

ST JOHN'S WEEKLY NEWS

A Learning Community guided by Gospel Values

16 DECEMBER 2024

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We are delighted to announce that our very own St John's School Choir will be performing on the iconic stage of The Glasshouse, Gateshead in the New Year, as they made it through to the final of the North East Secondary School Choir of the Year Competition for the second year in a row. On Wednesday, GCSE Music students had a wonderfully festive evening at The Glasshouse for their annual Music Christmas Formal. They enjoyed a lovely meal before watching the Christmas at the Musicals concert performed by the Royal Northern Sinfonia and four leading West End stars.

It was amazing to see a performance on the stage that our students will get the chance to perform on soon.



What an amazing lunchtime we had on Friday! Over 500 students came along to watch staff members take to the mic, and the festive spirit was amazing! Well done to all of our fabulous (and brave!) staff who sang their hearts out and thank you to our students for all of their contributions to our food bank and Hygiene Hamper appeals!



Well done to Matthew in Year 9 and Jonny in Year 12 who have achieved outstanding results in their most recent Piano exams- Matthew Grade 5 Distinction and Jonny Grade 8 Merit.



Mr Oxberry and Mrs Nighoskar recognised the hard work and commitment of some of our Year 11 students with a special celebration breakfast. Invited students consisted of those with the top attainment in their mock exams, those who had made the most progress in their mock exams and those who had shown the biggest improvement, as well as those with 100% attendance so far this year.



A huge well done to our Year 7, 8 and 9 Rugby teams who last week played Rugby League games against Parkside and once again showed fantastic sportsmanship, team spirit and resilience in some tough matches. Congratulations to our Year 8 team who won their match and continue to go from strength to strength.



COMING UP THIS WEEK

Monday 16- Christmas Celebration, 6pm. Tickets are still available via TicketSource for this year's Christmas Celebration, featuring festive performances from our wonderful ensembles, soloists and actors. Tickets will also be available on the door. Students involved will be rehearsing during the course of the day on Monday.

Tuesday 17- We are looking forward to welcoming over 60 of our local parishioners into school for our annual Parishioners' Christmas Lunch. Our visitors will be served and entertained by St John's students.

Wednesday 18- Student Christmas Dinner. All of our students are welcome to have Christmas Dinner on this day and lunch times have been adjusted to allow for this. No other hot food will be available on this day.

Wednesday 18 and Thursday 19- Bishop Auckland College Enrichment. Over 120 students are taking part in enrichment taster sessions with the College in motor vehicle, construction, catering, e-sports and beauty.

Thursday 19- Advent Liturgies. During the course of the day, students will be walking down to St Mary's Church to take part in our annual Advent liturgies.

Friday 20- Christmas Accessory Day and last day of term. Students are invited to come into school in a Christmas jumper or accessory alongside their normal uniform to celebrate the last day of term. Jumpers may be worn in place of blazers, but all other uniform must remain as normal. School will finish at 1.20pm on this day.



A WORD FROM LISA BYRON, HEADTEACHER

As we enter into the final week of this term, and of 2024, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our parents and carers for another term of support and partnership. It has been another hugely successful term at St John's with achievements and opportunities a-plenty, thanks to the tireless work of our wonderful staff and our fantastic students who really do make our Learning Community a very special place. As we round off 2024 the St John's way with a Christmas concert, Christmas dinner, Advent liturgies and Christmas Accessory Day, we wish everyone a happy and peaceful Christmas surrounded by loved ones. We look forward to welcoming all of our students back to school on Monday 6 January and wish everyone a joyful 2025.

LAST WEEK'S ACHIEVEMENTS



ClassCharts
Year 7 Top Achievers
 Jessica B 7J
 Francesca S 7O
 Finley H 7O
 Jensen L 7O
 Claudia M 7J

Year 8 Top Achievers
 Ollie A 8Y
 Poppy Y 8M
 Nicholas S 8J
 Summer B 8H
 Isabelle R 8Y

Year 9 Top Achievers
 Isabella E 9A
 Harvey M 9R
 Amber W 9R
 Matthew W 9R
 Evie M 9Y

Year 10 Top Achievers
 Hassan S 10J
 George E 10M
 Jack R 10O
 James K 10H
 Maiya J 10J

Year 11 Top Achievers
 Yasmin W 11A
 Mia H 11J
 Scarlett H 11N
 Anna T 11A
 Lucas S 11H

ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM COLLEGE
Virtues
 (Respect, Responsibility, Honesty, Self-Belief, Confidence, Resilience, Justice, Compassion)
High Five Friday 13 December

