# ST JOHN'S WEEKLY NEWS

A Learning Community guided by Gospel Values

11 DECEMBER 2023 WEEK B



Well done to our wonderful choir who competed in the Durham Music Service Secondary Choir of the Year Competition last week and came second! This means they now progress to the North East competition at Durham Cathedral in February. The talent in this group of young people is incredible, and we are

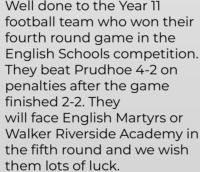
delighted to announce that tickets for our Christmas Celebration, 'That's Christmas to Me'. are now on sale which is the perfect chance to see them perform, amonast our other Performing Arts Ensembles. Tickets are available via Ticket Source (see link and QR code) for the concert on Monday 18 December at 6pm. We look forward to seeing many of you



there for this wonderful festive evening.

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas at St John's! Students in the LRC have been making book angel decorations, and our tree outside the Main Hall is filled with Christmas wishes to help spread peace, hope, joy and love to those less fortunate than ourselves.





## A WORD FROM LISA BYRON. HEADTEACHER

What does Christmas mean to you? Is it time with family and loved ones? Is it excited faces and full tummies? Is it anticipation and preparation? Is it a reminder of all that is important? Or is it something else entirely? We are delighted to invite you to our Christmas Celebration for this year: 'That's Christmas to Me' where we will explore exactly what Christmas means to all of us with the help of our wonderfully talented students through music, drama and readings. We also want to remember that, to some, Christmas is an incredibly difficult time of year. We continue to collect donations for our local food bank and our Hygiene Hamper appeal, and thank you in advance for your generosity and support.



Adults £4 Concessions £2



Scan the QR code or visit the link below for tickets

https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-johns-catholic-school

Year 10 students have continued to be rewarded for excellent attendance, and recently it has been the turn of the students in H, R, N, Y and S to receive a sweet treat as their reward. Well done to Ned C, Lucas E, Scarlett H, Joe M, Max P. Brooke T, Jake C, Brodie K, Evie W, Ella W, Oscar B, Amy May H, Neive B, Farrell M, Maisun R, Lilith U, Poppy W. Jack A, Kimberley G, Ruby H, Devon L, Ellie O, Connor and Lucas S. Keep it up everyone!

# → COMING UP THIS

Monday 11- Year 8 Retreat. Students will be leaving school at the end of the day and heading to the Emmaus Youth Village until Wednesday. We wish them an eniovable time.

Thursday 14- Year 10 Progress Evening. We look forward to welcoming our Year 10 students and parents and carers into school for discussions on progress and next steps. Appointments can still be made via School Cloud.

Friday 15- Whole School Personal Development Day: Careers and Enterprise. All students are off timetable for a series of workshops, talks and activities centred around careers, enterprise and the future. Many of our Year 9 students are also taking part in some work experience. We know this will be an enjoyable and useful day and look forward to sharing more details and photos.

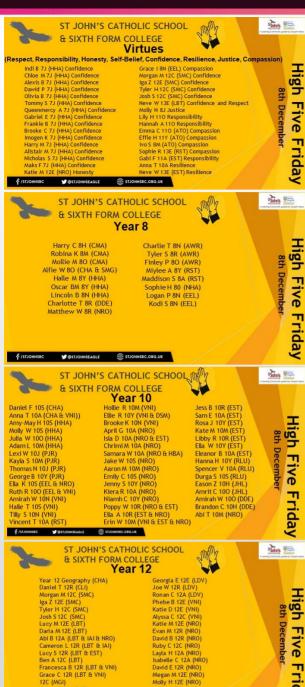
Certificates for Summer 2023 Year 13 and Year 11 leavers are now at Main Reception to collect.

Our last day of term is Friday 22 December, and this will be an early finish for students at 1.20pm. If they wish to, students are also able to attend school on this day wearing Christmas accessories alongside their normal school uniform.



# LAST WEEK'S ACHIEVEMENTS





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#### Year 7 Top **Achievers**

Pippa H 7R Noah H 7A Maria M 7J Alexis B 7J Neve R 7H

### Year 8 Top **Achievers**

Finbar H 8R Alex P8Y Maddison S 8A Brooke S-B 8Y Jessica B 8A

#### Year 9 Top **Achievers**

Jack R 90 Hassan S 9J Darci W 90 Olivia W 9N Isaac C 90

#### Year 10 Top **Achievers**

Ruth R 100 April G 10A Kayla S 10M Ella W 10Y Evie W 10Y

#### Year 11 Top **Achievers**

George P 11N Lily H 110 Marco H 11J Jack R 11H Jack L 110

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# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY ....

- ☐ Monday 18 December- Christmas Concert, 6pm (tickets available via Ticket Source)
- Tuesday 19 December Parishioner Christmas Lunch, 11.45am-2pm
- Thursday 21 December- Student Christmas Lunch
- Friday 22 December- Last day of term before Christmas. School will finish at 1.20pm and will reopen for all students on Monday 8 January
- Monday 8 January- Year 13 mock exams begin
- Monday 29 January- Year 11 mocks 2 begin Thursday 1 February- Year 9 Progress Eve
- Tuesday 6 February- Options Evening for Year 9 students, 4-6pm
- Friday 9 February- Last day before Half Term
- Thursday 22 February- Year 12/13 Progress Eve

## I Heard a Whisper...

So many wonderful emails have landed in our inbox over the past few of weeks. To hear about the amazing difference our staff are making to students, parents and colleagues is simply wonderful, and we never get bored of receiving your emails. Well done this week to Mr Johnson (English), Mrs Barnham (Head of Year 9), Mr Athey (Pupil Premium Lead/Maths), Mrs Stephenson (English), Miss Richardson (MFL), Miss Dorward (Science), Miss Liddle (Music) and Mrs Rose (Assistant Headteacher). Please continue to give a shout-out to our staff and keep our inbox full:

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#### Artist of the Week

Oliver Thompson, 11Y











