



## A WORD FROM LISA BYRON, HEADTEACHER

*As we continue to share the importance of good attendance, we are going to use our newsletter each week to share the attendance of each year group as well as the Tutor Group who have shown the most improvement in attendance. As we have previously shared, good attendance is directly linked to good exam performance.*

*Attendance lower than 95% is 10 days absence in one school year, so over time this results in lost learning which can have a huge impact on progress and exam outcomes.*

*Students who had more than 15 days of absence last year achieved grades at least one grade lower than those with better attendance. We appreciate your support in continuing to monitor your child's attendance. Well done this week to 100, Mrs Swinbank and Mrs Holdsworth's Tutor Group, who had the most improved attendance.*

*The weekly year group figures were-  
Year 7- 90.3%, Year 8- 88.8%, Year 9- 88.5%  
Year 10- 85.6%, Year 11- 91.2%.*

*This week, the events in the newsletter highlight some excellent examples of our students demonstrating the British Values of Tolerance and Mutual Respect, key aspects of our Pastoral Curriculum. Enjoy reading!*

On Friday, eight of our Sixth Form students began the trip to New York for the next of our Turing Scheme trips which will focus on the importance of Reflection. We look forward to sharing news and pictures from this exciting trip as they reflect, retreat and explore, including a visit to the



9/11 Memorial and a University in Albany.

Our Year 8 FBM (Future Business Magnates) group were very privileged to spend the day at Lumley Castle on Tuesday where they took part in a workshop which focused on the importance of prototypes and business plans. All students were impeccably behaved and had a fantastic day.

Thank you to the FBM team and our business partners at The Enterprise Agency for such an informative session.

On Tuesday evening, some of our GCSE and A Level Drama students visited Newcastle Theatre Royal to watch a performance of Life of Pi. The production featured stunning lighting,

incredible puppetry and amazing acting, and our students were blown away by the show! All of our students were impeccably behaved and were a credit to the school, showing respect, maturity and fantastic engagement. We're looking forward to this week's theatre trip, Blood Brothers, and to our other exciting trips coming up this year.



On Wednesday evening, four of our students had the privilege of representing St John's at an event at Auckland Castle, celebrating the work of Anglican Bishop of Durham, Right



Reverend Paul Butler, who will retire at the end of February. The students were able to listen to Bishop Paul's story, his thoughts on faith, and his relationship with Bishop Auckland and the wider county, before having the opportunity to ask him some questions of their own.

Well done to Mia, Eleanor, Jessica and Thomas who were fantastic ambassadors for the young people of St John's and our wider community.



## COMING UP THIS WEEK

**Monday 29-** Year 11 begin their next set of mock exams this week, their final ones before their Summer exams begin. We wish them lots of luck and know their hard work will pay dividends.

**Wednesday 31-** Blood Brothers Theatre Trip. GCSE Drama students are watching a live performance of Blood Brothers, their GCSE set text, at Newcastle Theatre Royal. Students will need to be at school for 5.50pm for a prompt departure and will return at approximately 11pm.

**Thursday 1 February-** Year 9 Progress Evening. Appointments are still able to be made via SchoolCloud and we look forward to seeing lots of parents, carers and students there as we discuss progress.

## REMINDERS

Full payment for the Year 11 Leavers' Celebration Party is due by this Friday, 2 February. Please contact Finance if you have any queries regarding making payment. Payments can be found by clicking on the Trips link on the left hand side of the My Child at School app and then on 'Available'. A reminder that the date of the Year 11 Leavers' Celebration Party is Thursday 20 June.

# 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, Assistant Headteacher, at [nrose@stjohns.bhcet.org.uk](mailto:nrose@stjohns.bhcet.org.uk).

**ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM COLLEGE**  
**Virtues**  
 (Respect, Responsibility, Honesty, Self-Belief, Confidence, Resilience, Justice, Compassion)

**High Five Friday**  
 26th January

Han F- S 13E Responsibility & Confidence (EST)  
 Logan E 11D Responsibility and Resilience (EST)  
 Lucie P 11A Responsibility and Resilience (EST)  
 Abigail B 11M Responsibility and Resilience (EST)  
 Ella C 11Y Responsibility and Resilience (EST)  
 Faith S 11Y Responsibility and Resilience (EST)  
 Lucy S 12R Respect, Responsibility & Resilience (EST)  
 Hollie H 10M Confidence (HHA)  
 10Y2 RE Class- Respect (EST)  
 Year 8 FBM Students- Confidence (HHA)  
 Drama students who attended the Life of Pi trip- Respect (NRO)

Chloe D 11Y Self-Belief and Resilience (LHA)  
 Poppy D 11R Self-Belief (LHA)  
 Aimee C 11M Self-Belief (LHA)  
 Cory W 12A Confidence (EST)  
 Harry P 11A Self-Belief (NRO)  
 Mia R 13E Responsibility (RBE)  
 Eleanor T 13E Responsibility (RBE)  
 Thomas K 8R Responsibility (RBE)  
 Jessica P 11A Responsibility (RBE)

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**ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM COLLEGE**  
**Year 7**

**High Five Friday**  
 26th January

Sophia A 7Y (SCO & HHA)  
 Queenmercy A 7J (SCO)  
 Neve O 7N (CLI)  
 Grace N 7N (CHA)  
 Tyler S 7Y (RMO)  
 Elena W 7A (RMO)  
 Tom C 7A (LLA)  
 Lydia S 7A (LLA)  
 Chloe A 7J (LLA)  
 Persia R 7H (LLA)  
 Leo W 7H (LLA)  
 Summer B 7H (EST & AWR & RMO)  
 Kea-Shenell W 7H (LLA & EST & CLI)

Isla S 7M (MMG)  
 Emme R 7M (MMG)  
 Sienna N 7A (MMG)  
 Ellie R 7M (MMG)  
 Lara S 7M (MMG)  
 Alfie L-W 7H (EST)  
 Sophia R 7H (EST)  
 Anthony H 7H (EST)  
 Sienna J 7H (EST & SLO)  
 Ruby M 7H (EST)  
 Milana D 7J (SLO & HHA)

Mason N 7R (EEL)  
 Tyler T 7Y (EEL)  
 Leland M 7Y (EEL)  
 Amelia P 7R (EEL)  
 Anthony H 7H (AWR)  
 Harry M 7J (AWR)  
 Nicholas S 7J (RMO)  
 Ava M 7J (DDE)  
 Frankie H 7J (DDE)

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**ClassCharts**

**Year 7 Top Achievers**  
 Queenmercy A 7J  
 Mollie S 7R  
 Leon W 7A  
 Oli K 7O  
 Milana D 7J

**ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM COLLEGE**  
**Year 8**

**High Five Friday**  
 26th January

Leah W 8R (CDA)  
 Lena C 8H (CDA)  
 Kat W 8J (EEL)  
 Kate T 8Y (EEL)  
 Ava W 8H (EEL)  
 Oliver J 8N (EEL)  
 Amelia R 8M (SCO)  
 Ethan H 8R (AWR)  
 Esther L 8J (LLA)  
 Noah B-R 8N (LLA)

Jack S 8J (SCO)  
 Max A 8M (SCO)  
 Danielle D 8M (SCO)  
 Isabella E 8A (SCO)  
 Alesha Z 8H (SCO)  
 Nathan K 8M (CHA)  
 Sophie B 8A (CHA)  
 Maddison S 8A (CHA)

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**ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM COLLEGE**  
**Year 9**

**High Five Friday**  
 26th January

Ava W 9Y (RMO)  
 Bradley W 9H (SLO)  
 Megan O 9Y (SMG)  
 Joel J 9J (SLO)  
 James K 9H (EEL)  
 Chloe D 9H (EEL)  
 Darci W 9O (EEL)  
 Seb G 9M (CHA)  
 Megan M 9O (CHA)  
 Monica M 9O (CHA & AWR)

