



A WORD FROM LISA BYRON, HEADTEACHER

Confidence is one of the most valuable, but hardest, things to master in life. So often we compare ourselves to others and measure our own worth and success against that of others.

CONFIDENCE ISN'T WALKING INTO A ROOM WITH YOUR NOSE IN THE AIR, AND THINKING YOU ARE BETTER THAN EVERYONE ELSE, IT'S WALKING INTO A ROOM AND NOT HAVING TO COMPARE YOURSELF TO ANYONE ELSE IN THE FIRST PLACE.

But true confidence is a mix of courage, self-belief and resilience, and these are things we see in our students every day! In this week's newsletter alone we are celebrating displays of confidence in performance, on the sporting field and within our local community.

The attendance figures for last week were:

Year 7- 93.1%

Year 8- 92.3%

Year 9- 89.6%

Year 10- 89%

Year 11- 92.5%

Well done to 8N who improved by an impressive 11%!

On Wednesday we welcomed Year 4 students from our Catholic feeder primary schools for a special Retreat Day. The theme of the day was Pentecost and we focused on activities which helped the pupils focus on their gifts and talents, as well as giving them the chance to come into St John's for the first time.



On Wednesday, the Under 12 and Under 14 girls' Rugby teams competed in the County 7s tournament at Durham City Rugby Club. The girls played some great rugby and finished 3rd overall, demonstrating great resilience, determination and teamwork.



Some of our fantastic Choir members visited Denehurst Nursing Home in Ferryhill this morning, singing for the elderly residents as they celebrated St George's Day. Students from Years 7, 8 and 9 delighted staff and residents with their beautiful singing, with an array of ABBA hits to show tunes, and loved spreading joy to those in need! They were a true credit to St John's, and have made the Performing Arts Faculty very proud indeed!

We are very proud of Lucy Clarke in 7O who has recently been fundraising for Butterwick Hospice where her late step-father was cared for in the last few months of his life. As well as showing great strength and resilience during this difficult time, Lucy's confidence and compassion is inspirational. Bishop Auckland College are also helping with the fundraising efforts through a charity football match on Friday 3 May. If you would like to find out more or to contribute, visit:

<https://gofund.me/bcdcc3ad>



On Friday we held our third Tunes and Chat Community Cafe in collaboration with Age UK. Members of our community joined us for tea, cake and some lovely music, this week from Abi in Year 10. Tunes and Chat is held on the last Friday of each month, and all are welcome to attend.



COMING UP THIS WEEK

Monday 29- Good luck to our GCSE Art, Photography and MFL students who are taking their practical and speaking exams this week.

Tuesday 30- Sixth Form Mental Health Sports Day. Our Year 12 Sports Leaders have organised a special Activity Day to promote wellbeing through sport, with inflatables, sport challenges, an ice cream van and the chance for our Sixth Form students to spend time with friends and let off some steam.

Wednesday 1- Good luck to our A Level PE students involved in their practical moderation.

Thursday 2- Good luck to our A Level Drama students involved in their practical exam.

Thursday 2- Year 7 Progress Evening. Appointments are still available to be made via SchoolCloud. We look forward to welcoming our Year 7 parents and carers into school for their first Progress Evening at St John's.

LAST WEEK'S ACHIEVEMENTS



ClassCharts

Year 7 Top Achievers

Julia B 7R
Mollie S 7R
Jack R 7R
Harriet S 7R
Jake L 7Y

Year 8 Top Achievers

Esther L 8J
Mina S-E 8J
Zea L 8Y
Tia-Rose S 8A
Dylis B-T 8Y

Year 9 Top Achievers

Megan M 9O
Molly M 9O
Isabelle P 9O
Jack R 9O
Vanessa N 9O

Year 10 Top Achievers

Natalie W 10O
Ben F 10O
Niamh C 10Y
Olivia P 10J
Jenny S 10Y

Year 11 Top Achievers

Lewis C 11A
Jack R 11H
Abbi H 11H
Annabelle M 11N
Teegan H 11A

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Virtues
(Respect, Responsibility, Honesty, Self-Belief, Confidence, Resilience, Justice, Compassion)

