



What an incredible evening of talent and entertainment we had on Wednesday as we celebrated our third annual Jaquie Holloway Prize for Performing Arts. Our twelve finalists showcased an awesome level of talent, whether it be singing, instrumentalists, gymnastics or musical theatre performances. Our guest judges were blown away by the talent and had an incredibly tough job on their hands selecting our top 3 prize winners, but in the end they selected Lucy Oswin in third place, David Bentley in second place and Lily Hill in first place. Our audience were then treated to performances from our fantastic ensembles: chamber choir, orchestra, choir and even a sneak preview of songs from our summer production, Frozen. The hall was filled with talent, joy and pride this evening and it really is a legacy that Mrs Jaquie Holloway would be so proud of. Well done to all of our incredible students who continue to shine and make us so proud.



Year 7 had an excellent time this week taking part in an Easter egg hunt to raise money for CAFOD, organised by our Year 12 CAFOD Young Leaders. Year 7 raised an impressive £179 for CAFOD and had lots of fun in the process and our Year 12 students did a



'cracking' job of organising the event. Years 8 and 9 will also have the opportunity to get involved in the excitement with Year 9's egg hunt taking place on Pastoral this week and Year 8 next week.

On Tuesday evening, our Year 7 Netball team played in the South West Durham Schools Netball Tournament and came first out of the seven schools attending! They were a credit to the school and played some fantastic netball on a lovely sunny evening. All players displayed the school's virtues, with special recognition for the three players for whom this was their first time playing for St John's. Player of the Tournament went to Rosie Stephenson for her impressive long range shooting. The team will enjoy a cake break with Ms Byron on Thursday to celebrate and will receive medals from the PE department who are extremely proud of them.



A WORD FROM LISA BYRON, HEADTEACHER

Each week I am reminded of what a phenomenally talented cohort of students we have at St John's, and this week has certainly done just that! It was a real privilege to watch the finalists of the Jaquie Holloway Prize for Performing Arts perform on Wednesday evening, showcasing their God-given talents, sharing their passion for the arts and demonstrating such confidence and self-belief. We are incredibly proud of the arts offering within St John's, something which is testament to the incredible work of our late friend and colleague, Jaquie Holloway. But the talents don't stop there, and our students also continue to have amazing sporting success each week. A huge well done to our Year 7 netball team who have gone from strength to strength as a team since their arrival in September.

It is wonderful to be able to share achievements such as these with you all in our newsletter each week.

Attendance Matters

Last week's attendance figures were:

Year 7: 93.6%, Year 8: 88.6%

Year 9: 90.7%, Year 10: 91.7%

Year 11: 90.4%

Six of our Sixth Form students are currently on a BHCET Turing Scheme trip to Washington, D.C. for an unforgettable week exploring politics, history, and university life in the USA. So far they have toured the campus at Georgetown University, learned about international study opportunities and soaked in the atmosphere of this prestigious institution. They have also visited the Supreme Court and National Archives to see history in action and seen iconic landmarks such as the US Navy Yard tour, The White House, The Pentagon, and The Capitol Building. We wish them an enjoyable end to their visit and a safe journey home.



COMING UP THIS WEEK

Tuesday 1- Our CAFOD Soup Lunch continues at lunchtime in the Lecture Theatre and is available to all students for just £1. Please note that this is cash only and all proceeds are donated to CAFOD.

Wednesday 2- Frozen rehearsal this week is for Anna, Elsa, Kristoff, Sven, Olaf, Oaken and Lead Ensemble

Thursday 3- Year 10 Progress Evening. We look forward to welcoming our Year 10 students and their parents and carers into school for important conversations surrounding their progress with GCSE courses and the upcoming mock exams. Appointments are still available to be made via SchoolCloud.

