ST JOHN'S WEEKLY NEWS

A Learning Community guided by Gospel Values

20 JANUARY 2025 WEEK B



All students were off timetable on Tuesday to take part in this year's Careers Day. Year 7 and Year 8 took part in enterprise tasks to build their teamwork, leadership, creative and employability skills. Many of our Year 9 students were completing a one day work experience placement in their chosen area whilst students who remained in school completed a virtual work experience with Glaxo Smith Klein. Year 10 engaged with career sessions focused on a range of subject areas of their choice, as well as practical sessions with the NHS and on apprenticeships. Meanwhile, Year 11 sampled taster sessions in Sixth Form subjects as well as vocational areas at Bishop Auckland College and talks on other potential next steps. Finally, Sixth Form students attended talks and sessions focused on relevant areas such as student finance, stress management, interview skills and apprenticeships.

Our students engaged extremely well with the sessions and talks on offer and many of our external visitors commented on their enthusiasm and good behaviour. A huge thank you to all who delivered sessions and to Bishop Auckland College for hosting our students. A special thank you also to Ms Somers and Dr Little for their organisation of the activities which helped our students consider their next steps and career paths.





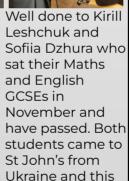


Last week we continued to award our Enrichment Champions for their loyal attendance and engagement with Enrichment last term. These students have received a special badge to acknowledge them as champions of Enrichment.









A WORD FROM LISA BYRON. HEADTEACHER

Last week's Careers Day was a huge success and encouraged our students to consider their future paths and choices. Our students received excellent feedback from many of our visitors, and we have received some lovely emails commending our Year 9 students who were on external work experience.

Many of our students are reaching a milestone in their school journey as they consider their next steps. Our Year 11s are deciding on their subject choices for A Level, or completing college or apprenticeship applications and interviews.

Meanwhile, our Year 9 are preparing to choose their option subjects for GCSE. In order to support them in this step, we are holding an Options

Drop-In Event on Tuesday 28
January from 4-6pm where subject
staff will be on hand to answer any
questions and share details on the
subjects on offer. We look forward to
welcoming many of our Year 9
students and their parents and
carers into school for these
important discussions.

Attendance Last Week: Year 7- 93.5%, Year 8- 90.7% Year 9- 91%, Year 10- 92.2% Year 11- 87.1%

THE COMING UP THIS WEEK

Wednesday 22- Frozen rehearsal for all cast until 4.30pm. Cast members will soon receive a rehearsal schedule indicating which rehearsals they will be needed at until Easter.

is a huge achievement.

Wednesday 22- Year 10 Work Experience Information Evening, 4.45pm. Year 10 students and their parents and carers are invited into school to find out more about this year's Work Experience week.

Friday 24- House Reward. The winning House from last term will be announced this week based on ClassCharts points and House competition points from September-December. Students from the winning House, along with nominated students from each tutor group and students with 100% attendance last term will receive a special reward during Friday Period 5. All will be revealed for students during PREP on Tuesday.

REMINDERS

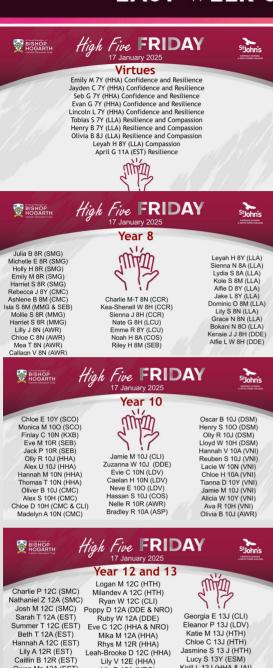
Appointments are now available for our Sixth Form Progress Evening on Thursday 30 January. For our Year 13 students, this will be their last ever Progress Evening at St John's and the opportunity for a final push towards exams, and for Year 12 students it will be a chance review their progress so far in their Key Stage 5 subjects. Appointments are available via SchoolCloud and we look forward to welcoming our students and their parents and carers into school for positive and productive conversations.

We politely remind parents and carers of our uniform requirements due to an increasing number of students attending school in incorrect uniform. Students should be wearing the correct trousers, not leggings, or skirt and tights along with school shoes. Trainers are only allowed with a medical note. Students may choose to wear a black v-neck jumper, either plain or with the St John's logo, but this is optional. No jewellery, other than a watch, is allowed and ties must be worn correctly with top buttons fastened. We appreciate your support.

LAST WEEK'S ACHIEVEMENTS











ClassCharts Year 7 Top **Achievers**

Claudia M 7J Caitlin L 7J Artem K 7J Belle D 7A Tamarah M 7R

Year 8 Top **Achievers**

Holly R 8Y Leo B 8R Harriet S 8R Lydia-Rose H-W 8R Ollie A 8Y

Year 9 Top **Achievers**

Zea L 9Y Tejaswi S 9A Thomas T 9A Esther L 9J Ryan D 9A

Year 10 Top **Achievers**

Hassan S 10J Jack R 100 Chloe D 10H Isabelle P 100 Nicole S 100

Year 11 Top **Achievers**

Isabel W 11A April G 11A Eleanor B 11A Kate M 11Y

MFL Stars of the Week: Sophie B (9A), Jake L (8Y), Sam R (9H), Aimee-Lee R (8O), Roman H (7O)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

☐ Tuesday 28 January- Year 9 Options Evening ☐ Thursday 30 January- Year 12/13 Progress Eve

Lily D 12A (NRO)

Erin L 12 (NRO) Emily C 12 (NRO)

- Monday 10 February- Year 11/13 Mocks begin
- ☐ Thursday 13 February- Year 9 Progress Eve
- ☐ Friday 21 February- Staff Inset, school closed to students. Half term begins
- ☐ Monday 3 March- School reopens
- ☐ Thursday 13 March- Year 11 Progress Evening
- ☐ Saturday 15 March- FLAME Trip

Caitlin B 12R (EST) Owen Mc 12A (EST)

Isabelle M 12R (EST) Liam V 12R (EST)

- ☐ Thursday 20 March- Year 8 Progress Evening
- ☐ Wednesday 26 March- Jaquie Holloway Prize for Performing Arts
- ☐ Thursday 3 April- Year 10 Progress Evening ☐ Friday 11 April- Last day of term before Easter
- Monday 28 April- School reopens
- Monday 5 May- Bank Holiday- school closed
- ☐ Wednesday 7 May- GCSE Exams begin

I Heard a Whisper...

Well done to Miss Crawford (MFL), Mr Smith (Head of Year 7), Miss MacDermott (Assistant Headteacher), Mrs Quicke (Head of Health and Social Care), Mandy (Admin- Attendance), Sharon and Denise (Catering Team) and Miss Hayes (Assistant Headteacher/ Head of English) who all received nominations from parents, colleagues or students recently and received last week's sweet treats. A huge thank you to anyone who takes the time to contribute to our weekly I Heard a Whisper posts- they are always so well received and so appreciated.

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Artist of the Week





Hollie Hopps 11M





Jasmine S 13 J (HTH)

Lucy S 13Y (ESM)

Kirill L 13J (HHA & IAI) Sofiia D 13J (HHA & SMC & IAI)

Francesca B 13J (HHA & HTH)





