ST JOHN'S WEEKLY NEWS

A Learning Community guided by Gospel Values

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We are delighted to share the winners of our World Book Day competitions. First of all we have the winner of our Booked Potato competition. There were some superb entries showcasing impressive creativity from both students and staff, but the final winner was Kai D from Year 7 who won a £20 Amazon voucher. Well done, Kai for your superb Captain Underpants! Miss Heads was blown away by the Year 7 entries for the Design a National Book Token competition. There were so many fantastic entries she even had to get more prizes! Our in school winners were Rugayah R, Chase N and Darcey L with Ali R, Emmie E, Allan T and Emilia K as runners-up. Well done, everyone!









Year 11 had a special assembly on Wednesday to receive their mock exam results, replicating their summer results day in August. Mr McIntyre also spoke to students about the power and importance of hope and how the time between now and the first written exam can make all the difference. We are extremely proud of our Year 11 students for their hard work, determination and resilience so far and look

forward to seeing the amazing results of this in their summer exams. And whether the mock results brought joy or disappointment, we remind our students that "success is not final, failure is not fatal:

it is the courage to continue that counts."

Year 10 and Year 12 students have been taking part in Street First Aid workshops through the Foundation of Light charity. These workshops focus on how to act when a person has suffered a catastrophic, life-threatening bleed caused by a deep wound, including from stabbing. The students learnt how to act quickly using the three Ps in three minutes: Pressure, Pack and Pinch. They also learnt about the laws we have in place around the carrying of knives. Our students have been very engaged and have been a credit to the school and our community. We look forward to future workshops taking place.

St John's football teams were in action against Woodham Academy last week in the first games since Christmas. Year 10 won 4-1, Year 8 won 5-1, and Year 7 won 7-1. Well done to all those who played and for their fantastic sportsmanship and teamwork.



A WORD FROM LISA BYRON. HEADTEACHER

With less than 30 school days to go until the first GCSE written exam. our Year 11 and Year 13 students are now entering the final stretch of preparation and revision. We are incredibly proud of the young people they have grown up to become during their time at St John's, and we have every faith that they will continue to show commitment and diligence towards their studies in these final weeks. We were delighted to be able to celebrate the 99 Year 11 students who achieved the grades required for Sixth Form in their mock exams with a special breakfast in the Sixth Form Bistro last week. With all of our Year 11 and Year 13 students carefully considering their next steps, we know that with faith, hope and hard work they will achieve their dreams and soar high.

Attendance Matters

Last week's attendance figures were: Year 7: 93.4%, Year 8: 91.6% Year 9: 93.4%, Year 10: 92.2% Year 11: 91%

Our students were amazing ambassadors for St John's on Saturday when they attended Flame at Wembley Arena. They joined 10,000 young people who all received messages of hope and inspiration, empowering them to be unstoppable. They heard from inspiring speakers including Bear Grylls who spoke about his own faith. He said, "Faith isn't part of the adventure, it is the adventure!" They also received a very special message from Pope Francis who encouraged the youth to "fan a flame of hope that is truly

> unstoppable". Jack Reynolds, one of our Year 12 CAFOD Young Leaders, also represented St John's at lunchtime assisting CAFOD as they talked to the attendees about the charity and how they support our global family. An inspiring day!



MING UP THIS

Wednesday 19- Frozen rehearsals this week are now for all cast members, 3.20-4.30pm Thursday 20- Year 8 Progress Evening. We look forward to welcoming our Year 8 students along with their parents and carers into school for conversations on progress and attainment. Appointments are still available to be made via SchoolCloud. Please contact school directly if you have any questions.

Tickets for this year's Jaquie Holloway Prize for Performing Arts, taking place on Wednesday 26 March, are now available via TicketSource: www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-johns-catholic-school

LAST WEEK'S ACHIEVEMENTS







MFL Stars of the Week: Elliott M 7R, Ryan-Lee B 8M, Nathan A 9H

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Molly A 13Y (HTH)

- ☐ 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

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- ☐ 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 Eve
- ☐ Friday 23 May- Last day before half term
- ☐ Monday 2 June- School reopens
- ☐ Monday 2 June- Year 12 Work Experience
- ☐ Monday 23 June- Year 10 and Year 12 mocks begin
- Monday 7 July/ Tuesday 8 July- St John's presents 'Frozen the Musical'

I Heard a Whisper...

"Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present but not giving it"

Well done this week to Mr Palmer (PE). Miss Heads (Assistant Head of Year 7/LRC Manager), Ashley Worthy (Finance and Operations Manager), Mrs Gillow (English), Mr Smith (Head of Year 7), Miss Crawford (MFL) and Miss Hayes (Assistant Headteacher/ Head of English) who have all received some lovely nominations recently from parents, colleagues and students and are our chosen recipients of this week's chocolate treats. If you would like to show gratitude to a member of staff and earn them the gift of a sweet treat, drop

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ClassCharts Year 7 Top **Achievers**

Carollena A 70 Tyler C 7A Pola K 7N Claudia M 7J Hope T7N

Year 8 Top **Achievers**

Summer B 8H Sienna J 8H Shay M8M Ruby M8H Neave W 8Y

Year 9 Top **Achievers**

Thomas T 9A Jake O 9Y Nathan A9H Thomas K 9R Trevor B 9J

Year 10 Top **Achievers**

Jack R 100 Skye H 100 Willow H 10J Hannah M 10N Kristian W 10R

Year 11 Top **Achievers**

Niamh C 11Y Jenny S 11Y Thea C 110 Farrell M 11R Ellie O 11H

Artist of the Week



Nathan Attwood, 9H











George B 12C (NRO) Harriet F 12E (ESM & EST)