

ST JOHN'S WEEKLY NEWS

A Learning Community guided by Gospel Values

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We had two fantastic mornings for our A Level and GCSE Results Days celebrating fantastic results. The school was brimming with pride and excitement as students, parents, and staff alike rejoiced in their well-deserved success. Our students' excellent results are a testimony to their commitment, hard work and determination to do well and we are excited to see them go from strength to strength in their next chapter. We are thrilled to welcome back many of our Year 11 students to Sixth Form and we extend a warm welcome to our new students joining us from other schools. We would like to wish all of our Year 11 students, regardless of their destination, the best of luck in their next steps and we wish our Year 13 students well as they take their next steps into the world of work or university. As a school we are delighted to share that over half of all our A Level results were grade A*-B and that a quarter of grades awarded to our students were the top results of A*, A, Distinction* and Distinction. We also celebrated our best GCSE results on record, with our results higher than both local and national averages across the board.



Over the summer we welcomed our brand new Year 7 students in for Summer School to help them make friends and get to know some of the staff at St John's before their official start. The theme this year was 'Survival' and whether it was den building, launching eggs in rockets from the top floor (amazingly some survived), making towers strong enough to survive an earthquake, playing pirate games, taking part in a graffiti workshop or making their own board games... they all survived! We can't praise our students enough for their excellent behaviour and impeccable manners and we look forward to welcoming them all officially tomorrow. We hope that they continue to live out the school Virtues they have all shown during both weeks of Summer School - resilience, respect, self-belief and compassion.



A WORD FROM LISA BYRON,
HEADTEACHER



I hope you have all had a wonderful summer holiday and enjoyed precious time with family and friends. We ended last academic year on a high following our successful Ofsted inspection where it was acknowledged that our staff go "above and beyond", that "our pupils are safe and cared for well" and that we provide our students with "a high-quality and well-rounded education." All of these wonderful statements were evident through our fantastic results at both A Level and GCSE and it was wonderful to celebrate the hard work of our students and staff.

As we begin a brand new academic year, we are excited to welcome new students into Year 7 and Year 12 and to see our students continue to shine, both academically and through their many gifts and talents. We thank you for your continued support, which we value so greatly, and we look forward to working in partnership again to ensure our young people are the best versions of themselves.

GCSE Results

13.4% - Grade 9 - 8
(12.5% National Average)

25% - Grade 9 - 7
(22.6% National Average)

42.2% - Grade 9 - 6
(37.1% National Average)

62.6% - Grade 9 - 5
(54.6% National Average)

79.2% - Grade 9 - 4
(70.4% National Average)



COMING UP THIS WEEK

Tuesday 3- We are looking forward to welcoming all of our students back to school on Tuesday, 3 September. Students should be at their congregation points for 8.50am in full uniform and with full equipment ready to begin the academic year. Students will be with their tutors Periods 1-3 to receive their new planners, timetables and other important information. School photographs will also be taken during this time for students in Year 7, 9, 11, 12 and 13, as well as any students in Year 8 or 10 who did not have theirs taken last year.

Tuesday 3- We are excited to welcome our brand new Year 7 students into our school community on Tuesday. Once students arrive at school they should head to the front of school, outside Main Reception, where they will be met by Mr Smith, Miss Heads and their tutors and will line up in their tutor groups. There will be plenty of staff on hand to direct students to the correct location, and they will spend their first week being taken to and from their lessons to give them chance to find their way around. We know there will be some nervous students, and parents, but our staff will ensure our students feel safe and cared for.

Tuesday 3- Our new Enrichment Programme begins immediately with some brand new clubs as well as continuing clubs from last year. With over 70 clubs on offer across lunchtime and after school, there is something for everyone! Students will have the chance in their first Pastoral session to choose the clubs they would like to attend and a copy will be shared on social media and sent to parents and carers. Please chat to your child about which clubs they will attend and encourage them to get involved in the wider school life.



We love to celebrate and share our students' achievements, both in and out of school. If your child has a success they would like to share with us and are happy for it to be posted on our Facebook and Instagram pages, please email it, along with a photo, to Mrs Rose, Assistant Headteacher, at nrose@stjohns.bhcet.org.uk.

