ST JOHN'S WEEKLY NEWS

A Learning Community guided by Gospel Values

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On Monday, some of our students attended the Bishop Auckland Town Council Youth Awards. Students were treated to a red carpet arrival and afternoon tea to celebrate their achievements. Students had been nominated by staff and were then selected by a panel of judges out of all nominees to win awards in the following areas:

WOW Award- Anna Thompson

Young Person Act of Bravery- Milana Dolia

Inspirational Young Person- Katie Brooks-Shea

Community Hero- Jack Sparke and Abigail Bramfitt

Horizon Award-Lydia-Rose Westgarth

Overcoming Personal Difficulties- Lucy Clark

Team of the Year Youth Arts Award- St John's Choir and Sixth Form **Enterprise Group**

Some of our students were also at the event to represent their Youth Group, AYCC (Auckland Youth and Community Centre), who won the Team of the Year Community Award.

To have so many students win awards at this evening's event is a superb achievement and shows what incredible young people we have. We are so proud of every single one of them.

On Thursday and Friday last week, Year 7 students from H, Y, A and N went on their Geography field trip to High Force. Students again had lovely weather for the trip and had a wonderful time exploring the beautiful waterfall and surrounding area.







A WORD FROM LISA BYRON. HEADTEACHER

As a Learning Community guided by Gospel Values, out trust and school Virtues are so important for ensuring our students develop beyond the classroom and grow into well-rounded individuals. Every single week, the events, photos and achievements shared in the newsletter and on our social media pages highlight these Virtues being lived out by our students. This week we also hold our very first Virtue Awards, a special event which celebrates one student from each year group who has consistently displayed each of the Virtues during this year. These students have been nominated by their Heads of Year and we look forward to welcoming them into school with their parents and carers to be acknowledged for this achievement.



Attendance figures last week:

Year 7- 91%

Year 8- 91.6%

Year 9-89.1%

Year 10- 92.2%

Competition. Students had a fantastic day of debating and were superb ambassadors for St John's, and Mr Stott said they could argue for England!

Riverside Stadium for the Bishop Hogarth Catholic Education Trust Debate

→ COMING UP THIS WEEK

Tuesday 2- Students will get the chance to use their voice and vote in the St John's Election during Pastoral. Tuesday 2- Virtue Awards 2024. Our brand new Virtue Awards are taking place on Tuesday evening at 6pm, with nominated students attending with their parents and carers. This promises to be a very special evening to celebrate student achievement and we look forward to sharing photos from the event with you.

Tuesday 2- Girls' Football Tournament for Years 7 and 8, 3.30-5.30pm. Good luck, everyone!

Wednesday 3- Wimbledon Trip. Around 40 of our students are attending this PE trip, leaving school at 1.30am on Wednesday. This is an excellent opportunity for our students and we wish them an enjoyable trip.

Wednesday 3 and Thursday 4- This week's Les Misérables rehearsal are for all cast on Wednesday and Thursday until 4.30pm. Rehearsals for all lead cast members are also on Monday until 5.30pm with an Act 2 singing rehearsal on Tuesday until 4.30. As we get closer to the show, it is important all cast members attend when they

Thursday 4- BHCET Athletics Competition. Parents should consult the letter for details. Good luck to all! Friday 5- Year 10 Seaham Geography field trip. 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.

Sunday 7- Les Miserables Dress Rehearsal, 10am-4pm. Students should enter via the Link and ensure they bring lunch, snacks and plenty to drink. Tickets are still available via www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-johns-catholic-school With the temperatures much cooler this week, students are to return to wearing their blazers as normal. We will continue to monitor the forecast as we approach the end of term and notify you of any changes.

LAST WEEK'S ACHIEVEMENTS



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Year 7 Top

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ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Last weekend, students from St John's represented their respective age groups playing in the Eggchaser 7s Northern Academies Rugby Festival held at Darlington Mowden Park. Well done to Harry Blackett, James Eley, Elliot Power, Samuel Ramsey, Cohen Ross and Kai Willets who all showcased

Year 8 Top **Achievers** Zea L 8Y

Thomas R 8H Evangeline E 8J Jessica B 8A James D 8M

Year 9 Top **Achievers**

Jack R 90 Anna B 9R Hassan S 9J Chloe D 9H Megan M 90

Year 10 Top **Achievers**

Hollie H 10M Emilie P 10S Jaimee R 10J Mahmoud AM 10R Adam L 10M

MFL Stars of the Week: Tyler T (7A) Chloe B (8Y) Jayden D (90) Logan P (8N) Oliver B (9J)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 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
- Tuesday 16 July- Sports Day
- Wednesday 17 July- Careers Fair (please contact J Somers if you would like a stall)
- Thursday 18 July- Year 7 Rewards Morning and Summer Spectacular
- 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...

their fantastic talent!

In our recent Ofsted inspection, the inspectors noted how our staff go "above and beyond" in their roles, something that shone through in both student and parent feedback. This is also something we see every day in school and that is echoed every week in our I Heard a Whisper nominations. Thank you to all of our incredible staff for always going "above and beyond" and making St John's the special place it is. Well done this week to Mrs Coulthard (Head of Year 7), Mrs Noon (SENDCO), Mrs Nighoskar (Assistant Head of Year 10), Mr Robertson (Head of MFL), Mr Smith (PE), Mrs Hannant (Assistant Head of Humanities), Mr Hutchinson (Head of Humanities), Mike and Keith (Site staff) and our Catering team. iheardawhisper@stjohns.bhcet.org.uk



Artist of the Week



Lucie Hogarth, 80







