# ST JOHN'S WEEKLY NEWS

A Learning Community guided by Gospel Values

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## A WORD FROM LISA BYRON, HEADTEACHER

Whilst we continue to strive for academic success for all of our students, we also strongly believe that school is about so much more than just grades on a piece of paper. As educators, it is also our job to shape students' aspirations, behaviours and values. We continually work to ensure our students can be the best versions of themselves and arow into responsible and compassionate adults who will make great changes to their community and the world around us. Our Trust Virtues of Compassion, Confidence, Honesty, Justice, Resilience, Respect, Responsibility and Self-Belief are embedded within our Pastoral Curriculum and in the opportunities we offer our students. It is as important to us that we celebrate the times that students display these Virtues as it is that we celebrate academic success, and it is wonderful to see more examples of this in this week's newsletter.

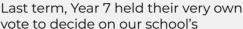


### VIRTUE FOCUS - RESTITENCE

We continue to focus on student attendance this term, with several ways of rewarding both excellent and improved attendance. At the end of last term, students were given prizes for 100% attendance and each week we acknowledge those whose attendance has improved the most with prize draws in each year group. Whilst we appreciate that illness is often unavoidable, we appreciate your support in encouraging excellent attendance for your child.

#### VIRTUE FOCUS - RESPONSIBILITY

Last Wednesday saw the launch of our very first Bishop Hogarth Catholic Education Trust Pupil Parliament, including students from all 35 schools across the Trust. The Pupil Parliament will meet regularly across the academic year to represent their schools, discuss issues and make a change.



Representative for the Pupil Parliament, and Eva in 7A was voted as our student rep. She was accompanied on the Pupil Parliament by Bodie and Lucy in Year 12 who served as 'Special Advisors' to help the new MPs throughout the day. Well done to our fantastic student ambassadors and we look forward to following their progress this year.



## VIRTUE FOCUS - SELF-BELIEF

As part of this year's Future Business Magnates competition (FBM), the Stem Coordinator from Beamish Museum came into St John's last week to talk to our Year 8 FBM team about how inventions have changed over the years. The session was about how products develop and change over time and students were encouraged to think about product demand and technology as they work towards designing their own innovative product for the competition. Students worked brilliantly together and had an enjoyable and informative morning.





## VIRTUE FOCUS - CONFIDENCE

At our first Bring and Brag of this term, we were delighted to hear from Isabelle in Year 9 who, during our Careers Day back in December, completed some work experience with the police. Isabelle brought

along some fantastic work on fingerprinting and shoe prints she had done and showed real pride and confidence in her work. Remember that Bring and Brag runs during Enrichment every Tuesday outside the Main Hall and is the perfect opportunity to come and along and share a piece of work you are proud of in exchange for some rewards.

## **SOMING UP THIS WEEK**

Monday 15- Year 13 mock examinations continue this week and end on Friday. We wish our Year 13 students lots of luck as they continue these important mock exams and we are proud of their hard work and determination. **Tuesday 16-** We are looking forward to welcoming former student Alisha Cowie, who is the current Miss International UK, into school to talk to some of our students during Pastoral about the topics of resilience, self-esteem, overcoming challenges and setting future goals.

Wednesday 17- Les Miserables rehearsal for all cast members, 3.20-4.30pm.



Payment for the Year 11 Leavers' Celebration Party is due by Friday 2 February. Please contact Finance if you have any queries regarding making payment.

# LAST WEEK'S ACHIEVEMENTS

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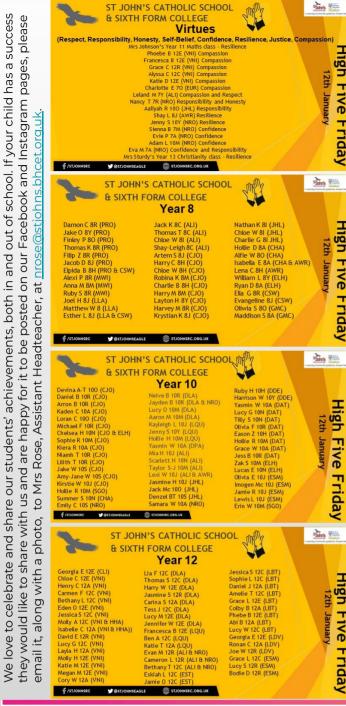
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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



- 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
- Monday 19 February- School reopens
- Thursday 22 February- Year 12/13 Progress Eve
- Thursday 29 February- Year 11 Progress Eve 2
- Thursday 21 March- Year 8 Progress Eve
- Wednesday 27 March- Jaquie Holloway Performing Arts Prize Concert
- Thursday 28 March- Last day before Easter
- Monday 15 April- School reopens after Easter
- Thursday 2 May- Year 7 Progress Eve
- Monday 6 May- School closed for Bank Hol
- Wednesday 10 / Thursday 11 July- Les Mis

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### I Heard a Whisper...

William F 130 (CLI) Eleanor T 13E (NRO) Mia R 13E (NRO) Eve H 13P (NRO)

When we first began 'I Heard a Whisper' almost a year ago, we wanted to be able to celebrate staff from across the school and in all roles for the excellent job they do every day. This week's nominations are examples of just that, and we're so pleased that we continue to receive such wonderful emails on a weekly basis. Well done to Miss Bell (Head of Performing Arts), Cynthia and Bernadette (Admin) and Claire, Donna and Michelle (Catering) for their nominations.

If you would like to pass on your thanks to a member of staff for going above and beyond in their role, and earn them a sweet treat in the process, drop us an

iheardawhisper@stjohns.bhcet.org.uk



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## Artist of Week

Jack R 11H George B 11J

Aimee C 11M

Sam W 11N

Lily D 11N



Amelia Kurczewska, 13P