Charlie F 9M (AWR)  
 Harry B 9Y (AWR & DDE)  
 Thomas T 9N (AWR)  
 Molly C 9Y (DDE)  
 Jack B 9N (DDE)  
 Sienna S 9H (DDE)  
 Matthew L 9N (DDE)  
 Millie D 9N (DDE)  
 Bobby E 9J (DDE)

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**Year 8 Top Achievers**  
 Thomas K 8R  
 Esther L 8J  
 Thomas T 8A  
 Finbar H 8R  
 Joel H 8J

**ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM COLLEGE**  
**Year 10**

**High Five Friday**  
 26th January

Amy-May H 10S (HHA)  
 Sapphire S 10N (HHA)  
 Emily C 10H (LHA)  
 Jamee R 10J (LHA)  
 Oscar B 10S (LHA & MMG)  
 Alfie D 10N (LHA)  
 Kiera G 10S (DDE)  
 Mia D 10J (DDE)  
 Callum B 10A (MMG)  
 Aimee S 10M (MMG)  
 Archie G 10Y (NRO)  
 Aaron M 10M (NRO)  
 Chirimi M 10A (NRO)  
 Isla D 10A (NRO)  
 Malsun R 10R (NRO)

Vincent T 10A (SLO)  
 Amirah W 10N (SLO)  
 Olivia P 10J (LDV)  
 Mia H 10J (LDV)  
 Isabet W 10A (RMO & LLA)  
 Durga S 10J (LDV)  
 Ella K 10S (RMO & NRO)  
 Lucy O 10M (LLA)  
 Isaac C 10J (LLA)  
 Eleanor B 10A (LLA)  
 Emily C 10S (RMO)  
 Aaron M 10M (EEL)  
 Lexi W 10L (AWR)  
 Hollie H 10M (HHA)  
 Rory B 10M (CHA)

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**ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM COLLEGE**  
**Year 11**

**High Five Friday**  
 26th January

Joel B 11A (CLI)  
 Imaadh R 11J (RMO)  
 Oliver K 11O (RMO & NRO)  
 Sam W 11N (JSO)  
 Joel W 11R (JSO)  
 Logan M 11N (JSO)  
 Mikka M 11M (JSO)  
 Emily C 11A (LHA)  
 Beth T 11M (JSO)  
 Connie P 11M (JSO)  
 Ella G 11A (JSO)  
 Ella C 11Y (JSO)  
 Ethan G 11H (JSO)  
 Callum P 11O (JSO)  
 McKenzie K 11J (JSO)  
 Ryan W 11Y (CHA)  
 George B 11J (CHA & NRO)  
 Lily D 11N (NRO)  
 Chloe H 11N (NRO)

Chloe D 11Y (EGB & LHA)  
 Riley L 11A (LHA)  
 Isaac S 11R (LHA)  
 Poppy D 11R (LHA)  
 Sophie D 11R (LHA)  
 Hannah S 11R (LHA)  
 Cordella M 11A (LHA)  
 Aimee C 11M (LHA & EST)  
 Neve R 11M (LHA & EST & AWR)  
 Gabrielle F 11A (LHA)  
 Ella C 11Y (LHA)  
 Logan M 11M (LHA)  
 Evan B 11N (LHA)  
 Erin L 11O (LHA)  
 Eloise L 11N (LHA)  
 Rhianna S 11M (LHA)  
 Jack R 11J (EST & NRO)  
 Marco M 11J (NRO)

Sophie B 11M (DDE)  
 Sam H 11H (DDE)  
 Lucas E 11O (NRO)  
 Ayo A 11Y (EST)  
 Leo B 11Y (EST)  
 Joseph 11Y (EST)  
 Faye G 11Y (EST)  
 Spencer H 11R (EST)  
 Nicole H 11Y (EST)  
 ERNE H 11Y (EST)  
 Jonny L 11Y (EST)  
 Daniel Q 11R (EST)  
 Hannah S 11M (EST)  
 Ruby W 11M (EST)  
 Dylan C 11H (EST)  
 Katie C 11O (EST)  
 Isabelle M 11J (EST)  
 Joshua M 11O (EST)  
 Jack N 11J (EST & NRO)  
 Adam P 11J (EST)