The Silver Duke of Edinburgh Group- Resilience & Self-Belief (RPO)
Isabel O 10A Compassion and Responsibility (VNI)
Lily H 11O Confidence, Resilience & Self-Belief (NRO)
Jack R 11H Confidence, Resilience & Self-Belief (NRO)
Abbi H 11H Confidence & Self-Belief (NRO)
Eva R 11H Confidence, Self-Belief & Resilience (NRO)
Annabelle M 11N Confidence & Self-Belief (NRO)
Ava P 11N Confidence & Self-Belief (NRO)
Evan M 12R Responsibility and Compassion (LHE)
Grace L 12E Responsibility & Resilience (NRO)
Aimee C 11M Responsibility & Resilience (EST)
Katie C 11O Responsibility & Resilience (EST)

Katie C 13P Confidence (NRO)
Zach E 13H Confidence (NRO)
Rory H 11M Self-Belief (CJO)
Joel B 11A Self-Belief (CJO)
Lewis C 11A Self-Belief (CJO)
Mya D 11R Resilience (CJO)
Riley T-W 7M Resilience (CJO)

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Year 7

Aimee-Lee R 7O (NHI)
Ben R 7N (NHI)
Lewis B 7N (NHI)
Mea T 7N (NHI)
Callaghan V 7N (EDO)
Noah G 7N (EDO)
Nieve R 7H (EDO)
Olivia W 7Y (MWI)
Mollie S 7R (MWI)
Pippa H 7R (MWI)
All of 7J (KSM)
Harriet S 7R (EEL)
Taylor W 7R (EEL)
Julia B 7R (EEL)

Lola M 7N (KSM)
Lexi-Mai B 7H (EST)
Noah G 7H (EST)
Sienna J 7H (EST)
Kensle-Jade J 7H (EST)
Rebecca M 7H (EST)
Sophia R 7H (EST)
Noah S 7H (EST)
Lily W 7H (EST)
Noah G 7N (CMC)
Kai D 7N (CMC)
Talia M 7O (CLI)
Zak H 7O (CLI)
Bokani N 7O (LHE)

Isla S 7M (DSM)
Sienna J 7H (DSM)
Abbi H 7R (DSM)
Isla C 7A (DSM)
Grace R 7R (DSM)
Aimee-Lee R 7O (DSM)
Indi B 7J (DSM)
Holly H 7R (DSM)
Nieve O 7N (SCO)
Milana D 7N (SCO)
Holly H 7R (SCO)
Lydia S 7A (SCO)
Nicholas S 7J (SCO)
Anthony H 7H (AWR)

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Year 8

Robyn S 8A (LLA)
Zea L 8Y (LLA)
Kate T 8Y (LLA)
Yu Tao Z 8Y (LLA)
Ava A 8M (EDO)
Halle M 8Y (EDO)
Lucie H 8O (EDO)
Amiya A 8O (EDO)
Jessica A 8H (EDO)
Chloe B 8Y (MWI)
Lucie H 8O (MWI)
Lacey M 8J (MWI)
Amber W 8R (MWI)

Grace I 8N (MWI & KSM)
Maddison S 8A (MWI)
Mina SE 8J (EEL)
Georgia C 8R (EEL)
Nathan A 8H (EEL)
Harry W 8N (LHE)
Isabella E 8A (CHA)
All of 8O1 (RST)
Thomas K 8R (EEL)
Viva-Rose P 8R (CMC)
Ivo S 8M (CMC)
Theo L 8M (CMC)
Anna M 8M (CMC)
Robina K 8M (CMC)