LAST WEEK'S ACHIEVEMENTS



High Five FRIDAY

28 March 2025

Virtues

Finley Y 11A - Responsibility (RBE)	April G 11A - Resilience (EST)
James S 11A - Responsibility (RBE)	Michelle E 8R - Resilience (MWI)
Matthew B 11A - Responsibility (RBE)	Loran C 11O - Self Belief (CJO)
Josh T 11A - Responsibility (RBE)	Maisun R 11R - Self Belief (NRO)
Julia B 8R - Compassion (RBE)	Choir, Orchestra and Frozen Cast - Confidence (NRO, REB & ALI)
Nathan M 7M - Compassion (EDO)	All finalists in the Jaquie Holloway Prize - Confidence and Self-Belief (NRO, RBE and ALI)
Trevor B 9J - Confidence (CJO)	
Anya A 9O - Confidence (CJO)	
Lacey M 9J - Confidence (CJO)	
Chloe D 10A - Resilience (AWR)	

Respect, Responsibility, Honesty, Self-Belief, Confidence, Resilience, Justice, Compassion

High Five FRIDAY

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Year 7

Year 7 Netball Team (MWI)	Charlotte W 7R (TJO & MWI)	Heidi H 7N (CDA)
Nathan M 7M (NHA)	Francesca S 7O (RCA & EMO)	Aimee H 7O (RCA)
Harry M 7M (NHA)	Carollena A 7O (KAL & DAT)	Yeva T 7O (RCA)
Oscar 7M (CLI)	Jonathan T 7M (AWR)	Finley H 7O (RCA)
Henry B 7Y (CLI)	Kristen R 7A (DHA)	Ben A 7N (CHA)
Gabriel M 7M (CLI)	Guru S 7A (DHA)	Finley H 7O (CHA)
Matthew B 7Y (CLI)	Claudia Mc J7 (DHA)	Rosie S 7O (CHA)
Venly D 7M (CLI)	Emilia K 7Y (DHA)	Nathan P 7J (TJO)
Rosie G 7R (CLI)	Ethan B 7J (DAT)	Noah R 7J (TJO)
Jon L 7Y (CLI)	Ewan P 7Y (DHA)	Amelia B 7J (TJO)
Harini T 7M (CLI)	Precious I 7R (SEB)	Rudayah R 7R (TJO)
Ethan B 7J (DAT)	Isaac O 7R (SEB)	Rosie G 7R (MWI)
Adam R 7J (DAT)		Regan W 7R (MWI)
Ben A 7M (LWR)		

High Five FRIDAY

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Year 8

Finley G 8A (EDO)	Eva Mc 8R (DHA)
Isla S 8M (NHA)	Lola Mc 8N (DHA)
Dominic O 8M (NHA)	Brooklyn H 8A (IAI)
Thomas H 8A (NHA)	Kai D 8N (AWR)
Rowan N 8A (NHA)	Lola M 8N (AWR)
Harriet S 8R (COS)	Evie S 8N (AWR)
Michalina G 8R (HRO)	Kole S 8M (NRO)
Emily M 8R (HRO)	Ellie-Rose F 8J (NRO)
Leo B 8R (DDE)	Imogen K 8J (NRO)
Mollie S 8R (DDE)	Frankie B 8J (NRO)
Christopher R 8O (DDE)	Eliza B M 8M (SEB)
	Ellie R 8M (SEB)

