ST JOHN'S WEEKLY NEWS

A Learning Community guided by Gospel Values

23 SEPTEMBER 2024 WEEK B



There have been some amazing successes within our Sixth Form recently which we wanted to share.

Each year a number of Year 12 aspiring teachers opt to follow a programme in their own time to support their progressions and passions in teaching. The students work with staff to take sections of lessons and support departments as well as supporting intervention sessions for younger students. They also receive special train sessions delivered by our staff on a range of topics. Well done to Molly, Katie and Jennifer on their successful completion of the programme.





Bodie Davison in Year 13 has secured a Law Scholarship bursary of £2,500 per year to support his studies at University. This involved Bodie writing an essay which was open nationally for all Year 13 students. He was then chosen along with 12 other students to spend an assessment day in the CMS London office having a series of interviews and group tasks, and from this he was one of only four other students who secured this scholarship.

Having studied really hard over the last few months, Chloe Canning and Sophie Campbell in Year 13 have successfully passed and gained fantastic results in their UCAT test which will allow them to progress onto completing their application to Medicine. Well done, girls-your hard work has paid off! It is wonderful to see our students soaring higher in Sixth Form!

On Friday, Bishop Stephen invited our School Chaplain, Emma Ramsey, and four of our students to St Mary's Cathedral for a special Recommissioning Mass. The Mass included Chaplains and representatives from schools across the diocese and involved Bishop Stephen blessing all of the Chaplains as they promised to continue the work they do in our Catholic schools.



As our School Chaplain, Emma is such an integral part of our Learning Community and the work she does for the Catholic Life of our school and for the spiritual journey and wellbeing of our students and staff is second to none, so it was wonderful to see this acknowledged. Well done to Lucy, Beaux, Matthew and Thomas who were superb ambassadors for our school during this event.

A WORD FROM LISA BYRON.
HEADTFACHER

We continue to celebrate our fantastic exam results from last academic year. and the statistics really do speak for themselves to showcase the incredible hard work of both our staff and students. This week our Year 11 and Year 13 students begin their 6 Week Plans in the lead-up to their first set of mock exams. These plans are put together by subject staff and include revision tips and resources, recommended revision plans and exam content to help our students manage their revision effectively. Last year's results also help to highlight the correlation between good attendance and good grades. with students who had higher than 93% attendance achieving on average almost a grade higher across their subjects than those with below 93%. Good attendance and punctuality are so important to ensure our students reach their full potential, and we appreciate your continued support with this.

Last week's attendance figures were: Year 7 97.9%, Year 8 90.9%, Year 9 92.7%, Year 10 92.4%, Year 11



MFL Stars of the Week- Yr 7: Yevanhelina T, Yr 8 French: Sienna N, Yr 8 Spanish: Ajay H-N, Yr 9 Spanish: Ryan D

COMING UP THIS WEEK

Tuesday 24- All year groups will be taking part in the National Biology Spelling Bee in Pastoral on Tuesday. The list of words to learn has been sent out via ClassCharts and shared on our social media pages. Tutors will read out 20 of these words and pupils will write and then self-assess their answers. The top scorers in each year group will then go forward to a classic Spelling Bee competition. Good luck, everyone!

Tuesday 24- European Day of Languages. We are excited to be hosting a Trust event to celebrate European Day of Languages with students from the four other secondary schools joining our students for special activities during the course of the morning.

Wednesday 25- Following their successful first match as part of St John's where they won 10-4 against King James, our Year 7 football team have their next match at home to Whitworth Park, along with Years 8, 9 and 10. **Wednesday 25-** Year 9 Information Evening, 5.30pm. We invite parents and carers of our Year 9 students to an important Information Evening all about what to expect from Year 9, homework, curriculum and attendance as well as the move towards GCSE. Please enter via Main Reception if you are attending. For any parents who are unable to attend, a copy of the presentation will be available on the school website after the evening.

Thursday 26- Open Evening, 5.30-7.30pm. We are excited to welcome prospective students and their families into St John's for the chance to meet our staff and students and see our wonderful school for themselves.

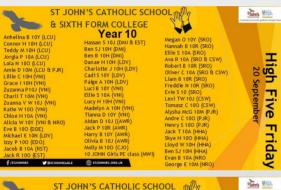
LAST WEEK'S ACHIEVEMENTS























ClassCharts Year 7 Top

Achievers Callum S 70 Verity D 7M Saule K 7M Daniel W 70 Scarlett R 7M

Year 8 Top **Achievers**

Summer B 8H Noah H8A Isla S 8M Riley T-W 8M Finley G 8A

Year 9 Top **Achievers**

Ryan D9A Joel H 9J Connor A 9Y Thomas K 9R Evangeline E 9J

Year 10 Top **Achievers**

Jack R 100 Hassan S 10J Liam B 10R Freddie C 10A Ava R 10A

Year 11 Top **Achievers**

Evie W 11Y Mia H 11J Sienna M 11A Klaudia T 11J Anna T 11A

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- ☐ Wednesday 2 October- Year 8 Info Eve. 5.30pm
- ☐ Wednesday 9 October- Year 12 Info Eve,
- ☐ Thursday 10 October- Sixth Form Open Evening, 5.30-7.30pm
- ☐ Wednesday 16 October- Year 13 Info Eve, 5.30pm
- ☐ Wednesday 23 October- Year 7 Welcome Mass (more details to follow)
- ☐ Friday 25 October- School closed to students for staff INSET. Half Term begins.
- ☐ Monday 4 November- School reopens
- ☐ Tuesday 12 November- Christmas Market, 6pm (book a stall: friends@stjohns.bhcet.org.uk)
- ☐ Friday 29 November- Disaggregated Day, school closed

🦃 I Heard a Whisper...

"Many pupils and parents told inspectors how grateful they are for the staff, who go 'above and beyond' to help them." Ofsted 2024

We know what an incredible team of staff we have at St John's who consistently go above and beyond to support our students, families and each other, and I Heard a Whisper is all about celebrating that.

Well done this week to Mrs Noon (SENDCO) and Miss Robinson (Head of Year 8) who were last week's recipients of a well-deserved sweet treat.

If you would like to extend your thanks to a member of staff for their support or for going 'above and beyond', drop us an email at:

iheardawhisper@stjohns.bhcet.org.uk



Artist of the Week



Ruby Wilson 12A









