-11am (details to follow)
- Friday 22 September- Year 7 Author Visit
- Tuesday 26 September- Year 10 Information Evening, 5.30pm
- Thursday 28 September- Year 6 Open Evening
- Friday 29 September- Year 12 Retreat and Sixth Form Taster
- Thursday 12 October- Sixth Form Open Evening
- Thursday 19 October- SEND Parent Info Session
- Friday 20 October- School Closed to students for INSET. Half Term begins

Here is a reminder of our new school day for this academic Year. Look out for our new Lunchtime Enrichment Programme which we'll be sharing soon.

	Years 7 and 12	Years 8, 9 and 10	Years 11 and 13
8.50 – 8.55am	Congregation	Congregation	Congregation
8.55 – 9.15am	PREP	PREP	PREP
9.15 – 10.15am	Period 1	Period 1	Period 1
10.15 – 10.30am		Break	
10.30 – 11.15am	Period 2	Period 2	Period 2
11.15 – 11.30am	Break		Break
11.30 – 12.30pm	Period 3	Period 3	Period 3
12.30 – 1.20pm	Lunch	Lunch	Period 4
1.20 – 1.30pm			
1.30 – 2.20pm	Period 4	Period 4	Lunch
2.20 – 3.20pm	Period 5	Period 5	Period 5

