ST JOHN'S WEEKLY NEWS

A Learning Community guided by Gospel Values

18 NOVEMBER 2024 Week A



90 of our Year 8 students had a wonderful two-night retreat at the Emmaus Youth Village last week, exploring the theme 'Pilgrims of Hope'. They enjoyed time in nature with some autumn walks, completed craft activities



and affirmations for each other, took part in an Escape Room and finished their time with Mass. Thank you to YMT for leading us in such a special and thought-provoking retreat and we look forward to returning in the Spring term for our Staff Retreat and Year 7 Retreat.



 Over the past few weeks, eight of our Year 8
students have taken part in the launch event and first challenge for this year's Future
Business Magnates competition. This is the twentieth year of the competition which links
students with local businesses to design and market their own product. Good luck, team!

On Monday we held a Remembrance Service in honour of all who have sacrificed their lives to war and conflict. Our service, held in our Chapel, was attended by our Liturgy Leaders, CAFOD Young Leaders, musicians and some of our scouts, guides and cadets and was streamed across the school for all students to watch and participate in.



A WORD FROM LISA BYRON, HEADTEACHER

We are incredibly proud of the sporting success within St John's. from the fantastic range of PE Enrichment on offer to the superb track record of our teams in everything from football to rugby. athletics to badminton and every sport in between! This week's newsletter gives just a snippet of the amazing achievement of our students in sport, and every week there continues to be St John's victories and silverware to add to our cabinets! But of course it isn't just about the successes, it's also about the amazing teamwork, sportsmanship and resilience our students display through their involvement in sport. And none of this would be possible without the hard work and dedication of our amazing PE department who work tirelessly to provide countless sporting opportunities for our students, providing them with skills and memories to last a lifetime!

A HUGE thank you to everyone who came along and supported our first Christmas Market on Tuesday evening. There were so many wonderful stalls with fabulous festive gifts and treats on offer and it was lovely to welcome lots of people into school to begin the festivities. Thank you to all of our stall holders, our staff and Sixth Form helpers and especially to Mrs Pullen who organised the event. We hope this will become an annual event in our school calendar and, as always, your support is greatly appreciated.

Sporting Success 16 students attended a Badminton fixture against Hummersknott school on Tuesday 5 November. The players are all making huge progress and were able to play some very competitive and closely contested games. The Badminton club, which runs on Monday and Friday lunchtime, has over 40 regularly



attending students, many of whom have taken up the sport since attending St John's. Well done to all who played, and new attendees are always welcome at Badminton!

A huge well done to our Year 7 and 8 students who competed at the District Sports Hall Athletics on Friday at Bishop Barrington. Our teams performed brilliantly, resulting in first place for the Year 8 girls and Year 8 boys and second place for the Year 7 girls.

The Year 7 and 8 Rugby teams competed in the District Tournament at Maiden Castle recently with huge success all round. The Year 8 team won all of their games without conceding a single try, whilst the Year 7 team won their St John's debut game, with both teams showing superb sportsmanship. All age groups, boys and girls, have more Rugby fixtures to look forward to before Christmas.

Tuesday 19- Student Leadership Team interviews. Following on from the application process earlier in the term, any students who have been successful in getting to the interview stage will be informed on Monday and will be invited to a group interview during Pastoral on Tuesday.

Wednesday 20- Year 7 and 8 Rugby Competition. We wish the selected students lots of luck as they head to Parkside to take part in this competition.

Wednesday 20-Frozen the Musical first rehearsal. A huge congratulations to our lead cast who were announced on Friday in school and on our social media pages. All cast should attend our first rehearsal after school on Wednesday until 4.30pm. If there are any students who did not audition but would still like to be involved, it's not too late to come along and sign up. We can't wait to get started!

LAST WEEK'S ACHIEVEMENTS



MFL Stars of the Week: Regan W 7R, Alfie D 8Y, James D 9M, Kea-Shenell W 8H, Filip Z 9R

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Friday 29 November- Disaggregated Day, school closed
- Thursday 5 December- Year 11 Progress Eve
- Monday 16 December- Christmas Celebration (tickets available soon)
- Friday 20 December- School closes for Christmas
- Monday 6 January- School reopens
- Tuesday 14 January- Careers Day
- **Tuesday 28 January-** Year 9 Options Eve
- Thursday 30 January- Year 12 and 13 Progress Eve
- **Thursday 13 February-** Year 9 Progress Eve
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- Monday 3 March- School reopens

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Well done this week to Mr Rolston (Assistant Headteacher), Susie Denning (Parent Support Advisor), Mr Walker (LSA), Mrs Hodgson (Science), Gary Tonge (Site) and Mrs Carter (Assistant Head of Year 8) who have all been nominated for the great support they've offered recently.If you would like to say thank you to a member of staff for their support, drop us an email at: **iheardawhisper@stjohns.bhcet.org.uk**

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