

ST JOHN'S WEEKLY NEWS

A Learning Community guided by Gospel Values

6 JANUARY 2025

WEEK B



Before Christmas we held two Enrichment Taster Days at Bishop Auckland College for selected students in Years 8, 9 and 10. Students took part in sessions in E-Sports, Catering, Motor Vehicles, Construction and Beauty and had a fantastic time, whilst also being superb ambassadors for St John's. A huge thank you to the staff at Bishop Auckland College for hosting us and giving our students this excellent opportunity. This partnership is crucial to our role in the Enrichment Partnerships Pilot with the DfE, focused on improving the enrichment offering for secondary school pupils by utilising facilities, organisations and businesses from the local area. We look forward to continuing to strengthen our Enrichment Programme with more exciting experiences and opportunities in 2025.



As part of the Core RE programme we ask Sixth Form students to "make a difference". Caitlin and Lily in Year 12 did just that before Christmas by contacting Darlington Memorial Hospital Children's Ward for a wish list for the children who were in hospital over Christmas and collecting generous donations. Caitlin and Lily were honoured to be able to hand deliver the gifts to the Children's Ward, including a handwritten card for each child, which were delivered to the children on Christmas morning. A huge well done and thank you to Caitlin and Lily for organising this wonderful initiative and making a difference.



We had a festive and fun-filled final week of term before Christmas, starting with our Sixth Form Dinner Dance at Ramside Hall which was a wonderful festive occasion with our fabulous Year 12 and 13 students. Next up was our annual Christmas Concert which saw an incredible amount of talent on display from our students as they performed a range of songs, scenes and readings based around the Advent themes of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love. This was then followed by a day of giving back to our community with our annual Parishioners' Christmas Lunch and members of our choir visiting local care homes to perform to the residents there. The rest of the week saw Christmas Dinner for all year groups, Reward Assemblies, Christmas quizzes, Advent liturgies at St Mary's Church and our Christmas Accessory Day to round off the end of a wonderful term.



A WORD FROM LISA BYRON, HEADTEACHER

2024 was a wonderful year within our Learning Community, with a successful Ofsted inspection and some of our best exam results on record. It was a year of incredible opportunities and memories, but also some real lows for members of our community who sadly experienced difficulties and loss.

A brand new year brings with it so much hope and possibility, and I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a 2025 filled with happiness and love. We give thanks for the brand new year ahead and ask for guidance, strength and courage in helping to fill the days and months to come with good things. Here's to another fantastic year of opportunity and success at St John's.



COMING UP THIS WEEK

Monday 6- We are looking forward to welcoming all staff and students back to school after what we hope has been an enjoyable and restful Christmas break.

REMINDERS

As we begin a new term, we politely remind everyone that mobile phones are not allowed out in school and must be switched off and in students' bags if they are brought onto school site. We would also like to begin the new term with excellent standards of uniform and remind everyone that trainers, jewellery, nail varnish and hoodies are not part of our uniform policy.

LAST WEEK'S ACHIEVEMENTS



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.

ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM COLLEGE

Virtues

(Respect, Responsibility, Honesty, Self-Belief, Confidence, Resilience, Justice, Compassion)

High Five Friday
20 December

Mazie H 10M - Responsibility (ATU)
Leah R 11O - Responsibility (VNI)
Erin W 11M - Responsibility (VNI)
Thomas S 13O - Responsibility (HTH & NRO)
Caitlin B 12R - Confidence (EST)
Lily A 12R - Confidence (EST)
Daniel T 13Y - Compassion (EST)
Owen Mc 12A - Compassion (EST)
Lucy H 10H - Confidence (NHI)
Katie L 13J - Resilience (COS)
Katie W 10O - Confidence (NHI)
Katie D 13J - Respect & Responsibility (VNI)

Leo A 7M - Compassion (EDO)
Oscar C 7M - Compassion (EDO)
Molly M 10O - Responsibility (CJO)
Lily H 12C - Responsibility (NRO)
Eva R 12E - Responsibility (NRO)
Ezri H 12R - Responsibility (NRO)
Sofia M 12R - Responsibility (NRO)
Ryan Mc 13Y - Responsibility (NRO)
Carrera J 13J - Responsibility (NRO)
Lucy S 13Y - Responsibility (NRO)
Bodie D 13Y - Responsibility (NRO)
Laksh 12C - Responsibility (NRO)
Emma C 12R - Responsibility (NRO)

All who performed at the Christmas Celebration, Advent Liturgies and Care Homes this week - Confidence (RBE & ALI & PTA)
Year 7 Parishioners' Lunch Helpers - Compassion, Respect and Responsibility (ERA & NRO)

