ST JOHN'S WEEKLY NEWS

A Learning Community guided by Gospel Values

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A WORD FROM LISA BYRON. HEADTEACHER

I wrote to all parents and carers last week to share details of our recent Ofsted inspection. We are delighted with the inspectors' positive feedback as they continue to judge St John's as a "Good" school. The report highlights many wonderful things about our learning community and is testimony to everyone's hard work, commitment and willingness to go the extra mile for every child in our care. We are dedicated to providing a caring and aspirational learning community where our students are at the heart of everything that we do. By working in partnership with you, our supportive parents and carers, we can all be proud of what the inspectors recognised during our 2 day inspection and celebrate all of the strengths identified in the report. The report identifies the many strengths of our learning community and recognises that we are ambitious for our students, instilling an aspirational culture which enables our young people to flourish. We encourage you to read the full report, available via our website, which captures many of the wonderful things about St John's, and I would like to take this opportunity once again to thank you for your partnership and support.

On Thursday evening we held our Year 11 Leavers' Party, one of the highlights of our calendar, at Bradbury Glade in Sedgefield. Our students all looked incredible and had a wonderful evening in beautiful surroundinas

celebrating the end of their secondary school journey and dancing the evening away together.

Last week we held the first of our Year 5 weeks for students from our Catholic primary feeder schools. Students had the chance to experience life at St John's with tasters of lessons during their visit.

On Thursday and Friday last week, Year 7 students from M, O, J and R went on their Geography field trip to High Force. Students had the most glorious weather for the trip and had a wonderful time exploring the beautiful This week is the turn of the remaining Year 7 students to complete their field trip, and

waterfall and surrounding area. we hope the shines for them.

On Friday our choir had a wonderful time celebrating World Music Day with students from Chorister School, Durham, and members of Durham Cathedral Choir. After a day of workshops, they performed in a service of Choral Evensong at St. Peter's Chapel in Auckland Castle.









Attendance figures last week: Year 7-88.5% Year 8-90.8% Year 9-86.5% Year 10- 90.2%



TOMING UP THIS WEEK

Monday 24- Our final external exam of this year, A Level RE, takes place today. Well done to all of our Year 11 and Year 13 students who have worked hard, persevered and shown such positive attitudes throughout the exam season. And a special thank you to all of our staff who have worked so hard to ensure students are prepared.

Monday 24- Mock exams begin for Year 10 and Year 12. Good luck, everyone!

Monday 24- Year 5 Week 2. This week we welcome students from our Bishop Auckland cluster primary schools.

Monday 24- Bishop Auckland Town Council Awards. A number of our students have won awards and will be attending this special event. We look forward to sharing news and photos with you.

Wednesday 26- The Debate Team are heading to the Riverside Stadium to compete in the BHCET Debate Competition. We wish them lots of luck.

Wednesday 26- This week's Les Misérables rehearsal is for all cast. Rehearsals for all lead cast members are also on Monday, Thursday and Friday and those students should consult the rehearsal schedule for timings. Thursday 27 and Friday 28- Year 7 Geography Field Trips for 7H and 7Y (Thursday) and 7A and 7N (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.

Friday 28- Tunes and Chat Community Cafe, 1.20-2.30pm.

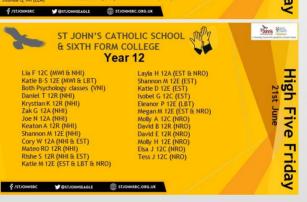
With the weather set to be warm early this week, we are allowing students to leave their blazers at home. However, they must attend in normal uniform other than this and we will continue to monitor temperatures.

LAST WEEK'S ACHIEVEMENTS











Year 7 Top **Achievers**

Sophia R 7H Olivia W 7Y Erin H 70 Harriet D 7M Holly R 7Y

Year 8 Top **Achievers** Esther L 8J

Max A 8M Carla M 8H Nathan A 8H Alex P 8Y

Year 9 Top **Achievers**

Nicole S 90 Chloe D 9H Grayson L 9Y Libby S 9R Henry S 90

Year 10 Top **Achievers** Leah R 100

Grace R 10M Thea C 10O Niamh G 10Y Kate B 10H

MFL Stars of the Week: Evie S (7N) **Max A (8M)**



Well done to Zachary in Year 8 who competed at the Acrobatic Gymnastics National Finals in Stoke and secured Gold in the Men's Group category earlier this month. And congratulations to Lewis

Langstaff-Wood in Year 10 who photographed the Trooping the Colour and had his photographs published in the Northern Echo.



Hannah B (9R) Chloe C (9M)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- ☐ Tuesday 2 July- Virtues Awards Evening, 6pm
- ☐ Monday 8 July- Year 12 Work Experience
- Tuesday 9 July- Year 6 Induction Evening, 6pm
- □ 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 with buses leaving at 1.45pm

I Heard a Whisper...

As our external exam season draws to a close, with only one Level exam remaining, we head into our mock exams for Year 10 and Year 12. Through all of these exams, external and internal, our staff work tirelessly to ensure students feel calm, organised and prepared. However, the work that goes on behind the scenes to ensure all of these exams run smoothly is no mean feat, and no exams would be possible without the hard work of the two members of staff who were last week's nominees. Well done to Mr McIntyre (Deputy Headteacher) and Danielle Dowson (Admin-Exams) who received a very well deserved treat.

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Artist of the Week



Carmen Foody, 12C

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