Allegra B 8O (DSM)
Elise G 8H (DSM)
Danielle D 8N (DSM)
Kadie S 8O (DSM)
Tia-Rose S 8A (EDO)
Harrison M 8O (EDO)
Niamh S 8A (EDO)
Kate T 8Y (EDO)
Nathan A 8H (AWR)
Luke F 8O (AWR)
Kate T 8Y (SCO)
Carla M 8H (SCO)
Harry W 8N (EGS)
Madeline S 8N (EGS & CHA)

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Year 9

George E 9M (LLA)
Molly D 9Y (LLA)
Tianna D 9Y (LLA)
Freddie N 9R (LLA)
Megan M 9O (CHA)
Scarlett R 9J (EEL)
Willow H 9J (EEL)
Finlay C 9N (EEL)
Bobby E-A 9A (CMC)
Chloe C 9M (CMC)
Nelle R 9R (CMC)
Lilly C 9J (CMC)

Sienna S 9H (DSM)
Alice F 9M (DSM)
Paige A 9N (DSM)
Eve M 9R (DSM)
Hannah S 9H (DSM)
Isabelle G 9N (AWR)
Graham W 9R (AWR)
Hassan S 9J (SCO)
Chloe D 9H (NRO)
Zoe A 9M (CHA)

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Year 10

Jasmine H 10J (NHI)
Kayleigh L 10J (NHI)
Zak S 10M (NHI)
Kimberley G 10H (NHI)
Dylan B 10M (NHI)
Mia H 10H (NHI)
Evie W 10Y (NHI)
Brooke K 10N (VNI)
Roxey M 10Y (VNI)
Jasper W 10H (ESM)
Jasmine R 10J (ESM)
Mia H 10J (ESM)
Joe M 10M (ESM)
Oran S 10N (ESM)
Daniel F 10S (CHA)
Amelia O 10M (RST)

Nina K 10S (ESM)
Daniel D 10S (ESM)
Olivia E 10J (ESM)
Ella C 10J (ESM)
Luke C 10H (ESM)
Maddison C 10J (ESM)
Summer S 10H (ESM)
Alicia M 10S (ESM)
Kiera P 10J (ESM)
Amelia A 10N (ESM)
Emily C 10H (ESM)
Lucy G 10N (ESM)
Mia H 10J (LDV)
Olivia P 10J (LDV)
Durga S E 10J (LDV)
Sophia O 10N (LDV)
Erin B 10R (LDV)

Erin W 10M (EST)
Hollie H 10M (EST)
Vincent T 10A (CWE)
Kate M 10Y (CWE)
Michael F 10R (CWE)
Olivia F 10R (CWE)
Jay G 10S (PJR)
Connah R 10H (PJR)
Hanna H 10Y (PJR)
Roxey E-M 10Y (PJR)
Poppy W 10R (CMC & NRO)
Aaron M 10M (CMC & NRO)
April G 10A (CMC & NRO)
Jenny S 10Y (CMC & NRO)
George B 10Y (NRO)
Chirimi M 10A (NRO)
Isia D 10A (NRO)
Joseph M 10M (AWR)

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Year 11

Lily D 11N (NHI & NRO & ESM)
Ella G 11A (NHI)
Sam H 11H (NHI & ESM)
Owen M 11J (NHI)
Isabel M 11M (LQU & VNI)
Faith S 11Y (LQU & VNI)
Beatrice M 11R (LQU & VNI)
Ollie F 11N (LQU & VNI)
Logan E 11O (LQU & VNI)
Eva R 11H (LQU & VNI)
Nina H 11R (LQU & VNI)
Kaylee B 11M (VNI)
David C 11H (VNI)
Katie G 11O (VNI)
Chloe D 11Y (VNI)
Lauren F 11N (VNI)
Molly E 11N (JHL)
Charlie P 11J (RST & CJO)
Jamil B 11R (CL)

