## ST JOHN'S WEEKLY NEWS

A Learning Community guided by Gospel Values

15 JULY 2024 Week A

We had an incredible two evenings with the most incredibly talented students last week for this year's production of Les Miserables. There were tears, laughter, a whole



lot of teamwork and two standing ovations, but now the curtain has fallen on another St John's production. A huge well done to our amazing students who showed such talent, commitment and emotion, and a big thank you to all who made it happen.



Mrs Pryer, Mrs Mannix, Miss Springhall and Mr Walker would like to say a massive well done to all students who went on the Kingswood trip last week. They persevered through the downpour showing 100% effort in all

activities such as ziplining, climbing and archery. All were a credit to St John's, but a special well done to Isla Collinson and Jack Sparke who won awards for demonstrating the Virtues of the school throughout the trip

Some of our Year 9 students have been involved in a sustainability project with Raby Castle. This has involved visiting the gardens and deer park and listening to various staff talk about their roles in the



estate and their careers. Next week the students will be presenting their own sustainability ideas back to the Raby Castle staff. It's been a g

their own sustainability ideas back to the Raby Castle staff. It's been a great project to be involved in for our Year 9 students who have opted for Triple Science next year.

Following a cancelled flight early last week, our final Turing Scheme trip of the year has finally made it to Charleston, South Carolina. Our staff and Sixth Formers are making the most of their timing, exploring the culture and learning about the rich history of the area. Our Turing Scheme trips have been fantastic this year, and a huge well done to Thomas our Learning Mentor for making them happen!



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Monday 15- Our Art trip to Barcelona has arrived safely after leaving on Sunday. We wish them a wonderful trip as they visit the Picasso Museum, soak up gothic architecture and enjoy the sunshine and culture.
Monday 15- Father Dennis' Retirement Celebration. We look forward to celebrating this wonderful man and the contributions he has made to our Learning Community with mass and presentation on Monday evening.
Tuesday 16- Sports Day. Students should attend school in school PE kit for this day and ensure they bring sun cream, a hat and plenty to drink. The morning will be individual student competitions followed by all students from Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 out for the afternoon events. Good luck, everyone!

**Wednesday 17-** Careers Fair. During the course of the day, all students will get the chance to visit the fair in the Main Hall with a variety of stalls from universities, colleges, apprenticeship providers, alumni and employers. **Thursday 18-** Summer Spectacular. Our winning House for this term is Wilfrid, and they will be receiving the Summer Spectacular reward event on Thursday afternoon. We also want to reward our Year 7 students for their fantastic first year at St John's, and they will receive the reward on the morning. All of Year 7 and students in Wilfrid House should attend school in school PE kit for this day.

**Friday 19-** Final day of term. Students will be in normal lessons Period 1 and 2 and then in Pastoral Period 3. All students will have lunch at 12.30pm before returning to their tutors for afternoon registration and departure at 1.20pm with our traditional staff 'wave-off'. School buses have been arranged for this time too. Happy holidays!



As we head into our final week of the academic year, we reflect on all of the fantastic achievements, opportunities and memories this year has brought, and there has certainly been a lot! We have seen trips as far as Canada and New York, Trust competitions in Athletics, Debating and MFL, sporting successes galore and numerous performance opportunities and theatre visits. Our students have contributed to the wider community through charity events, Community Cafes, nursing home performances and art projects, and we have celebrated Town Council Awards, our very first Virtue Awards and countless student achievements. And not forgetting a successful Ofsted inspection as the icing on the cake! I would like to take this opportunity to extend a huge well done to all of our students for their progress and achievements this year, and a heartfelt thanks to all of our parents and carers for their continued support and partnership. I would also like to thank our incredible team of staff, no matter what role they play, for their unwavering dedication to our Learning Community and the lives of our students and families.

We wish everyone a wonderful summer holiday and well deserved rest.

## LAST WEEK'S ACHIEVEMENTS



THE WILLIAM WALLACE BOX CUP



ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

A huge well done to Alex Simpson in Year 9 who recently won a gold medal in the William Wallace Box Cup. On his way to the gold medal he also won two difficult bouts against boxers from Scotland and Ireland. He now hopes to box in the National finals later this year. Good luck, Alex!

Year 12 student, Joe Walton, received an impressive award at the Schools' Physicist of the Year 2024 which was held on Tuesday 18th June at Durham University. The award was presented by Professor Paula Chadwick FRAS, Head of Department for Physics, and Dr Anna McLeod Associate Professor in the Institute for Computational Cosmology for the Department of Physics. Well done, Joe!



## I Heard a Whisper...

The end of an academic year always prompts reflection on the year passed; the amazing achievements of our students, the fantastic opportunities they have been involved with and the lovely memories that have been made. But none of these would be possible without our fantastic staff who continue to go above and beyond

A special well done this week to Miss Wilkinson (Assistant Headteacher), Mrs Coulthard (Head of Year 7), Mrs Rose (Assistant Headteacher), Bernadette (Admin), Mrs Pullen (Assistant Headteacher), Mrs Wright (Science) and Mrs Higgins (Maths). iheardawhisper@stjohns.bhcet.org.uk

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Artist of the Week



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