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**Year 9 Top Achievers**  
 Jack R 9O  
 Hassan S 9J  
 Isaac C 9O  
 James K 9H  
 Lola N 9O

**ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM COLLEGE**  
**Year 12**

**High Five Friday**  
 26th January

David E 12R (LHA)  
 David B 12 R (LHA & NRO)  
 Isabelle C 12A (LHA & HTH)  
 Molly A 12C (LHA & HTH & NRO)  
 Molly H 12E (LHA & HTH)  
 Megan M 12E (LHA)  
 Katie M 12E (LHA & HTH)  
 Cory W 12A (HTH)  
 Carmen F 12C (HTH)  
 Chloe C 12E (HTH)  
 Bodie D 12R (HTH)  
 Eden O 12E (HTH)  
 Cameron L 12R (NRO)

Joe W 12R (LDV)  
 Ronan C 12C (LDV)  
 Georgia E 12E (LDV)  
 Amelie T 12C (LBT)  
 Phebe B 12E (LBT)  
 Abigail B 12A (LBT)  
 Grace C 12R (LBT)  
 Daria M 12E (LBT)  
 Layla H 12A (LHA)  
 Tess J 12C (LHA)  
 Ruby C 12C (LHA)  
 Elsa J 12C (LHA)  
 Evan M 12R (NRO)

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**ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM COLLEGE**  
**Year 13**

**High Five Friday**  
 26th January

Eve H 13P (LHA & LBT & NRO)  
 Hannah F S 13E (LHA & NRO)  
 Zach E 13H (LHA & NRO)  
 Eleanor T 13E (LHA & NRO)  
 Charlotte H 13P (LHA & LBT & NRO)  
 Anna M 13H (DDE)  
 Evie C 13E (LBT)  
 Emily D 13H (LBT)  
 Max P 13H (LBT)  
 Emily W 13O (LBT)  
 Daisy B 13O (LBT)  
 Joshua C 13H (LBT)  
 Xander D 13E (LBT)

Daisy G-A 13O (LBT)  
 Abi G 13P (LBT)  
 Lily N 13O (LBT)  
 Michael OH 13E (LBT)  
 Jakub P 13E (LBT)  
 Harley S 13E (LBT)  
 Ebony S 13O (LBT)  
 Mia R 13E (NRO)  
 Sophie R 13E (NRO)  
 Ebony 13O (NRO)  
 Asiel N 13P (NRO)  
 Katie W 13P (LHA)  
 Olivia M 13P (LHA)  
 Katie C 13P (LHA)  
 Kate F 13P (LHA)

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**Year 10 Top Achievers**  
 Durga S M 10J  
 Issac C 10J  
 Olivia E 10J  
 Jayden B 10R  
 Aaron M 10M

**Year 11 Top Achievers**  
 Jack N 11J  
 George B 11J  
 Jack R 11H  
 Laksh S 11J  
 Faye G 11Y

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- ❑ **Tuesday 6 February-** Options Evening for Year 9 students and their parents/carers, 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
- ❑ **Friday 8 March-** Charity Fashion Show (*Tickets will be on sale soon*)
- ❑ **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 20 May-** Year 10 Work Experience
- ❑ **Monday 8 July-** Year 12 Work Experience

## I Heard a Whisper...

As well as all of the wonderful work which goes on in our classrooms, we wouldn't be able to function as a school without the hard work of those who work behind the scenes- our admin staff, site team and catering staff help ensure everything ticks by smoothly and they do a fantastic job of it! Well done to this week's nominees- Kim Kempster (Health and First Aid Officer), Joanne Dugdale (Attendance Officer), Carol Lowes (Catering Assistant) and Keith Stamp (Caretaker). Why not drop us an email to nominate a member of staff and send a sweet treat their way!

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## Artist of the Week



**Elpida Boutzera, 8H**