## ST JOHN'S WEEKLY NEWS

A Learning Community guided by Gospel Values

13 NOVEMBER 2023 WEEK B



Last week we were lucky enough to welcome The Mercians into school who, as well as performing a mix of original and cover songs for Years 9 and 10, also spoke about important issues such as mental health, anxiety, asking for help and misogyny. The band were fantastic and were even kind enough



to take the time to chat to our students, pose for selfies and give autographs, much to the delight of their new-found fan base!

On Friday we held a Remembrance Dav service at the front of school in front of our statue dedicated to Captain Richard Holloway and Mrs Holloway. Chloe from Year 13 played



The Last Post and we were joined by our students who are cadets, scouts and guides to lead us in our service. We prayed for those whose lives have been lost to or affected by war and conflict, particularly the current conflict in Israel. We ended our service with a minute silence across the school.

Well done to all of the students who auditioned for this year's summer school production, Les Miserables. The turn-out and talent on show was amazing and it was a tough decision for Mrs Rose and Miss Liddle, but we finally have our final cast! All students, regardless of whether or not they got a main part, will be involved in the show as a member of the Ensemble. and rehearsals begin officially this week with a full cast rehearsal on Wednesday until 4.30pm.

### A WORD FROM LISA BYRON. HEADTEACHER

School is not just about an academic education, it's about nurturing students and helping them to become kind, responsible and proactive members of our local community and wider society. In school we focus on developing the whole child through our school virtues of Compassion, Respect, Responsibility, Self-Belief, Honesty, Resilience, Confidence and Justice. These virtues are evident in the events. activities and opportunities which take place every week in school and which we see so much of in this week's newsletter. We reward these virtues each week through ClassCharts points and our High Five nominations, but we are also keen to acknowledge our students who display these virtues regularly through a brand new Awards Evening planned for later this year- watch this space! Please get in touch to let us know of times when students have displayed these virtues outside of school- we love to hear them!

Congratulations to 7A who had the highest attendance in the school last week and were rewarded with cakes during Pastoral!



Year 10 are also awarding those students with 100% attendance last term and students in 10J and 10M received their treat last week. Well done to Isaac Curry, Mia Hartley, Jasmine Hughf, Will Mattison, Imogen McWilliams, Jaimee Richardson, Lexi Whitaker, Dylan Bamber, Rory Blakey, Taylor Jones Simpson and Erin Weatherill.

### TOMING UP THIS WEEK

Monday 13- GCSE Drama students are watching a performance of A is for Amy, a production by the charity Changing Relations focused on relationships, coercion and friendship. This will be followed by a workshop and the whole session will run from 1-4.30pm, therefore students will need to ensure they have transport home. Tuesday 14- Year 7 students will be taking part in a Hindu dance workshop to celebrate Diwali. They will be learning about Hindu cultures and festivals. They will be learning three Bollywood style dance routines. Wednesday 15- A selected group of Year 11 students are taking part in a Talk the Talk event, a scheme to help empower students to develop their oracy skills and boost their spoken confidence.

Thursday 16 - Our appointment system for Year 11 Progress Evening will go live at 9am on Thursday. Parents and carers will be able to make appointments via SchoolCloud, ready for Progress Evening on Thursday 30 November. This will be the perfect opportunity for teachers to provide detailed feedback on your child's progress and performance in the recent mock exams and we look forward to seeing you all there.

We are no longer using the MyEd app. Communication is now sent using the MCAP app, and student absences are also able to be reported on the app using the messages function, or by phoning school directly.

We have seen a significant improvement in student punctuality recently, which is excellent. A reminder that school begins at 8.50am when students should be at their Congregation areas. Any students who arrive to school after this time will be give a negative for lateness. If a student accrues 5 lateness negatives they will receive an after school detention. Thank you for your support in reinforcing the importance of punctuality.

### LAST WEEK'S ACHIEVEMENTS



Year 7 Top

**Achievers** Ryan-Lee B 7M

Ashlene B 7R

Lorna B 7R

Pippa H 7R

Jessica N 7H

Year 8 Top

**Achievers** 

Chloe W 8H

Artem S 8J Callum H 8A

Amelia R 8M

Damon C 8R

Year 9 Top

**Achievers** 

Molly M 9O

Robert B 9R

Eve M 9R

Terry N 9H

Eve B 90

Year 10 Top

**Achievers** 

Isaac C 10J

Jasmine H 10J

April G 10A

Jaimee R 10J

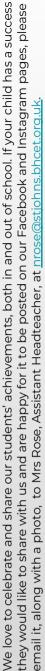
Harrison W 10Y

Year 11 Top

**Achiever** Eleni B 11N

Ella P 11J

Ezri H 110 Ollie F 11N Cordelia M 11A







### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- ☐ 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
- Friday 15 December- Careers Day
- Monday 18 December- Christmas Concert
- Friday 22 December- Last day of term before Christmas. School reopens for all students on Monday 8 January
- Monday 8 January- Year 13 mock exams
- Thursday 1 February- Year 9 Progress Eve
- Friday 9 February- Last day before Half Term

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Charlotte H 13P (LBT & NRO) Harley S 13E (LBT) Thomas B 13O (JHL & EST)

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Well done to Miss Kennedy (RE), Mrs Nighoskar (Health and Social Care), Miss Giblin (LSA) and Mr Walker (LSA) who all received a treat last week for the special recognition they have received from parents and colleagues. If you would like to recognise a member of staff's hard work or a time when they've gone above and beyond, drop us an email at

iheardawhisper@stjohns. bhcet.org.uk.





Evangeline Elliott, 8J