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Year 7

High Five Friday
20 December

Tom B 7N (DSM)
Bibi C 7Y (DSM)
Caleb R 7R (DSM)
Harry H 7Y (DSM)
Jonnie T 7Y (DSM)
Finlay K 7J (DSM)
Zac B 7J (DSM)
Blake U 7N (DSM)
Henry C 7N (DSM)
Patrick S 7Y (DSM)
Harry F 7M (DSM)
Oscar C 7M (CLL)
Jack L 7Y (CLL)

Noah D 7Y (HHA & AVR)
Nathan M 7M (HHA)
Arabelle A 7R (HHA)
Emily B 7M (HHA)
Billy C 7A (HHA)
Artem K 7J (SCO)
Evelyn K 7M (SCO)
Isaac T 7A (SCO)
Maurice-Rose B 7M (SCO)
Harini T 7M (SCO)
Tyler C 7A (SCO)
Precious 1 7R (SCO)
Kaleb P 7O (SCO)

Evelyn K 7M (EDO)
Jess B 7J (DDE)
Ethan B 7J (DDE)
Amelia R-G 7R (DDE)
Ben A 7N (DDE)
Hannah L 7Y (M/W)
Kai D 7A (COS)
Bailee H 7M (NHI)
Issac O 7R (NHI)
Saule K 7M (CLI & SCO & EDO)

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ClassCharts

Year 7 Top Achievers

Daniel W 7O
Saule K 7M
Verity D 7M
Georgie J 7M
Belle D 7A

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Year 8

High Five Friday
20 December

Maks F 8J (NRO & DSM & JKE)
Nicholas S 8J (NRO)
Indi B 8J (NRO)
Alexis B 8J (NRO)
Neve O 8J (NRO)
Lucy C 8J (NRO)
Olivia B 8J (NRO)
Tommy Steven K 8J (NRO)
Harry M 8J (NRO)
Alfistar M 8J (NRO)
Emily E 8A (NRO)
Sarah M R 8J (NRO)
Dominic O 8M (NRO)
Isabelle R 8Y (NRO)
Harry T 8M (NRO)
Riley T-W 8M (NRO)

Thomas H 8A (DSM)
Leo W 8H (DSM)
Isaac B 8M (DSM)
Finlay G 8A (DSM)
Joe-McG 8H (DSM)
Noah G 8M (DSM)
Oliver B 8M (DSM)
Riley H 8M (DSM)
Luke I 8O (DSM)
Harry T 8M (DSM)
Jessica C 8R (SCO)
Hollie T 8N (SCO)
Lily W 8H (SCO)
Alfie W 8Y (NRO)
Sophia R 8H (DDE)
Summer W 8O (DDE)

Sophia R 8H (NRO)
Kelly-Ann C 8R (NRO)
Ruby B 8A (NRO)
Stephanie W 8O (NRO)
Erle P 8A (NRO)
Lucy C 8O (NRO)
Mikana D 8J (NRO)
Issac B 8H (NRO)
Ajay H-N 8Y (NRO)
Tom A 8Y (NRO)
Leo B 8R (NRO)
Anthony H 8H (NRO)
Leland M 8Y (NRO)
Ryan-Lee B 8M (ATU)
Ollie A 8Y (JKE)
Hollie T 8J (AWR)

Olivia W 8N (SCO)
Lily S 8J (AWR)
Summer B 8H (SCO)
Queensberry A 8H (SCO)
Grace N 8H (SCO)
Rhyss L 8Y (SCO)
Evoline S 8A (EDO)
Chloe M 8A (EDO)
Sophie W 8A (EDO)
Harley G 8A (EDO)
Grace R 8R (EDO)
Nancy T 8R (EDO)
Holly R 8Y (EDO)
Shay M 8M (JKE & NRO)
Grace N 8J (AWR)
Hollie T 8J (AWR)

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Year 9

High Five Friday
20 December

Nathan A 9H (DSM)
Kai W 9J (DSM)
Logan R 9A (DSM)
Charlie T 9N (DSM & EDO)
Thomas T 9A (DSM & EDO)
Harry D 9N (DSM & EDO)
James E 9J (DSM)
Damon C 9R (DSM)
Macey B 9Y (HHA)
Yu Tao Z 9Y (HHA)
Silver N 9M (HHA)
Maddison S 9A (HHA)
Jack D 9O (DDE)
Milly I 9M (DDE)
Milly B 9R (DDE)
Taylor-Mae F 9Y (NRO)

Bridle-Leigh R 9M (SCO)
Hollie D 9A (SCO)
Luca M 9Y (SCO)
Maybeth B 9M (SCO)
Oliver S 9J (SCO)
Karl O 9N (SCO)
Milla W 9O (SCO)
Eloise B 9H (EDO)
Harry S 9Y (EDO)
Jack D 9O (EDO)
Ava W 9H (EDO)
Cruz J 9Y (EDO)
Evelyn M 9Y (JKE)
James E 9J (NRO)
Joey R 9H (NRO)
Sam R 9H (NRO)
Sam N 9H (NRO)

