ST JOHN'S WEEKLY NEWS

A Learning Community guided by Gospel Values

27 JANUARY 2025 WEEK A



The Year 8 Girls' cricket team competed in the first round of the County Indoor Cricket Competition on Tuesday. All players batted and bowled extremely well and showed excellent teamwork. The girls finished in 3rd place after close games, losing their last two matches by only 4 runs. They also scored over 80 runs in their winning matches which was an excellent achievement. Girls' Cricket club continues every Tuesday lunchtime for the remainder of this half term and is open to all year groups, so why not go along and explore a new skill.











Thursday was our first official Darts Club session, and what a fantastic one it was! Over 70 students came along to get involved and cheer each other on; Mr Curry did a wonderful job of keeping score. Points from each week will be added to determine our Darts finalists who will compete at the end of term. All are welcome to come along and join in the fun, Thursday from 12.30 in the Main Hall.

On Wednesday, A Level English Literature and A Level Drama students, along with members of our Sixth Form Theatre Group, visited Newcastle Theatre Royal for a performance of the play Birdsong. The novel Birdsong is part of the A Level Literature syllabus, and live theatre is a key component of A Level Drama, so this trip was of great benefit to our students' studies whilst also developing their cultural capital.



Last week our Year 10 Duke of Edinburgh group received their Bronze certificates. There was an enormous level of hard work and commitment which went into this achievement from both staff and students and we are very proud of them. The majority of this group have now progressed to their Silver Award and we look forward to following their progress.

A WORD FROM LISA BYRON, HEADTEACHER

In a world that is growing more unjust, unfair and unequal, it is more important than ever that we come together as a community and have faith and hope for the future, a future which will be shaped and led by our young people. The joy and strength we experience when working together is something which enables us to feel hope that things can and will improve. Pope Francis has declared this year a Jubilee Year, with the theme of Pilgrims of Hope. Pope Francis has shared his own hope that "during this Jubilee, we practise kindness as a form of love to connect with others". We should never underestimate the power of kindness and the impact it can have on those around us. On Friday we joined with schools around the country to launch this special year. Students took part in a

On Friday we joined with schools around the country to launch this special year. Students took part in a special Liturgy and we officially opened our school's Holy Door, featuring Doves of Hope dedicated to each of our 47 Pastoral groups and featuring the names of every



Attendance Last Week:

Year 7: 93%, Year 8: 90.3%, Year 9: 90.5%, Year 10: 89.8% Year 11: 88.8%

TOMING UP THIS WEEK

Tuesday 28- Year 9 Options Evening, 4-6pm. We warmly invite our Year 9 students and their parents and carers to join us for a drop-in event to find out more about the options process and the courses on offer.

Thursday 30- Sixth Form Progress Evening. Appointments are still available via SchoolCloud. We look forward to welcoming our Year 12 and 13 students and their parents and carers into school for discussions on their progress. **Friday 31-** House Reward. Unfortunately we were unable to hold our Pizza Party last Friday, but this will now be held this Friday instead. Students from Aidan House, along with students with 100% attendance last term and two nominated students from each tutor group, will be out of lessons Period 5 for their Pizza Party reward.

LAST WEEK'S ACHIEVEMENTS













I Heard a Whisper...

Teaching is not just a job which takes

place within the classroom. The care

and preparation in responding to

students' needs, the passion and

themselves and the support and guidance offered outside of the

classroom are all parts of the job that

we don't always see and aren't always

shown in the media. Well done this

week to Mrs Barnham (Head of Year

(Assistant Head of Year 9), Mrs Davis

(LSA) and Mr Din (Cover Supervisor)

who have all received nominations

from a parent, colleague or student for

10), Mrs Higgins (Maths), Miss Hankey

commitment for all students

becoming the best version of

ClassCharts Year 7 Top

Daniel W 70 Darcey L 7O Hannah K 7A Rosie S 70 Artem K 7J

Achievers

Year 8 Top **Achievers**

Eliza B-M 8M Constance C 8N Isla S 8M Riley H 8M Riley T-W 8M

Year 9 Top **Achievers**

Matthew W 9R Leah W 9A Tejaswi S 9A Allegra B 9Y Halle M 9Y

Year 10 Top **Achievers**

Eden S 10J Madelyn A 10N Skye H 100 Thomas S 100 Isabelle P 100

Year 11 Top **Achievers**

Klaudia T 11J Niamh C 11Y Zak S 11M Mahmoud A M 11R Lexi W 11.J

MFL Stars of the Week: Joel Hardy (9J), Rosie Grayson (7R), Charlie Matthews-Taylor (8N)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- ☐ 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
- Monday 12 May- Year 7 Residential Retreat ☐ Thursday 22 May- Year 7 Progress Evening

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Artist of the Week





Ruqayah Rosul **7R**







a sweet treat.