Jamie W 13O Responsibility & Respect (RCA)
 James B 13O Responsibility & Respect (RCA)
 Jensen L 7O Compassion (LHE)
 Riley R 7J Compassion (LHE)
 Annabelle D 7O Compassion (LHE)
 Sophie S 7O Compassion (LHE)
 Evie Mae B 7Y Resilience (DHA)
 Lucy S 13Y Resilience (EST)
 Hassan S 10J Confidence (EST)
 Jack R 10I Confidence (EST)
 Isaac C 10O Confidence (EST)
 Ben B 10H Confidence (EST)
 Harrison B 10N Confidence (EST)
 Daisy J 11A Respect & Compassion (NRO)
 Lucy O 11M Respect & Compassion (NRO)
 April G 11A Respect and Resilience (NRO)

ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM COLLEGE
Year 7
High Five Friday 13 December

Oscar A 7A (DSM)
 Zac B 7J (DSM)
 Heidi R 7O (RCA)
 Oliver C 7O (SCO)
 Madysm D 7M (SCO & EDO)
 Adam R 7A (STA)
 Thomas A 7A (DHA)
 Jessica B 7J (DHA)
 Seb G 7Y (DHA)
 Lillie A 7M (AWR)
 Adam H-F 7A (AWR)
 Artem K 7J (IAI)
 Verity D 7M (EDO)

Hannah K 7A (CLI)
 Matthew B 7Y (CLI)
 Luke D 7Y (CLI)
 Bernadette A 7A (NHI)
 Chris B 7M (NHI)
 Lousha H 7R (NHI)
 Redden H 7M (NHI)
 Carollena A 7O (DAT)
 Ethan B 7J (DAT)
 Amelia B 7J (DAT)
 Jessie-Leigh C 7O (DAT)
 Illia K 7J (DAT)
 Jensen L 7O (DAT)
 Willow M 7N (DAT)

Ali R 7Y (EST)
 Jaxon C 7Y (EST)
 Emilia K 7Y (EST)
 Noah D 7Y (EST)
 Jayden C 7Y (EST)
 Emily M 7Y (EST)
 Luke D 7Y (EST)
 Poppy S 7Y (EST)
 Patrick S 7Y (EST)
 Sophie-Anne S 7O (DAT)
 Isabella T 7J (DAT)
 Blake U 7N (DAT)

ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM COLLEGE
Year 8
High Five Friday 13 December

Ruby M 8H (SCO)
 Thomas H 8A (DSM)
 Isaac B 8M (DSM)
 Finlay H 8R (DSM)
 Joe McE 8H (DSM)
 Noah G 8N (DSM)
 Luke I 8O (DSM)
 Riley H 8M (DSM)
 Maks F 8J (DSM)
 Sienna J 8H (DSM & LWJR)
 Abigail H 8R (DSM)
 Ida C 8A (DSM & DMJ)
 Grace R 8R (DSM)
 Indi B 8J (DSM)
 Holly H 8R (DSM)
 Nancy J 8R (DSM)

Lily J 8N (STA)
 Tom C 8A (DMJ)
 Jack S 8A (DMJ)
 Evie P 8A (DMJ)
 Tyler T 8A (DMJ)
 Chloe M 8A (DMJ)
 Emily E 8A (DMJ)
 Sally B 8J (CSW)
 Harry M 8J (CSW & NRO)
 Nicholas S 8J (CSW & NRO)
 Milana D 8J (CSW & NRO)
 Olivia B 8J (CSW)
 Alistair M 8J (CSW)
 Cobi G 8J (CSW)
 Isabel H 8J (NRO)

Christina J 8N (DHA)
 Levi H 8A (DHA)
 Katie A W 8A (IAI)
 By EDO Maths (EDO)
 Kai D 8N (AWR)
 Eliza B M 8M (MWI & SCO)
 Holly H 8R (MVG)
 Grace R 8R (MVG)
 Sienna J 8H (MVG)
 Bettie G 8H (MVG)
 Nate G 8H (LWJR)
 Alfie LW 8H (LWJR)
 Edie-Grace C 8H (LWJR)
 Neve O 8J (NRO)
 Lucy C 8J (NRO)

ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM COLLEGE
Year 9
High Five Friday 13 December

Allegra B 9O (DSM & DMI & DAT)
 Grace M 9Y (DSM)
 Evie M 9Y (DSM & LCU)
 Myilee A 9Y (DSM & JKE & LCU)
 Macey B 9Y (DSM & JKE & LCU)
 Elise G 9H (DSM)
 Grace G 9N (DSM & DAT)
 Hollie D 9A (JKE)
 Brooke T 9R (JKE)
 Amber W 9R (JKE)
 Luca M 9Y (JKE)
 Maddison S 9A (JKE)
 Sophie R 9R (DMI & CHA)
 Sophie R 9M (DMI & CHA)
 Matthew W 9R (DMI & CHA)
 Sophie B 9A (DMI)

