ST JOHN'S WEEKLY NEWS

A Learning Community guided by Gospel Values

17 JUNE 2024 WEEK A







We held our Year 11 Celebration Liturgy on Wednesday, a wonderful event for our Class of 2024. Father Dennis led our liturgy and our fantastic choir provided the music. As part of our Liturgy, students were recognised for their achievements throughout their time at St John's. We also awarded two students, Lily Hill and Jack Reynolds, with our Father Towers Award for their superb contributions to our Learning Community. Following their Liturgy, Year 11 returned to school for a celebration buffet, traditional shirt signing and photo slideshow to reflect on their time at St John's.





Our Year 7 and 8 Netball Teams took part in the first BHCET tournament, and what fantastic outcomes we had. Year 8 won the tournament, displaying excellent individual skills and successful shooting. Year 7A team placed 2nd, showing amazing teamwork and encouraging each other throughout the tournament. Year 7B team placed 4th, displaying strong netball skills and developing their teamwork throughout. We are very proud of all involved!

On Thursday, students from Years 7 and 8 competed in the South

West Durham Athletics Competition against nine other schools. We are proud and delighted that the Year 7 boys and girls both came first in their competitions, the Year 8 girls came second and the Year 8 boys came sixth.

Well done, all who took part!





🔷 A WORD FROM LISA BYRON. HEADTEACHER

This week I hand over to Mrs Johnson, Head of Year 11, for a special message following our Year 11 Celebration Day last week:

For the past two years,

I have had the privilege of being Head of Year for our wonderful Year 11 students. Whilst there are a few exams remaining this week, last Friday was the final exam for most of our students and I wanted to say a final 'well done' to them all. Year 11, the resilience and determination you have shown throughout the long examination period has been astounding and I am so proud of you all. Every one of you has something unique to offer and I truly hope you all remember this as you move on to the next stage of your journey. As the poem shared at the Leavers' Celebration on Wednesday says: the fact that you exist makes everything a bit more magic. Our days at St John's will be quieter without you all, and I'll miss the laughs and the tears but I cannot wait to celebrate you all on Thursday at our Leavers' Party and again in August on Results Day. Thank

COMING UP THIS

Monday 17- This week we welcome Year 5 students from our Catholic primary feeder schools into St John's for a taste of life within our Learning Community. We wish them an enjoyable week of lessons and activities.

Monday 17 and Tuesday 18- Year 9 Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award Expedition. We wish those involved a safe and enjoyable expedition and pray the weather is kind to them.

Wednesday 19- National Thank a Teacher Day. Free e-cards can be sent to members of staff via www.thankateacher.co.uk, and there will be a postbox outside of the Main Hall for students to send a special thank you message to a teacher or member or support staff.

Wednesday 19- This week's Les Misérables rehearsal is for all cast. There are also rehearsals for lead cast members on Monday, Thursday and Friday this week and those students should consult the rehearsal schedule to check when they are needed. Tuesday will also be an optional singing rehearsal until 4.30pm.

Wednesday 19- Cracking Attendance - An evening of support and guidance regarding school attendance, 5.30pm-7.00pm. Parents and carers of Year 9 and 10 students are invited to join us for this supportive evening where we will be joined by external healthcare professionals, support workers and experts in attendance.

Thursday 20- Year 11 Leavers' Party. We look forward to celebrating our Year 11s at their Leavers' Party. Students can arrive at school from 6pm, with a coach departure of 6.30pm and return at approximately 11.15pm.

Thursday 20 and Friday 21- Year 7 Geography Field Trips for 7M and 7O (Thursday) and 7J and 7R (Friday). Students should ensure they bring a packed lunch and plenty to drink and wear suitable clothing and footwear, particularly considering a range of possible weather conditions. We wish them an enjoyable, and dry, trip.

LAST WEEK'S ACHIEVEMENTS

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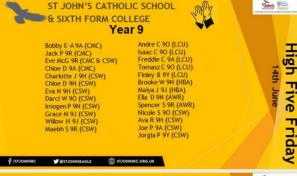
Year 10 Top **Achievers** Anna T 10A

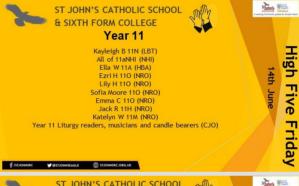
Chrimi M 10A April G 10A Yasmin W 10A Jayden B 10R

MFL Stars of the Week: Leon W (7A) Holly D (8A) **Harrison M** (80)Harvey M (8R) Jorgia P (9Y)



Year 10









DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



- Monday 24 June- Year 10 & 12 mock exams Monday 24 June- Year 5 Week for Bishop Auckland cluster primary schools
- Thursday 27 and Friday 28 June- Year 7 Geography trips to Teesdale for H, Y, A & N
- Friday 28 June- June's Tunes and Chat Community Cafe, 1.30-2.30pm
- **Tuesday 2 July-** Virtues Awards Evening
- Monday 8 July- Year 12 Work Experience
- Tuesday 9 July- Year 6 Induction Evening Wednesday 10 and Thursday 11 July- Les Miserables (tickets available now)
- Thursday 11/ Friday 12 July- Year 6 **Induction Days**
- Friday 19 July- School's out for Summer! School will finish at 1.30pm for all students

I Heard a Whisper...

Support staff are often the unsung heroes of school, and that is particularly true at St John's. Whether it be mentoring students, supporting in lessons, monitoring attendance, organising exams, welcoming visitors, taking phone calls, photocopying resources, dealing with finances, fixing IT or site issues or feeding our staff and students, every member of our support staff is integral to our community.

Well done to last week's nominees: Thomas (Learning Mentor), Michael (Learning Mentor), Miss Giblin (LSA), Mandy (Admin- Attendance), Bernadette and Cynthia (Admin-Main Reception) and Danielle (Admin-Exams).

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Artist of the Week



Hollie Hopps, 10M









