ST JOHN'S WEEKLY NEWS

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A WORD FROM LISA BYRON. HEADTEACHER

I hope you have all enjoyed a restful bank holiday weekend. This week is a big week for our Year 11 students as their GCSE written exams officially begin, starting with RE on Thursday. We are incredibly proud of our students who have worked diligently for the past two years in preparation for these exams, and we pray that their hard work comes to fruition and they have the confidence and resilience to let their lights shine.



Last week's attendance figures were:

Year 7: 92% Year 8: 91.8% Year 9: 89.6% Year 10: 90.4%

Year 11: 91.7% The most improved tutor group was 10Y with 9%.

Well done to the following students who have received praise from the MFL Department for receiving the most ClassCharts points in their MFL lessons since returning from the Easter holidays: Lucy Dixon 7M, Constance Cook 7N, Jordan Newton 7N, Esther Livesley 8J, Tyler Singleton 8R, Jayden-James Dunn 9O, Willow Haswell 9J, Callum Hazell 8A, Evie Smith 9A, Oliver Johnson 8A, Ava Wilkinson 9Y

Last Sunday our wonderful choir were invited to perform as part of a special service at St. Andrew's Church, South Church, by Lord Lieutenant, Sue Snowdon. The service formed part of St. Andrew's 750th anniversary celebrations, with a special focus on the bells, as new bell ropes have been installed. The bells were rededicated by the Dene of

Durham Cathedral, who complimented our students on their beautiful and joyful performance. A huge thank you to Marilyn Weerasinghe and the congregation of St. Andrew's for organising the event and for their hospitality.

On Tuesday morning our Year 12 and 13 students enjoyed a mental health activity morning where they took part in a range of sporting and fun activities to help promote wellbeing through sport. Well done to our Year 12 Sports Leaders who organised the event in order to help bring our Sixth Formers together before exams begin.



We have been delighted to hear about some of our wonderful students' achievements outside of school recently. Isobel Gosling in Year 12, along with her partner Georgia, has been selected to represent Great Britain in two upcoming Acrobatic World Cups in Bulgaria and Portugal.

Lewis Anderson in Year 9 came first in his most recent Cycling race, continuing his success in both national and local competitions.

We recently shared on our Facebook page the news that Lewis Langstaff-Wood in Year 10 had been contacted by the Northern Echo who wanted to publish his photos of Prince William on his visit to Newcastle last week, a testament to Lewis' talent for photography.

And Maiya Jones in Year 9 has been selected for the North East Under 15
Performance Squad for Netball.
Superb achievements all round!





TOMING UP THIS WEEK

Wednesday 8 RE GCSE Booster. Our GCSE Pre-Exam Booster Sessions begin with RE on Wednesday morning. **Thursday 9-** Our GCSE written exams begin, starting with RE on the morning and Drama on the afternoon. A huge good luck to all of our students- we know your hard work will pay off!

Friday 10- Year 13 Leavers' Day. We officially say goodbye and good luck to our wonderful Year 13 students on Friday as they begin their study leave. The celebration liturgy will be held at St Mary's Church at 11am, and parents and carers are welcome to join us. Students will then return to school for a celebration lunch.

Sunday 12- GCSE English Literature Booster. All Year 11 students are invited into school from 10am-12pm for a Pre-Exam Booster Session on English Literature Paper 1. The session will begin promptly at 10am and students should enter school via the Link. This is in preparation for their Macbeth/ Jekyll and Hyde paper on Monday 13.

LAST WEEK'S ACHIEVEMENTS







ClassCharts

Year 7 Top **Achievers**

Erin H 70 Lara S 7M Ajay H-N 7Y Alexia Beal 7J Noah H 7A

Year 8 Top **Achievers**

Jessica B 8A Connor A 8Y Chloe W 8H Ryan D 8A Harry D 8N

Year 9 Top **Achievers**

Chloe D 9H Ewan H 90 Chloe D 9A Nelle R 9R Megan M 90

Year 10 Top **Achievers**

Niamh C 10Y April G 10A Evie W 10Y Aaron M 10M Sapphire s 10N

Year 11 Top **Achievers**

Ella G 11A Abigail B 11M Dominic M 110 Jack R 11H Emma C 110

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Wednesday 15 May- Year 7 Retreat

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- 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
- Tuesday 9 July- Year 6 Induction Evening Wednesday 10 and Thursday 11 July- Les
- Thursday 11/ Friday 12 July- Year 6 Induction
- Friday 19 July- School's out for Summer!

Miserables (tickets available soon)

I Heard a Whisper...

Anna T 13H (LBT & NRO)

It's an extremely busy time of year within school, with coursework deadlines, exam revision and lots of events and trips taking place. Our staff are working extremely hard every day to ensure our students are supported in all areas, and so it is wonderful to receive so many emails to acknowledge this. Well done last week to Miss Robinson and Miss Hankey (Head and Assistant Head of Year 8), Miss Wilkinson, Mrs Rose and Miss Hayes (English), Thomas (Learning Mentor), Mrs Davis (LSA/ DofE Coordinator), Mr Dunn (Head of Sixth Form), Mrs Quicke (Health and Social

Angela (Catering) who have all received some lovely nominations.

Charlotte H 13P (NRO)



Artist of the Week

Riley Thompson-Walton. **7M**





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