ST JOHN'S WEEKLY NEWS

A Learning Community guided by Gospel Values

17 FEBRUARY 2025 Week B



Earlier this month, 12 students attended the National Schools Badminton Championships county round. Some closely contested games saw the KS3 girls and KS4 boys finish second in their group. The KS3 boys, Max, Jake, Harvey, and Krystian, finished 1st and will go to the regional finals at the beginning of March. Well done, all!

Following the achievement of our Year 13 students completing their Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award, we now have an exceptionally strong group of 35 Year 12 students ready to take on the same challenges and achieve Gold. All of Year 12 take part in a special 'Extend Yourself' programme during Pastoral which sees them take on new skills, and this group have chosen to complete their Gold DofE as part of this. In their most recent session they were planning their practice expedition to The Cheviots in April.





On Wednesday, members of our Year 7 Council and students from

our Environmental Awareness Club took part in a Net Zero Accelerator Workshop. Students listened to a presentation on energy use and then explored the school site, using specialist equipment to measure energy usage, temperatures, CO2 levels, light levels and heat loss. Students then presented their findings back and discussed strategies,

resulting in an action plan for reducing our energy usage within school. Our students were superb ambassadors- they were inquisitive and articulate and showed real maturity in approaching this important topic.



Love was well and truly in the air in the LRC on Friday as we celebrated both Valentine's Day and Love Your Library Week. Year 7s took part in a competition to design a heart giving the reasons why they love our LRC. There were some wonderful entries but Finley H and Rosie S from 70 were chosen as the overall winners.

All of the hearts are now on display in the LRC to continue to spread the love.

Well done to our Year 7 RISE Group who received a special treat of doughnuts last week for filling their contribution pot. RISE stands for Resilience, Independence, Self-Belief and Enjoyment, and the group meet twice weekly to

Independence, Self-Belief and Enjoyment, and the group meet twice weekly to chat, support each other and play games. The group have formed a lovely bond and have grown as individuals.

A WORD FROM LISA BYRON, HEADTEACHER Thursday was National School

Governors' Awareness Day, a special day to recognise the dedication and hard work of our governors who volunteer their time, energy and expertise for the benefit of our learning community. Our wonderful team of governors show such commitment and passion towards shaping the future of our young people, and a lot of their work is often not seen. They attend school events, meet regularly with members of the leadership team to remain well-informed, and help to make crucial decisions for the benefit of the school and its staff and students. We feel very grateful to have the team of governors that we do and we thank them for their unwavering support and loyalty to St John's.

<u>Attendance Matters</u>

Last week was an excellent week for attendance, with a total of 848 students having 100% attendance!

Year 7: 94.8% Year 8: 91.5% Year 9: 91.5% Year 10: 92.5% Year 11: 92.9%

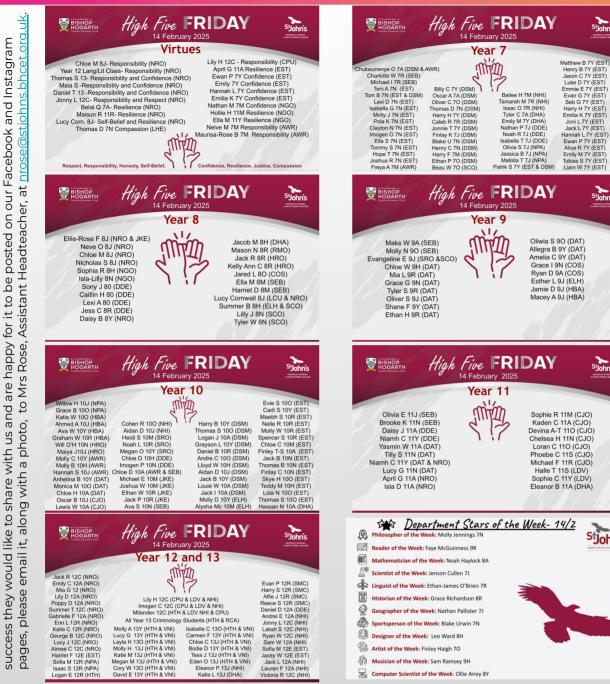


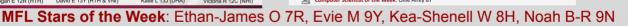
Well done to the Year 10 Rugby team who were victorious against Parkside on Wednesday, and the Year 7 team who lost out by just one try in very cold and muddy conditions. Fantastic resilience and sportsmanship from all!

Monday 17- Year 11 and 13 mocks continue. We wish our students lots of luck for their second week of exams. **Wednesday 19**- Jaquie Holloway Prize for Performing Arts auditions, 3.20-4.20pm. .Students wanting to audition should ensure they have emailed or spoken to Miss Bell to sign up.

Friday 21- School closed to students due to Staff INSET. Half term begins - school reopens on Monday 3 March. As we approach the end of another busy half term, we thank all of our staff for their continued hard work in ensuring our students fulfil their potential and make memories that will last a lifetime. We thank our students for their positive work ethic and contributions to life at St John's and we thank our parents and carers for their continued support and partnership. We wish everyone an enjoyable and relaxing half term.

LAST WEEK'S ACHIEVEMENTS





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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Monday 3 March- School reopens
- □ Thursday 13 March- Year 11 Progress Eve
- Saturday 15 March- FLAME Trip

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- □ Thursday 20 March- Year 8 Progress Eve
- Wednesday 26 March- Jaquie Holloway Prize for Performing Arts
- Thursday 3 April- Year 10 Progress Eve
- Friday 11 April- Last day before Easter
- Monday 28 April- School reopens
- Monday 5 May- Bank Holiday
- Wednesday 7 May- GCSE Exams begin
- □ Monday 12 May- Year 7 Residential
- Retreat
- Monday 19 May- Year 10 Work Experience

ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Thursday 22 May- Year 7 Progress Eve

I Heard a Whisper... Artist of We consistently remind our students of the

the Week

member of staff has been a particularly good Ella Dale, 10N (Last week's Artist of the Week was actually Poppy Davidson, 12A. We apologise for the misprint)



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ClassCharts Year 7 Top **Achievers** Nathan M 7M Claudia M 7J Pola K 7N Tamarah M 7R Hope T 7N

Year 8 Top Achievers Ruby M 8H Harry M 8J Ollie A 8Y Ellie-Rose F 8J Lucy Corn. 8J

Year 9 Top **Achievers** Ryan D 9A Harry M 9M Thomas T 9A Allegra B 9Y Jake O 9Y

Year 10 Top **Achievers** Monica M 100

Lexi T-W 10J Freddie C 10A Tomasz C 10O Megan M 100

Year 11 Top **Achievers** Niamh C 11Y Kaden C 11A Evie W 11Y Maisun R 11R Daniel F 11S

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importance of doing their best, of persevering

and of supporting others to do the same. It is

wonderful, therefore, to see what excellent

role models our staff are in displaying these

positivity and compassion, Well done to Mrs Moran (Assistant Head of English), Miss

(Cleaner), Mr Oxberry (Head of Year 11), Sean

Sedgewick (IT Technician) and Mr Robertson

nominations from parents or colleagues and

were treated to a sweet treat. If you think a

compassion, hard-work or positivity, email:

iheardawhisper@stjohns.bhcet.org.uk

Robinson (Head of Year 9), Viktoriia Dunn

(Curriculum Research and Development

Lead/ Head of MFL) who all received

role model, or has demonstrated real

same qualities of resilience, hard-work,