Shane F 9Y (NRO)
Niall B 9Y (NRO)
Alfie W 9O (NRO)
Olly S 9O (NRO)
Jack D 9O (NRO)
Damon C 9R (NRO)
James S 9H (NRO)
Charlie B 9H (NRO)
Noah B 9N (NRO)
Finley H 9J (NRO)
David I 9J (NRO)
Oliver S 9J (NRO)
Grace G 9A (NRO)
Jessica M 9N (NRO)
Zachary P 9O (NRO)
George M 9O (NRO)
Via-Rose P 9R (NRO)
Hollie D 9A (NRO)

Aela W 9H (NRO)
J-Lucas W 9J (NRO)
Elite T 9H (NRO)
Kohl T 9Y (NRO)
Halle M 9Y (NRO)
Mollie M 9O (NRO)
Lacey M 9J (NRO)
Mia L 9R (NRO)
Olivia J 9J (NRO)
Titlie E 9Y (NRO)
Georgia C 9R (NRO)
Lena C 9H (NRO)
Iris C 9J (NRO)
Yu Qi C 9O (NRO)
Macey A 9J (NRO)
Trevor B 9J (NRO)
Hartley B 9J (NRO)
Pradheep C 9H (NRO)
Niamh S 9R (NRO)

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Year 8 Top Achievers

Melissa B 8Y
Frankie B 8J
Evoline S 8A
Pippa H 8R
Imogen K 8J

Year 9 Top Achievers

Matthew W 9R
Kate T 9Y
Mina S-E 9J
Zea L 9Y
Iona A 9O
Thomas T 9A

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Year 10

High Five Friday
20 December

Ava R 10A (ATU)
Maebh S 10R (ATU)
Molly M 10O (CJO)
Will G 10O (CJO)
Lily L 10H (CJO)
Lexi B 10R (CJO)
Ava S 10N (CJO)
Liam B 10R (CJO)
Grace B 10O (CJO)
Phoebe H 10H (CJO)
Charlie T 10M (CJO)
Lewis W 10A (CJO)
Finlay C 10N (LHA)
Matthew L 10N (LHA)
Logan J 10A (LHA)
Joel J 10J (LHA)
Oliver H 10R (LHA)
James K 10H (LHA)
George E 10M (LHA)
Zoe A 10M (LHA)
Molly D 10Y (LHA)

Evan B 10A (LHA)
Nicky W 10M (LHA)
Alice F 10H (LHA)
Anna B 10R (LHA)
Gad S 10Y (LHA & EDO)
Jack B 10N (LHA)
Danah H 10H (LHA)
Lily J 10H (LHA & NRO)
Charlotte J 10H (LHA)
Harriet O 10A (LHA)
Ava P 10A (EDO)
William C 10R (EDO)
Katie R 10A (EDO)
Freddie C 10A (NRO)
Mya M 10Y (NRO)
Kaeta H 10R (NRO)
Oliver C 10A (NRO)
Nastie H 10M (NRO)
Thea C 10Y (NRO)
Tlanna D 10Y (NRO)
Chloe H 10A (NRO)
Ava W 10Y (NRO)

Will O 10N (NRO)
Rory L 10J (NRO)
Bradley R 10A (NRO)
Nicole S 10O (NRO)
Allysha M 10M (NRO)
Ethan W 10R (CJO & LHA)
Paige A 10N (LDV)
Louise W 10R (LDV)
William G 10O (JKE)
Nadia I 10A (NHI)
Chloe D 10A (NHI)
Allie W 10Y (VNI)
Nelle R 10R (AWR)
Zuzanna W 10J (AWR)
Grace M 10J (CJO & LHA)
Robert B 10R (NRO & NRO)
Ahnad AM 10J (LHA & NRO)
Michael E 10N (LHA & NRO)
Reuben S 10J (LHA & VNI)
Seb G 10M (ATU & LHA)
Ben B 10H (CJO & CLL)
Jack B 10N (CJO & LHA & NRO)
Caelan H 10N (HHA & LDV & NRO & DDE)

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Year 11

High Five Friday
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Rosa J 11Y (LHA)
Kaden C 11A (LHA)
Niamh T 11R (LHA)
Olivia F 11R (LHA)
Libby R 11R (LHA)
Ethan R 11Y (LHA)
Vincent T 11A (LHA)
Isabelle W 11A (LHA)
Grace W 11A (LHA)
Anna T 11A (LHA & VNI)
Michael F 11R (LHA)
Thomas G 11J (LHA)
James R 11J (LHA)
Klaudia T 11J (LHA)
Lex J 11S (LHA)
Julia W 11O (LHA)

