ST JOHN'S WEEKLY NEWS

A Learning Community guided by Gospel Values

10 FEBRUARY 2025 WEEK A



Darts Club continues to be a popular lunchtime enrichment choice for our students, with around 70 students attending weekly. Points are tallied up each week and here are our top 25 students after three weeks of rounds. Well done, all! Anyone is welcome to come along to Darts Club each Thursday lunchtime in the Main Hall, to take part or even spectate. Ms Byron has even been seen hitting the bullseye!

Henry Smith (100) Lloyd Whitworth (10H) Thomas Simpson (100) Jack Richardson (8R) Louie Wringe (10A) Charlie Nattrass (9H) Ryan Belshaw (8M) Ali Cringle (10M) Caleb Reilly (7R) Caleb Reilly (7R) Alfie Lant (8M) Terry Nixon (10A) erry Nixon (10A)
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Vill O'Hanlon (10N)
tam Ramsey (9H) Will Gibson (100)
Owen Vasey (10M)
Freddie Nash (10R)
George Elliott (10M)
Joe Mangles (8M)
Louis Weighill (7J)
Evan Baker (10A)
Tom Brabban (7N)

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Darts Club Leaderboard

A WORD FROM LISA BYRON. HEADTEACHER

The Arts play a huge role in the life of St John's; from the artwork which is proudly presented in Main Reception and on our corridors, to our award-winning choir who help lead our liturgies, masses and whole school events. The Arts are valued within our school community and we strive to offer our students opportunities to develop skills in this area and showcase their talents. One such example of this is our annual Jaquie Holloway Prize for Performing Arts. Jaquie Holloway was a dedicated Performing Arts teacher and Arts Coordinator at St John's for many years and much of the wonderful artwork within school is as a result of her passion and hard work within the Arts. This prize, now in its third year, is a tribute to her legacy and the difference she made to so many of our students and staff. We are inviting students to audition for this year's prize on Wednesday 19 February by emailing Miss Bell, and everyone is invited to the prize itself on Wednesday 26 March. Tickets on sale soon.

The Jaquie

Holloway Prize

for Performing Arts

Wednesday 26th March 2025, 6pm

dnesday 19th Febru 3:20-4:20pm

First prize £50 Second prize £30



On Friday, 60 students from Year 9 and Year 10 enjoyed a reward afternoon which started with pizza followed by time at Planet Leisure where they took part in Bowling and Trampolining. These students have consistently demonstrated outstanding

commitment to their studies and personal growth. Their daily approach to school and consistency in meeting expectations makes them all excellent examples to their peers. This reward trip is our way of recognising and honouring their perseverance, enthusiasm, and positive contributions to our school community.

Following their success winning the County round, the U14 netball squad played fantastically well at the North East Regional round of the National Schools Netball Competition, placing 4th overall. A huge well done to all of the students for their effort, skill and teamwork. Mrs Widdowson and

Mrs McGowan were blown away by their performance and resilience. A huge thanks to the Sixth Form Netball Leaders for supporting the team and to Mrs Widdowson and Mrs McGowan for giving up their weekend

to take the girls to this competition.

Last Friday, 13 of our Year 10 Health and Social Car students enjoyed a trip out of school arranged in collaboration with Durham Works. They went to Lanchester Hospital to find out about the differen carers of the people that

work there. They got to speak to members of

staff and learnt how to carry out some first aid and CPR.



Last week our staff gathered for CPD to mark the

Jubilee Year of Hope. We explored the theme and



How we can spread hope in our school, local and global community. We were then delighted to be joined by three of our Sixth Form CAFOD Young Leaders, George, Lily and Jack, who led us in a short service of affirmation and helped to anoint all staff with holy oil.

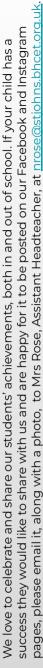
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Monday 10- Year 11 and 13 mocks begin. We wish our students lots of luck for the next two weeks of mocks. Thursday 13- Year 9 Progress Evening. We look forward to welcoming our Year 9 students and their parents and carers into school for positive and constructive conversations around progress, attainment and option choices. Appointments are still available via SchoolCloud.

A reminder that students should be attending school in correct uniform every day. This includes no trainers, leggings or jewellery and no false nails or eyelashes. Black jumpers are optional but must be plain v-neck.

LAST WEEK'S ACHIEVEMENTS





















ClassCharts Year 7 Top **Achievers**

Pola K 7N Finley H 70 Carollena A 70 Yana H 7R Darcey L 7O

Year 8 Top **Achievers**

Nicholas S 8J Beaux A 8M Milana D 8J Neve O 8J Leon W 8A

Year 9 Top **Achievers**

Thomas T 9A Krystian K 9J Maddison S 9A Harvey M 9R Halle M 9Y

Year 10 Top **Achievers**

Jack R 100 Chloe D 10H Zuzanna W 10J Aidan D 10J Cohen R 100

Year 11 Top **Achievers**

Kate M 11Y Sophie R 11M April G 11A Isla D 11A Klaudia T 11J

MFL Stars of the Week: Harry M 9M, Nancy T 8R, Lawrence J 7O

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- ☐ 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 Eve
- ☐ Wednesday 26 March- Jaquie Holloway Prize for Performing Arts
- ☐ Thursday 3 April- Year 10 Progress Evening
- ☐ Friday 11 April- Last day 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
- Monday 19 May- Year 10 Work Experience
- ☐ Thursday 22 May- Year 7 Progress Evening

🖑 **1 Heard a Whisper...**

Our staff CPD last week was focused on the theme of hope and reminded us of the impact we create every day when working with our young people and families. In the busy and pressurised world of education it can be easy to forget this at times, but the wonderful emails we receive to thank our staff every week serve as a reminder of the difference we make every single day. Well done this week to Claire Ames (Swimming Teacher), Mr Rolston (Assistant Headteacher), Mr Smith (Head of Year 7), Mrs Davis (LSA), Miss Bell (Head of Performing Arts) and Susie Denning (Parent Support Advisor).

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Artist of the Week





Ruby Wilson 12A









