ST JOHN'S WEEKLY NEWS

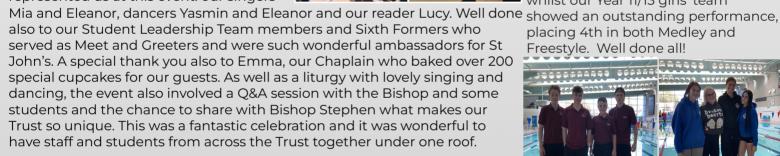
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On Thursday 19 October we held our Year 7 Welcome Mass, where we were able to formally welcome them into our St John's Community. Each child, parent/carer and member of staff were commissioned by Fr Dennis. They made the promise to support, nurture and care for our students. our school and our wider community. We look forward to supporting our students' journey throughout their time at St John's and celebrating their achievements in the vears to come. Well done to all of our Year 7 students who contributed to the mass and a special thank you to our wonderful choir who sang so beautifully and to all of the parents, carers and family members who joined us for the mass.

Before half term, we were incredibly proud to welcome Bishop Stephen, Bishop of Hexham and Newcastle, into St John's for a very special Trust-wide lituray and celebration. Staff, governors and students from across our Trust secondary and primary schools, along with clergy and parishioners from the Diocese, were also in attendance for this wonderful event. Well done to our fantastic students who represented us at this event: our singers



We were delighted to welcome Tom's Talks into school to talk to Year 10 and 11 before half term. Tom shared his personal journey, raising awareness of mental health along with methods to help improve mental wellness and most importantly recognising that it's ok not to be ok.







A WORD FROM LISA BYRON. HEADTEACHER

We hope all of our students, staff and families had a restful and enjoyable half term break. The next 8 weeks in the lead up to Christmas are busy and exciting with lots of trips, events, celebrations and festive activities. including our annual Christmas Concert. We also begin this half term with mock exams for our Year 11 students, an important step for them in preparing for their GCSE exams. We wish them lots of luck for the next two weeks and are extremely proud of the positive and proactive attitude they have shown towards their Year 11 studies so far. Welcome back, all!

Our students put on some excellent performances at the ESSA Secondary Teams Swimming Gala this month. Our Year 9/10 boys placed 6th out of 10 teams in a very close competition whilst our Year 11/13 girls' team placing 4th in both Medley and Freestyle. Well done all!



Our Year 7, 8 and 9 Rugby teams made a great start to the season last half term with competitions being played in the Cleveland Schools and District Competitions. The Year 8 and 9 continue to improve and the Year 7 team made an unbeaten start to the season. Well done, all!

COMING UP THIS WEEK

Monday 30 October- Year 11 Mock Exams begin this week, with Biology and Maths the first exams on Monday. We wish our Year 11 students lot of luck as they embark upon their next set of mock exams.

Monday 30 October- Pre-Loved Uniform Shop, 3.30-5pm. All are welcome to come along to browse and shop. Monday 30 October- Year 7 Autumn Party, 5-7pm. We hope our Year 7 students have a great time!

Wednesday 1 November- Les Miserables Auditions, 3.20-5pm. Any students wanting to audition for a main role in this year's school production of Les Miserables will need to attend these auditions, having prepared one of the four songs taught in the preparation sessions before half term. If any students are unable to attend, they will be able to audition the following week during the callback auditions instead. Please email Mrs Rose if you have any questions or are unable to make this week's auditions: nrose@stjohns.bhcet.org.uk

Friday 3 November- Lourdes Family Quiz, 6pm. Tickets still available from Main Reception, priced at £5 inclusive of pie and peas. Proceeds will go towards this year's Lourdes Pilgrimage.

LAST WEEK'S ACHIEVEMENTS









DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



- ☐ Thursday 9 November- Year 7 and 8 Sports Awards. More details to follow.
- ☐ Thursday 16 November- SEND Coffee Morning,
- Friday 24 November- Disaggregated INSET Day, school closed.
- Thursday 30 November- Year 11 Progress Eve
- Sunday 10 December- Sixth Form Dinner Dance. Tickets on MCAS.
- Monday 11 December- Year 8 Retreat
- Thursday 14 December- Year 10 Progress Eve
- Monday 18 December- Christmas Concert
- Friday 22 December- Last day of term before Christmas. School reopens for all students on Monday 8 January

I Heard a Whisper...

For the last I Heard a Whisper of the half term, we had to share more than our usual amount due to the sheer number of nominations we have received recently! In fact, there have been so many this half term that we have been unable to award them all yet. If you have sent an

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email and it hasn't yet been awarded, don't worry it will still be shared, just keep an eye out for it this half term! Well done this week to Mrs Nighoskar (Assistant Head of Year 10), Ann Siddell (First Aid Officer), Thomas Young (Learning Mentor), Mrs Gillow (English), Miss O'Hara (English), Mr Minton (Head of Computer Science) and Miss Elliott (English). iheardawhisper@stjohns.bhcet.org.uk