Ellie R 11Y (DSM & JKE)
Sapphira S 11N (JKE)
Ellie OC 11H (JKE)
Joshua C 11N (JKE)
Chelsae H 11N (JKE)
Jessica M 11H (HHA)
Sam E 11A (HHA)
Olaf Z 11S (HHA)
Hallie T 11S (LDV)
Alfie D 11N (LDV)
Emily C 11S (LDV)
Joshua T 11A (LDV)
Erin W 11M (DDE & VNI)
Elia C 11H (DDE)

Aaliyah R 11O (NHI)
Joshua J 11R (NHI)
Leah R 11O (VNI)
Tilly S 11N (VNI)
Amirah 11R (VNI)
Alexandra Z 11M (VNI)
Aaliyah R 11O (VNI)
Angel S 11O (VNI)
Kimberly G 11H (VNI)
Thea C 11O (GMC)
Anna T 11A (JKE)
Lucas E 11N (JKE)
Poppy W 11R (NRO)

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Year 10 Top Achievers

Nicole S 10O
Jack R 10O
Teddy M 10H
Jorgia P 10A
William G 10O

Year 11 Top Achievers

Lucy O 11M
Abi T 11M
Mia H 11J
Scarlett H 11N
Eleanor B 11A

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Year 12 & 13

High Five Friday
20 December

Emily C 12A (HTH)
Sarah T 12A (HTH)
Ruby W 12A (HTH & VNI & DDE)
Anna S 12A (HTH)
Kaitlyn W 12E (HTH)
Hannah N 12A (HTH)
Lily H 12C (CLI & NHI)
Milandev A 12C (CLI & NHI & VNI)
Jonny L 12C (CLI & NHI)
Laksh S 12C (CLI & NHI)
Ryan W 12C (CLI & NHI)
Lucy J 12C (HHA)
Jack L 12A (CLI)

Evan B 12C (DDE)
Imogen C 12C (NHI)
Kacper C 12R (NHI)
Andrew E 12A (NHI)
Sam W 12A (NHI)

Georgia E 13J (CLI)
Harry M 13Y (CLI)
Mateo R 13Y (CLI)
Ronan C 13O (CLI)
Krystan K 13Y (CLI)
Joe W 13Y (CLI)

Katie M 13J (HTH)
Molly H 13J (HTH)
Carmen F 13Y (HTH)
Chloe C 13J (HTH)
Robyn D 13J (HTH)
Tyler H 13O (HTH)
Phebe B 13O (HTH)
Amelie T 13Y (HTH)
Katie D 13J (VNI)
Francesca B 13J (VNI)
Cory W 13O (NHI)
Daniel T 13Y (CLI & NHI)

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Department Stars of the Week - 20/12

Philosopher of the Week: Leon Watson 8A
Reader of the Week: Noah Davies 7Y
Mathematician of the Week: Nathan Atwood 9H
Scientist of the Week: Lily Jordan 8J
Linguist of the Week: Hope Thompson 7N
Historian of the Week: Neve Sofia Oxley 8J
Geographer of the Week: Evangeline Elliott 9J
Sportsperson of the Week: Evangeline Elliott 9J
Designer of the Week: Jenson Clun 7J & Charlie Barron 9H
Artist of the Week: Jake Dixon 7O
Musician of the Week: Constance Cook 8N
Computer Scientist of the Week: Lily Wilson 8H

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 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... *Enrichment*

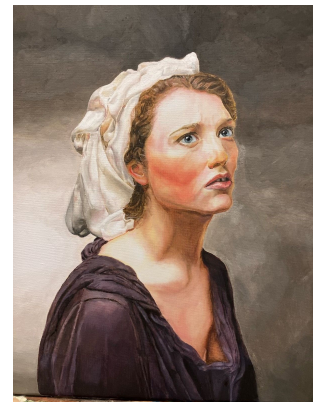
Last term we awarded over 10,000 positive ClassCharts points for attendance at Enrichment and gave out nearly 100 Enrichment Scratch Cards for engagement, loyalty and contribution. Through their scratch cards, students won a range of prizes including postcards home, lunch queue passes and Amazon vouchers. There are more Scratch cards up for grabs this term.

1 Heard a Whisper...

Well done to Mr Dunn (Director of Sixth Form), Mr Smith (Head of Year 7), Miss MacDermott (Assistant Headteacher), Emma Ramsey (School Chaplain), Mrs Maddison (Head of Technology), Allan, Morris and Chris (Minibus Drivers), Mr Oxberry (Head of Year 11) and Mr Curry (Computer Science) who all received lovely nominations to acknowledge their hard work and contributions to our Learning Community before Christmas. We look forward to sharing more wonderful nominations in 2025 and being able to celebrate our fabulous staff even more.

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Artist of the Week



Poppy Davidson
12A