ST JOHN'S WEEKLY NEWS

A Learning Community guided by Gospel Values

15 APRIL 2024 Week A



Congratulations to our incredible Year 11 boys' football team who before Easter lifted the trophy in the Bert Hodgson County Cup following a 4-3 victory against High Tunstall in the final. What incredible commitment, resilience and teamwork these boys have



displayed, all whilst studying for their GCSEs.

On the last day of term, all students took part in Easter liturgies with the majority being held at St Mary's Church. The liturgies focused on the stations of the cross and how we can apply these to modern society and our lives. Our students were extremely respectful and thank you to our fantastic choir who sang so beautifully.

What a phenomenal evening we had for this year's Jaquie Holloway Prize for Performing Arts! The talent of our students continues to blow us away, and our sell-out audience were treated to a huge variety of high standard



performances. A huge well done to all of our competitors, and congratulations to our winners:

Third Place-Jonny Li, pianist

Second Place- Robyn Selby, gymnast

First Place- Mia Roe, Musical Theatre performer

Well done also to our fantastic ensembles who wowed in the second half, and to Miss Bell and all of our staff who helped with Our Year 7 Netball the evening. We really do have some incredible talent at St Success continues John's and know that Mrs Holloway would be incredibly proud!

Last week a group of staff and students visited Lourdes for a special Easter pilgrimage. The group walked the Way of the Cross, praying at each Station as they reflected on Jesus' crucifixion, attended Easter Sunday Mass with HCPT to celebrate Jesus' resurrection and visited the home of



St Bernadette, which she shared with her family after the apparitions from Our Lady. They took a ride on the funicular to enjoy the amazing views overlooking Lourdes and the Pyrenees and participated in the torchlight procession, lighting a candle for everyone who is part of the St John's community. Well done to all for being fantastic ambassadors.



A WORD FROM LISA BYRON, HEADTEACHER

Welcome back to our Summer term following what I hope has been a wonderful Easter holiday for you all. The Summer term is always an incredibly busy but exciting one with lots of fantastic events, trips and opportunities, as well as our exam season for our Year 11 and 13 students. I continue to feel extremely proud of our students for the incredible commitment they are showing in the build-up to their exams, not least shown through their attendance at lunchtime. after-school and Easter revision sessions. With less than four weeks to go before the official start to their written exams, and with practical exams in subjects such as PE, Art and Drama taking place between now and then, I know they will continue to display the same hard work, resilience and determination during this final stretch.

And let's not forget about the fantastic achievements taking place within other year groups and outside of the classroom, so much of which is on display in the events featured in this week's newsletter. Our students continue to show great confidence, self-belief and mutual respect and really do grasp every opportunity offered to them, embracing their God-given talents and living life to the full. We look forward to celebrating and sharing many more successes this term.

Our Year 7 Netball success continues with the 7A team being crowned South West Durham Netball Champions and the 7B team South West Durham Netball runners up.



All players are a credit to St John's, always striving to play to the best of their ability and achieve brilliant scores. They are extremely supportive, encouraging each other to play to their own strengths. We are extremely proud of their achievements this season and their commitment to training. Most players also play outside of school and we wish them every success in their netball journey through school life and club netball.

COMING UP THIS WEEK

Monday 15- Welcome back to all of our students and staff after what we hope has been an enjoyable and restful Easter break. School will begin at 8.50am when students should be at their congregation areas.

Monday 15- Our Summer Enrichment Programme begins this week, featuring some brand new lunchtime clubs including Table Tennis, FIFA and Just Dance. Enrichment is moving to the second half of lunchtime and will begin at 12.55pm. A copy of the updated programme will be sent to parents and carers.

Tuesday 16- Our MFL and History trip to France returns. We wish them an enjoyable rest of their trip and a safe journey home. Check out our Facebook or Instagram pages for photos and updates from their visit.

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Year 7 Top **Achievers**

Emme R 7M Zi Xuan L 70 Julia B 7R Lexi K 7M Ella M 7M

Year 8 Top **Achievers**

Zea L 8Y Laila C 8N Jacob H 8H Kodi S 8N Esther L 8J

Year 9 Top **Achievers**

Chloe E 9Y Grace B 90 Nicole S 90 Olivia W 9N Eve M 9R

Year 10 Top **Achievers**

Connah R 10H Isla D 10A Poppy W 10R April G 10A Aaron M 10M

Year 11 Top **Achievers**

Jessica P 11A McKenzie K 11J Ella C 11Y Lucie P 11A Hannah M 11R

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- ☐ Friday 26 April- Tunes and Chat Cafe, 1.30-2.30pm
- Thursday 2 May- Year 7 Progress Evening
- Monday 6 May- Bank Holiday
- Thursday 9 May- A Level/ GCSE Exams begin
- Monday 20 May- Year 10 Work Experience
- Friday 24 May- Last day before Half Term
- Friday 24 May- Sixth Form Leavers' BBQ
- 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 soon) Friday 19 July- School's out for Summer!

I Heard a Whisper...

As we prepare to begin a brand new term, we thank all of our amazing staff for their continued hard work, commitment and passion. A special mention goes to the staff below who received I Heard a Whisper nominations in the last week of term. Well done to Mrs Coulthard (Head of Year 7), Miss Bell (Head of Performing Arts), Mr Morley (Maths), Mr Walker (LSA), Miss O'Hara (English/Media), Mr Oxberry (Head of Year 10), Mrs Watson (Assistant Headteacher), Mrs Smiles (MFL) and Miss McAdam (English). Drop us an email at iheardawhisper@stjohns.bhcet.org.uk to nominate a member of staff for a shout-out and treat. Students can also nominate via the form in their emails.



Artist of the Week



Luke Flitter, 80