<p>STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT</p> <p>Name: Evie Collyer</p> <p>Grades: A*, A*, A*, A*</p> <p>Next Step: English at York University</p> <p>"St John's Sixth Form is so welcoming. It is a really friendly community and I always knew I could get extra support from the teachers if I needed it."</p>	<p>STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT</p> <p>Name: Charlotte Hoyle</p> <p>Grades: A, Double Distinction</p> <p>Next Step: Gap Year before university or apprenticeship</p> <p>"I've made loads of new friends and the teachers have been so supportive. It's very different from school but you're supported through it all."</p>	<p>STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT</p> <p>Name: Zach Elliott</p> <p>Grades: C, C, D</p> <p>Next Step: Performing Arts at Sunderland University</p> <p>"The school have been absolutely amazing helping me cope through GCSE and now A Level following my injury a few years ago and I can't fault the support I have had."</p>	<p>STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT</p> <p>Name: William Foster</p> <p>Grades: A, A, A</p> <p>Next Step: Civil Engineering at Newcastle University</p> <p>"St John's are brilliant! All the teachers are there for you and put in so much effort. I've learned that it's all about how you apply yourself and hard work does pay off!"</p>
<p>STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT</p> <p>Name: Eleanor Tippey</p> <p>Grades: A*, A, A, A</p> <p>Next Step: Law at Southampton University</p> <p>"After seven years at St John's I'm so sad to be leaving but very excited for my next steps which my teachers have prepared me so well for. And I know I'll be back - I'll always feel part of this community."</p>	<p>STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT</p> <p>Name: Hannah Foster-Short</p> <p>Grades: A, A, B, B</p> <p>Next Step: Archaeology at Durham University</p> <p>"There's so much support at St John's. The staff really look after you without you feeling like you're being pushed too much. They give you feedback without too much academic pressure. It's just incredible!"</p>	<p>STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT</p> <p>Name: Mohamad Rashdan</p> <p>Grades: A, A, A</p> <p>Next Step: Hoping to study Dentistry abroad</p> <p>"All of the teachers have been really supportive and everyone is really keen to support you and make sure you do your best."</p>	<p>STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT</p> <p>Name: Tegan Dowson</p> <p>Grades: Distinction, Double Distinction</p> <p>Next Step: Cabin Crew for Eastern Airways!</p> <p>"The school have gone above and beyond in their help and support"</p>
<p>St John's Student Success</p> <p>Name: George Best</p> <p>Results Highlights: Grades 3-6 in all subjects</p> <p>Next Step: Sociology, Geography and English Lang/Lit at St John's Sixth Form</p> <p>"The best decision I have made in my life was coming to St John's I wouldn't change it for the world and can't wait to continue my journey here"</p>	<p>St John's Student Success</p> <p>Name: Jonny Li</p> <p>Results Highlights: Grades 8 and 9 in all subjects</p> <p>Next Step: Computer Science, Chemistry, Physics and Maths at St John's Sixth Form</p> <p>"It is a great school. Staff are really supportive and if you ask for any help or resources they will always deliver"</p>	<p>St John's Student Success</p> <p>Name: Poppy and Lily Davidson</p> <p>Results Highlights: 16 grades 7-9 between them</p> <p>Next Step: St John's Sixth Form Poppy: Geography, English Lang/Lit and Art Lily: Geography, English Lang/Lit and Biology</p> <p>"It's been amazing for me here. The support I have received has been incredible."</p> <p>"I really like it here - the teachers are lovely and have helped me throughout"</p>	<p>St John's Student Success</p> <p>Name: Aimee Carville</p> <p>Results Highlights: Grades 6-9 in all subjects</p> <p>Next Step: Biology, Geography, English Lang/Lit and Art at St John's Sixth Form</p> <p>"St John's has been incredibly supportive during my time here so far. I am so pleased with my results and can't thank my teachers enough - they've helped me get where I am!"</p>
<p>St John's Student Success</p> <p>Name: Sam Wilkinson</p> <p>Results Highlights: Grades 6-9 in all subjects</p> <p>Next Step: PE, Maths and Computer Science at St John's Sixth Form</p> <p>"All of the staff are very respectful and thoughtful. It's a very nice environment to learn in and I cannot wait to come back for Sixth Form!"</p>	<p>St John's Student Success</p> <p>Name: Lily Hill</p> <p>Results Highlights: Grades 6-9 in all subjects</p> <p>Next Step: Maths, Further Maths, English Lang/Lit and Drama at St John's Sixth Form</p> <p>"I've felt really supported by all of the teachers and enjoyed my lessons at the same time as learning"</p>	<p>St John's Student Success</p> <p>Name: Evan Bowes</p> <p>Results Highlights: Grades 4 and 5 in all subjects</p> <p>Next Step: Bishop Auckland College</p> <p>"I have really enjoyed my time at St John's - all the staff are amazing!"</p>	<p>St John's Student Success</p> <p>Name: Isaac Slater</p> <p>Results Highlights: Grades 6-9 in all subjects</p> <p>Next Step: History, Sociology and RE at St John's Sixth Form</p> <p>"I have enjoyed St John's so far and am looking forward to Sixth Form. I have been well supported by my teachers"</p>



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The following are some key dates for your diary for the first half term. More details will follow for each of these in due course and we will continue to update this section of the newsletter each week with forthcoming dates.

- ❑ **Wednesday 11 September**- Year 10 Information Evening (more details to follow)
- ❑ **Wednesday 18 September**- Year 11 Information Evening (more details to follow)
- ❑ **Wednesday 25 September**- Year 9 Information Evening (More details to follow)
- ❑ **Thursday 26 September**- Open Evening for Year 5 and 6 students and their families, 5.30-7.30pm
- ❑ **Wednesday 2 October**- Year 8 Information Evening (more details to follow)
- ❑ **Wednesday 9 October**- Year 12 Information Evening (more details to follow)
- ❑ **Thursday 10 October**- Sixth Form Open Evening
- ❑ **Wednesday 16 October**- Year 13 Information Evening (more details to follow)
- ❑ **Wednesday 23 October**- Year 7 Welcome Mass (more details to follow)
- ❑ **Friday 25 October**- School closed to students for staff INSET

