

ST JOHN'S WEEKLY NEWS

A Learning Community guided by Gospel Values

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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.



Well done to Kirill Leshchuk and Sofiia Dzhura who sat their Maths and English GCSEs in November and have passed. Both students came to St John's from Ukraine and this is a huge achievement.



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%



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.

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



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.



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 10O
 Chloe D 10H
 Isabelle P 10O
 Nicole S 10O

Year 11 Top Achievers
 Isabel W 11A
 April G 11A
 Eleanor B 11A
 Kate M 11Y
 Olivia K 11S

High Five FRIDAY
 17 January 2025

Virtues

Emily M 7Y (HHA) Confidence and Resilience
 Jayden C 7Y (HHA) Confidence and Resilience
 Seb G 7Y (HHA) Confidence and Resilience
 Evan G 7Y (HHA) Confidence and Resilience
 Lincoln L 7Y (HHA) Confidence and Resilience
 Tobias S 7Y (LLA) Resilience and Compassion
 Henry B 7Y (LLA) Resilience and Compassion
 Olivia B 8J (LLA) Resilience and Compassion
 Leyah H 8Y (LLA) Compassion
 April G 11A (EST) Resilience

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Year 7

Ali R 7Y (KXB & HHA)
 Belle D 7A (COS)
 Hannah K 7A (COS)
 Kai D 7A (COS & CLI)
 Richard D 7R (SEB)
 Scarlett R 7R (SEB)
 Ayva D 7J (HHA)
 Rosie S 7O (CCR)
 Claudia M 7J (YDI & ASP)
 Darosy L 7O (CMC & CCR)
 Daniel W 7O (CMC)
 Finley H 7O (CMC)
 Neive M 7M (CMC)
 Oscar C 7M (CMC & NHA)

Claudia M 7J (ATO)
 Matilda T 7J (ATO)
 Tanatswa M 7J (ATO)
 Jessica B 7J (ATO)
 Evan G 7Y (LLA)
 Tyler C 7A (LLA)
 Chase N 7A (LLA)
 Belle D 7A (LLA)
 Hannah K 7A (LLA)
 Guru S 7A (AWR)
 Evan G 7 Y (AWR)

Bailee H 7M (MMG)
 Joni L 7Y (EST)
 Max L 7J (ASP)
 Joshua R 7N (ASP)
 Evan C 7R (CLI)
 Harrison B 7R (DDE)
 Callum B 7R (DDE)
 Isabella G 7N (DDE)
 Ella S 7N (DDE)
 George A 7M (NHA)
 Gabriel M 7M (NHA)
 Caitlyn L 7J (NHA)
 Nathan P 7J (NHA)
 Maggie W 7J (NHA)
 Ethan B 7J (NHA)

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Year 8

Julia B 8R (SMG)
 Michelle E 8R (SMG)
 Holly H 8R (SMG)
 Emily M 8R (SMG)
 Harriet S 8R (SMG)
 Rebecca J 8Y (CMC)
 Ashlene B 8M (CMC)
 Isla S 8M (MMG & SEB)
 Mollie S 8R (MMG)
 Harriet S 8R (MMG)
 Lilly J 8N (AWR)
 Chloe C 8N (AWR)
 Mea T 8N (AWR)
 Callaan V 8N (AWR)

Charlie M-T 8N (CCR)
 Kea-Shenell W 8H (CCR)
 Sienna J 8H (CCR)
 Nate G 8H (LCU)
 Emme R 8Y (LCU)
 Noah H 8A (COS)
 Riley H 8M (SEB)

Leyah H 8Y (LLA)
 Sienna N 8A (LLA)
 Lydia S 8A (LLA)
 Kole S 8M (LLA)
 Alfie D 8Y (LLA)
 Jake L 8Y (LLA)
 Dominic O 8M (LLA)
 Lily S 8N (LLA)
 Grace N 8N (LLA)
 Bokani N 8O (LLA)
 Kensie J 8H (DDE)
 Alfie L 8W (DDE)

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Year 9

Maddison S 9A (HHA)
 Thomas T 9A (HHA)
 Harry M 9M (HHA)
 Charlie L 9M (HHA)
 Trevor B 9J (CMC)
 Henry S-J 9A (LCU)
 Zea L 9Y (LCU)
 Alfie W 9O (ASP)
 Lewis G 9O (ASP)
 Charlie L 9M (GMC)
 Lee S 9H (GMC)
 Ava W 9H (GMC)
 Tejaswi S 9A (CMC & LCU & ASP)

Connor A 9Y (DDE)
 Georgia C 9R (DDE)
 Layton H 9A (DDE)
 Ryan D 9Y (COS)
 Jacob D 9J (COS)
 Jacob H 9J (SEB)
 Isabella E 9A (LLA)
 Rosie G 9A (LLA)
 Hollie D 9A (LLA)
 Sophie B 9A (LLA)
 Zea L 9Y (LLA)
 Tia-Rose S 9J (LLA)

