# ST JOHN'S WEEKLY NEWS

A Learning Community guided by Gospel Values

18 MARCH 2024 Week A



Our small group of Year 8 students returned to school on Friday following a once-in-a-lifetime trip which saw them visit Niagara Falls and the CN Tower, lots of sightseeing and local food sampling and plenty of literacy activities such as scrapbooking and a library visit. Miss Heads and Mr Smith were incredibly proud of the resilience, good manners and positivity shown by the six students and we know they will have made memories to last a lifetime!

On Tuesday a group of Year 10 students. supported by Durham Works, visited TICA in Darlington to learn about their apprenticeships programme. They all took part in a practical taster session, cutting and fitting 90-degree elbow joint to 60mm pipe work using phenolic. It was harder than it looked but the group produced some fantastic work and came away haying thought about their next steps after St John's.









Last week, our A Level RE students attended the Peter Vardy 'The Puzzle of Christianity' conference in York. Dr Peter Vardy is an international and well known leader in the field of Religious Studies, Philosophy and Ethics who has written many books which the RE

department promote as wider reading to our A Level students. The conference was hugely successful in getting our students excited about the content, enriching and extending their knowledge and understanding as well as supporting them in analysing, evaluating and making informed, well reasoned judgements. It was pleasure to accompany the students to the conference and a quick wander around York Minister and they were an absolute credit to St. John's.



Following our Charity Fashion Show last week, our Sixth Form students handed over numerous bags of donated clothing to Angel 8

## A WORD FROM LISA BYRON, HEADTEACHER

As we head into our penultimate week of the Spring term, we have some wonderful events coming up which we would love to welcome parents, carers, family members and members of our wider community to. Following its successful launch last month, our Tunes and Chat Community Cafe is a fantastic event ran alongside Age UK in a bid to combat loneliness and encourage members of our community aged 50+ to socialise more alongside some lovely music. In our final week, we are excited to present our second annual Jaquie Holloway Prize for Performing Arts. Mrs Holloway was a huge advocate of the arts and much of our wonderful artwork around school is thanks to her hardwork and dedication as a valued member of staff at St John's. This event is another excellent opportunity to showcase the incredible talent within school, and tickets are still available. Please see the posters below for details of both events.





Last week's attendance figures were:

Year 7-93.3%

Year 8-91.8%

Year 9- 90.2%

Year 10-88.9%

Year 11- 90.7%

Well done to 7N who were last week's most improved tutor group.

Trust this week for their clothing collection. We are so proud of the group who have done amazing work raising money and donations for charity.

## TOMING UP THIS WEEK

**Wednesday 20-** Les Miserables rehearsals this week are for all cast member until 4.30pm **Thursday 21-** Year 8 Progress Evening. We look forward to welcoming our Year 8 students and their parents and carers into school on Thursday evening for important conversations surrounding their progress.

It is not too late to join our 200 Club to support our school fundraising efforts. For a one-off payment of £10 you can be in with a chance to win three prizes of £100. Monies raised are used to enhance the opportunities on offer to our students. Numbers are available to be purchased via the MCAS app, or contact friends@stjohns,bhcet.org.uk for more information.

## LAST WEEK'S ACHIEVEMENTS





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### Year 7 Top **Achievers**

Oli K 70 Sienna B 7M Alicia H 7M Isla S 7M Emme R 7M

#### Year 8 Top **Achievers**

Thomas K 8R Matthew W 8R Joel H 8J Lilly M 80 Isabella E 8A

### Year 9 Top **Achievers**

George H 9H Posi A 9N Hassan S 9J Jack R 90 Megan M 90

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

Hollie R 10M Poppy W 10R April G 10A Kate M 10Y Lucas E 10N

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

Ryan D 11J George B 11J Ella P 11J Eleni B 11N Maximilian N 11M

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



- Wednesday 27 March- Jaquie Holloway Performing Arts Prize Concert
- Thursday 28 March- Last day before Easter
- Monday 15 April- School reopens
- Thursday 2 May- Year 7 Progress Evening Monday 6 May- Bank Holiday
- Thursday 9 May- A Level/ GCSE Exams
- Monday 20 May- Year 10 Work Experience
- Friday 24 May- Last day before Half Term
- Monday 3 June- School reopens
- Thursday 20 June- Year 11 Leavers' Celebration
- Monday 8 July- Year 12 Work Experience Wednesday 10 and Thursday 11 July- Les Miserables (tickets available after Easter)

### I Heard a Whisper...

Our continued thanks to our parents and carers, staff members and students who take the time to show their appreciation for our wonderful staff and the fantastic work they do. Well done this week to Mrs Barnham (Head of Year 9), Mrs Sturdy (RE), Julie Usher (Welfare), Mrs Rose (Assistant Headteacher), Mike (Caretaker), Mr Rolston (Assistant Headteacher), Miss Haves (Assistant Headteacher/ Head of English) and Mr Minton (Head of Computing) whose nominations were all chosen. We would also like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Johnson, Assistant Headteacher/ Head of Year 11, who selects and compiles these nominations each week and works hard to spread positivity through St John's.



### Artist of the Week



Abi Thompson, 10M







