ST JOHN'S WEEKLY NEWS

A Learning Community guided by Gospel Values

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Following a competitive application and interview process over the past month, we are delighted to officially introduce our Student Leadership Team, featuring some brand new members! The team now includes students from all year groups across the school who will represent their peers and work with Ms Byron, Mrs Rose and the Leadership Team to make positive changes to life at St John's. They have been presented with their Student Leadership badges and have begun to have discussions around their priorities and areas of focus for the coming months.





On Tuesday we welcomed back the team from Show Racism the Red Card to talk to our students in Years 8-13 about the dangers of stereotypes, personal experiences with institutionalised racism and how we can all be a part of tackling the problems. Our students listened and engaged well with the talks and showed high levels of respect throughout.





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Students recently enjoyed taking part in a competition that was organised by one of our students in support of a local charity. Maya in Year 9 volunteers for Supportive Spaces and asked Ms Byron's help in judging a poster competition, to encourage young people to speak out about their feelings. We had some incredible entries but the winner was Sophia Reynolds in Year 8 and runners up were Molly Neilson in Year 9 and Leo Bagley in Year 8.

A WORD FROM LISA BYRON.
HEADTEACHER

As we officially enter the season of Advent, we take the time to pray for Hope. We pray for Hope within our own homes and hearts this festive season. Hope for those who are struggling or find Christmas a particularly difficult time, and Hope across the world. May we all be reminded of the true meaning of Christmas and find Hope in new beginnings and for what is to come. All too often we can get caught up in the excitement, and pressures, of Christmas, but instead we must take the time to remember the true meaning of Christmas and take some time this Advent to reflect on what is most important.



In September, 10 Year 7 students were nominated to take part in an online assessment process to gain a place in the Parallel Academy. The students nominated were: Isabelle Gibson, Gabriel McCourt, Kai Dodds, Max Labron, Nathan Pallister, Patrik Szabados, Tobias Sawyer, Francesca Saunders, Louis Weighill and Rosie Grayson. The Parallel Academy will provide students with the opportunity to develop their reasoning and problem-solving skills beyond the Maths curriculum. The project offers a long-term programme of small-group online tutorials, starting in Year 7 and continuing for five years. This is a life-changing opportunity that will prepare students for Further

Maths A Level, applying to a top university and long-term success in a STEM-related

We are delighted to announce that all 10 students have been accepted onto one of three levels of the programme and will begin their journey in January. A special congratulations must go to Isabella, who has been accepted onto the Tutorial Programme, gaining one of

only 400 places nationally. We are very proud of the efforts of all of the students and we look forward to following their journey and seeing where the programme may take them in the future.



COMING UP THIS WEEK

Wednesday 4- Audition for soloists and small groups to perform at this year's Christmas concert take place on Wednesday 4 December in Mu2 from 3:20-4:20pm. The theme of this year's concert is Peace, Hope, Joy and Love. Please email rbell@stjohns.bhcet.org.uk to arrange your audition. Tickets will be available this week. **Wednesday 4-** Frozen rehearsals for all cast until 4.30pm. Those wanting to audition for the Christmas Concert will still be able to during Frozen rehearsals.

Thursday 5- Year 11 Progress Evening. Appointments are still available via SchoolCloud. We look forward to welcoming our Year 11 students and their parents and carers into school for important conversations regarding progress and next steps following the most recent mock exams.

LAST WEEK'S ACHIEVEMENTS



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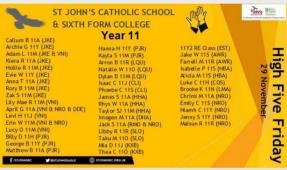
















ClassCharts Year 7 Top **Achievers**

Darcey L 70 Finley H 70 Saule K 7M Rosie S 70 Aimee H 70

Year 8 Top **Achievers**

Sally B 8J Beaux A8M Milana D 8J Olivia B 8J Nancy T8R

Year 9 Top **Achievers**

Grace M 9J Evie M 9Y Thomas T 9A Esther L 9J Leah W 9A

Year 10 Top **Achievers**

Lily J 10H Isabelle G 10N Joshua W 10M Jack R 100 Skye H 100

Year 11 Top **Achievers**

Ethan R 11Y Anna T 11A April G 11A Yasmin W 11A Vincent T 11A

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Monday 16 December- Christmas Celebration (tickets available this week)
- ☐ Tuesday 17 December- Parishioner Christmas Lunch
- ☐ Wednesday 18 December- Student Christmas Dinner- details to follow.
- ☐ Friday 20 December- School closes for Christmas. (Please note this will be a half day with students finishing at 1.30pm)
- ☐ Monday 6 January- School reopens
- ☐ Tuesday 14 January- Careers Day
- ☐ Tuesday 28 January- Year 9 Options Eve
- ☐ Thursday 30 January- Year 12/13 Progress Eve
- ☐ Thursday 13 February- Year 9 Progress Eve
- ☐ Friday 21 February- Staff Inset, school closed to students. Half term begins
- Monday 3 March- School reopens

I Heard a Whisper...

Évery single week we receive email nominations for our staff, thanking them for their hard work, support and for going that extra mile to support our students, families and each other. The number and variety of emails we receive are testament to our incredible staff and the wonderful community we have at St John's.

Well done this week to Miss Giblin (LSA), Mrs Lupton (Business Studies), Miss Johnston (English), Mr Hutchinson (Head of Humanities), Gary Tonge (Site) and Mrs Widdowson (PE) for their very well deserved nominations this week. If you would like to say an extra special thank you to a member of staff, email:

iheardawhisper@stjohns.bhcet.org.uk

Artist of the Week





Emily Crawford 11H











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