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Year 10

Chloe E 10Y (SCO)
 Monica M 10O (SCO)
 Finlay C 10N (KXB)
 Eve M 10R (SEB)
 Jack P 10R (SEB)
 Ollly R 10J (HHA)
 Alex U 10J (HHA)
 Hannah M 10N (HHA)
 Thomas T 10N (HHA)
 Oliver B 10J (CMC)
 Alex S 10H (CMC)
 Chloe D 10H (CMC & CLI)
 Madelyn A 10N (CMC)

Jamie M 10J (CLI)
 Zuzanna W 10J (DDE)
 Evie C 10N (LDV)
 Caelan H 10N (LDV)
 Neve E 10O (LDV)
 Hassan S 10J (COS)
 Nello R 10R (AWR)
 Bradley R 10A (ASP)

Oscar B 10J (DSM)
 Henry S 10O (DSM)
 Ollly R 10J (DSM)
 Lloyd W 10H (DSM)
 Hannah V 10A (VNI)
 Reuben S 10J (VNI)
 Lacie W 10N (VNI)
 Chloe H 10A (VNI)
 Tianna D 10Y (VNI)
 Jamie M 10J (VNI)
 Alicia W 10Y (VNI)
 Ava R 10H (VNI)
 Olivia B 10J (AWR)

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Year 11

Oscar B 11S (SMG)
 Imogen M 11J (SEB)
 Jaimee R 11J (SEB)
 Mahmoud AM 11R (HHA)
 Hollie H 11M (HHA)
 Adam L 11M (HHA)
 Sam E 11A (HHA)
 Sophie C 11Y (HHA)
 Alexandra Z 11M (HHA)
 Samara T 11N (LDV)
 Luca R 11H (LDV)
 Ellie R 11Y (LCU)

Lucy G 11N (ESM)
 Joe M 11N (ESM)
 Alicia M 11S (ESM)
 Lyra W 11H (ESM)
 Olivia K 11S (ASP)
 Lewis L-W 11H (ASP)
 Phoebe C 11S (CLI)
 Joshua T 11A (CLI)

George B 11Y (DDE)
 Klaudia T 11J (DDE)
 Isabel W 11A (LLA)
 Daisy J 11A (LLA)
 Olivia K 11A (LLA)
 Lucy O 11M (LLA)
 Luke C 11H (LLA)
 Lexi J 11S (COR)
 April G 11A (NRO)
 Isla D 11A (NRO)
 Jake W 11S (NRO)
 George B 11Y (NRO)
 Poppy W 11R (NRO)

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Year 12 and 13

Charlie P 12C (SMC)
 Nathaniel Z 12A (SMC)
 Josh M 12C (SMC)
 Sarah T 12A (EST)
 Summer T 12C (EST)
 Beth T 12A (EST)
 Hannah A 12C (EST)
 Lily A 12R (EST)
 Caitlin B 12R (EST)
 Owen Mc 12A (EST)
 Isabelle M 12R (EST)
 Liam V 12R (EST)

Logan M 12C (HTH)
 Milandev A 12C (HTH)
 Ryan W 12C (CLI)
 Poppy D 12A (DDE & NRO)
 Ruby W 12A (DDE)
 Eve C 12C (HHA & NRO)
 Mika M 12A (HHA)
 Rhys M 12R (HHA)
 Leah-Brooke D 12C (HHA)
 Lily V 12E (HHA)
 Lily D 12A (NRO)
 Erin L 12 (NRO)
 Emily C 12 (NRO)

Georgia E 13J (CLI)
 Eleanor P 13J (LDV)
 Katie M 13J (HTH)
 Chloe C 13J (HTH)
 Jasmine S 13 J (HTH)
 Lucy S 13Y (ESM)
 Kirill L 13J (HHA & IAI)
 Sofia D 13J (HHA & SMC & IAI)
 Francesca B 13J (HHA & HTH)

Department Stars of the Week - 17/1

Philosopher of the Week: Ali Race 7Y

Reader of the Week: Oscar Culey 7M

Mathematician of the Week: Matthew Basham 7Y

Scientist of the Week: Belle Devlin 7A

Linguist of the Week: Roman Hinds 7O

Historian of the Week: Lily Smith 8N

Geographer of the Week: Callum Brown 7R

Sportsperson of the Week: Bailee Hall 7M

Designer of the Week: Jacob Dawson 9J

Artist of the Week: Lilly Jordan 8N

Musician of the Week: Imogen Kelly 8J

Computer Scientist of the Week: Oliver Carruthers 7O

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
- ❑ **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
- ❑ **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