Imogen C 11H (ESM)
Isobel H 11O (ESM & CJO)
Jack N 11J (ESM & LDV)
Logan M 11N (ESM)
Hannah N 11M (ESM)
Amelia K 11M (ESM & NRO)
Tom B 11H (ESM)
Ellie B 11N (ESM)
Ethan G 11 H (ESM)
Sam W 11M (ESM)
Joseph B 11Y (EST)
Nicole H 11Y (EST)
Victoria R 11A (CJO)
Andrei I 11J (CJO)
Ben S 11A (CJO)
Ayo A 11Y (CJO & NRO)
Hannah A 11O (CJO)
Mia B 11R (NRO)

Rihanna J 11R (VNI)
Evie L 11H (VNI)
Ines M 11R (VNI)
Mika M 11M (VNI)
Cordelia M 11A (VNI)
William O 11N (VNI)
Ella P 11J (VNI)
Emily R 11A (VNI)
Sasha S 11A (VNI)
11B2 Science (EDO & AWR)
Leo B 11Y (LDV)
Abbigail H 11H (LDV & NRO)
Chloe H 11N (LDV)
Joshua Y 11J (EST)
Lily W 11O (CJO)
Lauren F 11A (CJO)
Jack R 11H (CJO & NRO)
Lucas E 11O (NRO)
Kayleigh B 11N (NRO)
11 Drama (NRO)

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Year 12

12E Pastoral group (LBT)
Lucy S 12R (ESM & EST)
Bodie D 12R (ESM & EST)
Ben A 12C (LBT)
Molly A 12C (LBT)
Colby B 12A (LBT)
Abigail B 12A (LBT)
Maia S 12R (LBT)
Bethany T 12C (LBT)
Katie T 12A (LBT)
Amelie T 12C (LBT)

Jamie W 12A (LBT)
Lucy W 12C (LBT)
Morgan M 12C (SMC)
Harry M 12R (CLI)
Georgia E 12E (CLI)
Krystian K 12R (CLI)
Mateo R 12R (CLI)
Jessica B 12R (VNI)
Grace C 12R (VNI)
Francesca B 12E (VNI & LBT)
12D & 12B Psychology classes (VNI)

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Year 13

Sharon W 13H (LBT)
Harry B 13H (LBT)
Emilia C 13P (LBT & EST)
Evie C 13E (LBT)
Emily D 13H (LBT)
Kate F 13P (LBT)
Eve H 13P (LBT)
Mia L 13P (LBT)
Katelyn P 13H (LBT)
Max P 13E (LBT)
Anna T 13H (LBT)

Mia R 13E (EST & NRO)
Thomas B 13O (EST)
Evie C 13E (EST)
Emma M 13H (EST)
Will F 13O (CLI)
Jake S 13O (CLI)
Jack H 13E (LDV)
Ben M 13E (LDV)
James W 13O (JHL)
Eleanor T 13E (NRO)
Katie C 13P (NRO)
Zach E 13H (NRO)

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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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- ☐ **Monday 6 May-** Bank Holiday
- ☐ **Thursday 9 May-** A Level/ GCSE Exams written begin
- ☐ **Wednesday 15 May-** Year 7 Retreat
- ☐ **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
- ☐ **Tuesday 2 July-** Virtues Awards Evening (*more information to follow*)
- ☐ **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!

1 Heard a Whisper...

When our to-do lists get longer and our days get busier, it can be easy to take for granted the help and support we are offered from those around us. But it takes no time at all to say 'thank you' and show our appreciation. Well done this week to Mrs Noon (SEND/CO), Miss Liddle (Performing Arts), Steph, Bernadette, Sara and Joanne (Admin/Finance), Mrs Lawson (RE/Law), Miss Batty (Head of Social Sciences) and Miss O'Hara (English/Media) who have all received nominations this week as a way of saying thanks.

If you would like to give a special shout-out to a member of staff, and earn them a sweet treat, drop us an email at heardawhisper@stjohns.bhcet.org.uk

Artist of the Week



Neve Reed, 11M



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