James D 9M (CSW)
 Georgia C 9R (CSW)
 Max A 9M (CSW)
 Harry D 9N (CSW)
 Lucie H 9O (CSW)
 Nathan K (CSW)
 Mina SE 9J (CSW)
 Thomas R 9H (CSW)
 Anya A 9O (CJO)
 Trevor B 9Y (CJO)
 Krystian K 9J (CJO)
 Harvey M 9R (CJO)
 Alex M 9A (CJO)
 Finley P 9O (IAI)
 Alexi P 9R (CJO)
 Joey R 9H (CJO)
 Mollie M 9O (CJC)
 Callie T 9R (CJO)

Harrison M 9O (LCU)
 Jacob D 9J (LCU)
 Rishon T 9J (LCU)
 Alex M 9A (LCU)
 Harry M 9M (LCU)
 Yu Tao Z 9Y (LCU)
 Isabella E 9A (LCU)
 Macey B 9Y (LCU)
 Myilee A 9Y (LCU)
 Charlie L 9M (CMC)
 Phoebe 9H (CMC)
 Ryan D 9A (CHA)
 Aidan C 9H (DHA)
 Sophie B 9A (DHA)
 Mollie M 9O (CMC)
 Oliver J 9N (CSW & CMC)

Charlie B 9H (DAT)
 Harley B 9J (DAT)
 Amelia C 9Y (DAT)
 Shane H 9R (DAT)
 Ethan H 9R (DAT)
 Iyla S 9J (DAT)
 Tyler S 9R (DAT)
 Oliver S 9J (DAT)
 Olivia S 9O (DAT)
 Carla M 9B (STA)
 Nathan K 9F (STA)
 Joel H 9J (CSW)
 Ryan D 9A (CHA)
 Aidan C 9H (DHA)
 Sophie B 9A (DHA)
 Mollie M 9O (CMC)
 Oliver J 9N (CSW & CMC)

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High Five Friday 13 December

Allegra B 9O (DSM & DMI & DAT)
 Grace M 9Y (DSM)
 Evie M 9Y (DSM & LCU)
 Myilee A 9Y (DSM & JKE & LCU)
 Macey B 9Y (DSM & JKE & LCU)
 Elise G 9H (DSM)
 Grace G 9N (DSM & DAT)
 Hollie D 9A (JKE)
 Brooke T 9R (JKE)
 Amber W 9R (JKE)
 Luca M 9Y (JKE)
 Maddison S 9A (JKE)
 Sophie R 9R (DMI & CHA)
 Sophie R 9M (DMI & CHA)
 Matthew W 9R (DMI & CHA)
 Sophie B 9A (DMI)

James D 9M (CSW)
 Georgia C 9R (CSW)
 Max A 9M (CSW)
 Harry D 9N (CSW)
 Lucie H 9O (CSW)
 Nathan K (CSW)
 Mina SE 9J (CSW)
 Thomas R 9H (CSW)
 Anya A 9O (CJO)
 Trevor B 9Y (CJO)
 Krystian K 9J (CJO)
 Harvey M 9R (CJO)
 Alex M 9A (CJO)
 Finley P 9O (IAI)
 Alexi P 9R (CJO)
 Joey R 9H (CJO)
 Mollie M 9O (CJC)
 Callie T 9R (CJO)

Harrison M 9O (LCU)
 Jacob D 9J (LCU)
 Rishon T 9J (LCU)
 Alex M 9A (LCU)
 Harry M 9M (LCU)
 Yu Tao Z 9Y (LCU)
 Isabella E 9A (LCU)
 Macey B 9Y (LCU)
 Myilee A 9Y (LCU)
 Charlie L 9M (CMC)
 Phoebe 9H (CMC)
 Ryan D 9A (CHA)
 Aidan C 9H (DHA)
 Sophie B 9A (DHA)
 Mollie M 9O (CMC)
 Oliver J 9N (CSW & CMC)

Charlie B 9H (DAT)
 Harley B 9J (DAT)
 Amelia C 9Y (DAT)
 Shane F 9Y (DAT)
 Ethan H 9R (DAT)
 Iyla S 9J (DAT)
 Tyler S 9R (DAT)
 Oliver S 9J (DAT)
 Olivia S 9O (DAT)
 Carla M 9B (STA)
 Nathan K 9F (STA)
 Joel H 9J (CSW)
 Ryan D 9A (CHA)
 Aidan C 9H (DHA)
 Sophie B 9A (DHA)
 Mollie M 9O (CMC)
 Oliver J 9N (CSW & CMC)

ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM COLLEGE
Year 11
High Five Friday 13 December

Amrit C 11O (DMJ)
 Alfie D 11N (DMJ)
 Daniel D 11S (DMJ)
 Emily C 11S (NRO)
 Poppy W 11R (NRO & DAT)
 Chrismi M 11A (NRO & DAT)
 Dyan B 11M (NHI)
 Aaliyah R 11O (NHI)
 Joshua J 11R (NHI)
 Kimberley G 11H (NHI)
 Olivia E 11J (DHA)
 Taka M 11O (LCLJ)
 Scarlett H 11N (LDV)
 Mia H 11J (LDV)
 Luca R 11H (LDV)
 Sophia O 11N (LDV)
 Jake W 11S (AWR)

Ryan D 11H (CLI)
 Parker B 11M (CLJ)
 Ma H 11J (CLJ & CHA)
 Adam L 11M (CLJ)
 Joshua T 11A (CLI)
 Isaac C 11J (IAI)
 Lexi J 11S (IAI)
 Rory B 11M (CHA)
 Evie W 11Y (CHA)
 Yasmin W 11A (CHA & DAT)
 Anna T 11A (CHA & DAT)
 Connah R 11H (PJR)
 Thomas N 11J (PJR)
 Hannah H 11Y (PJR)
 Lexi W 11J (PJR)
 Lily-Mae R 11M (NRO)

Malsun R 11R (HBA)
 Thomas G 11J (DAT)
 Donald B 11H (DAT)
 Jayden B 11R (DAT)
 Ella C 11H (DAT)
 Maddie C 11J (DAT)
 Luke C 11H (DAT)
 Sam E 11A (DAT)
 Olivia F 11R (DAT)
 Callum N 11O (DAT)
 Max P 11N (DAT)
 Ethan R 11Y (DAT)
 Hollie R 11A (DAT)
 Grace W 11A (DAT)
 Samara W 11A (DAT)
 April G 11A (DAT)
 Eason Z 11H (DAT)

ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM COLLEGE
Year 12 and 13
High Five Friday 4th February

Francesca B 13J (RCA)
 Abigail B 13O (MDU)
 Lucy S 13Y (MDU)
 Megan M 13J (HTH)
 Carmen F 13Y (HTH)
 Robyn D 13J (HTH)
 Francesca B 13J (HTH)
 Lucy M 13J (NHI)
 Daniel T 13Y (NHI)
 Zak G 13O (NHI)
 Joe N 13O (NHI & LDV)
 Katie L 13J (DHA)
 Joe W 13Y (CLI)

Lia F 13Y (DAT)
 Lucy M 13J (DAT)
 Jasmine S 13J (DAT)
 Thomas S 13Y (DAT)
 Harry W 13J (DAT)
 Jennifer W 13J (DAT)

Joshua Y 12 E (MDU)
 Ezri H 12R (MDU)
 Aimee C 12C (NRO & LHA)
 Jack R 12C (LHA)
 Lucy J 12C (LHA)
 Summer T 12C (LHA)
 Hannah N 12A (HTH)
 Sofia M 12E (HTH)
 Victoria R 12C (HTH)
 Victoria R 12C (HTH)
 Alfie J 12R (HTH)
 Ruby W 12A (HTH)
 Imogen C 12C (NHI)
 Lily H 12C (NHI, CLI)
 Kasper C 12R (NHI)
 Ryan W 12C (NHI)

Department Stars of the Week - 13/12

Philosopher of the Week: Emily Emmerson (8A)
Reader of the Week: Kaleb Campbell (7N)
Mathematician of the Week: Isabelle Gibson (7N)
Scientist of the Week: Grace Niyamba (8N)
Linguist of the Week: Callum Scott (7O)
Historian of the Week: Rosie Grayson (7R)
Geographer of the Week: Claudia McWilliam (7J)
Sportsperson of the Week: Tom Clarkson (8Y)
Designer of the Week: Leland Maclean (8Y)
Artist of the Week: Amber Wearmouth (9R)
Musician of the Week: Daniel Wherry (7O)
Computer Scientist of the Week: Joshua Ziyambi (8N)

MFL Stars of the Week: Callum S 7O, Sophie B 9A, Christina J 8N, Amber W 9R, Emily R 8M

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- ❑ **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

FOCUS ON... Attendance
 A huge well done to the 232 students who have had 100% attendance so far this term. There will be a special reward for these students to acknowledge this excellent achievement.

1 Heard a Whisper...
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As we approach the end of term, our staff are working incredibly hard to prepare festive events and activities whilst still supporting our students. The wonderful emails received recently showcase how this hard work does not go unnoticed, and it is wonderful to be able to celebrate this. Well done this week to Mrs Rose (Assistant Headteacher), Mr Robertson (Curriculum Research and Development Lead), Mrs Carter (Assistant Head of Year 8), Miss Wilkinson (Assistant Headteacher), Mr Ebberly (Science), Mrs Swinbank (Humanities) and Miss Hankey (Assistant Head of Year 9).



Artist of the Week

Elpida Boutzera 9H

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.