High Five FRIDAY

28 March 2025

Year 9

Millie W 9H (SEB)	Max A 9M (DDE)	Nathan K 9M (CSW)
Lennox H 9Y (SEB & CSW)	Savannah L H 9M (DDE)	Lucie H 9O (CSW)
Allegra B 9Y (DAT)	Logan C 9A (LCU)	Oliver J 9N (CSW)
Shane F 9Y (DAT)	Clara J 9R (COS)	Amelia C 9Y (CSW)
Oliver S 9J (DAT)	Yu Qi C 9O (CHA)	Sienna T 9A (CSW)
Olivia S 9O (DAT)	Freya H-F 9H (CHA)	Kristian K 9J (CSW)
Logan P 9N (DAT)	Esther L 9J (CHA)	Ella G 9R (CSW)
Mason G 9Y (DAT)	Thomas K 9R (CHA)	Layton H 9Y (CSW)
Tanisha A 9N (DAT)	Ruby S 9A (EMO)	Harry S 9Y (CSW)
Holly D 9A (DAT)	Finbar H 9R (EMO)	Aidan C 9H (CJO)
Macey B 9Y (JKE)	Nicholas R O 9Y (DHA)	Aiden G 9H (CJO)
Amber W 9R (JKE)	Jack D 9O (DHA)	Harvey M 9R (CJO)
Kodi S 9N (ASP)	9RY/PeG (MWI)	Alexi T 9R (CJO)
Eliza B M 8M (SEB)	James D 9M (CSW)	Callie T 9R (CJO)
Ellie R 8M (SEB)		Joel H 9J (CSW)
		Kyrann N 9N (CJO)

High Five FRIDAY

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Year 10

Paige A 10N (SEB)	Evie C 10N (LDV & EST)
Freddie N 10R (SEB & JKE)	Heidi S 10M (PJR)
Aysha M 10M (JKE)	Annicc C 10H (PJR)
Finley C 10N (CLI)	Logan H 10J (PJR)
Skye H 10O (CLI & EST)	Chloe D 10H (DDE)
Nadia I 10M (CLI)	Caelan H 10N (DDe)
Eva N-D 10H (DAT)	Grace B 10O (EMO)
Ellie-Mae H 10O (DAT & AWR)	Hannah S 10H (EMO)
Freddie C 10A (DAT)	Zuzanna W 10J (AWR)
Jack I 10M (DAT)	Megan D 10O (AWR)
Jorgia P 10A (DAT & EST)	Simone B 10R (AWR)
Thomas T 10N (DAT)	Molly B 10H (AWR)
Aiden S 10A (HRO)	Vanessa N 10O (AWR)
Hannah M 10N (EST & HRO)	~Teo D 10A (DHA)
Daniel B 10R (HRO)	Robert B 10R (LWR)
Marko V 10M (HRO)	Daniel B 10R (LWR)
Thomas S 10O (CHA)	Lewis W 10A (LWR)

High Five FRIDAY

28 March 2025

Year 11

Matthew B 11A (EMO)	Niamh C 11Y (LQU & EST & NRO)	Luca R 11H (DDE)
Roxy E-M 11Y (EMO)	Jenny S 11Y (EST & NRO)	Tilly S 11N (DDE)
April G 11A (DHA)	Isla D 11A (EST & NRO)	Matthew B 11A (PJR)
Dillon O 11R (SEB)	Amir C 11O (SEB)	Thomas N 11J (PJR)
Amir C 11O (SEB)	Joe M 11N (DAT)	Kayla S 11M (PJR)
Joe M 11N (DAT)	Dylan B 11M (LQU)	Eleanor B 11A (EST)
Dylan B 11M (LQU)	Farrell M 11R (EST & NRO)	Sophie R 11M (EST)
Jay G 11H (CLI)	Hollie H 11M (LQU & EST)	Aida J 11Y (EST)
Ethan J 11J (CLI)	Arron B 11B (LQU & CJO)	Kate M 11Y (EST)
Thea C (CDA)	Jake W 11S (CJO & NRO)	Ella A 11R (EST)
Mia D (CDA)	Erin W 11M (NRO)	Ella W 11Y (EST)
Grace W (CDA)	George B 11Y (NRO)	Kaden C 11R (EST)
Affie D 11N (LDV)	Stacy S 11A (NRO)	Jess B 11R (EST)
Amy-May H 11S (LDV)	Aaron M 11M (NRO)	Vincent T 11A (EST)
	Kaden C 11A (CJO)	Sam E 11A (EST)

High Five FRIDAY

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Year 12 and 13

Jasmine S 13J (HTH & DAT)	Maia S 13Y (HTH)	Carmen F 13Y (HTH)	Molly H 13J (HTH)	Lia F 13Y (DAT)	Thomas S 13Y (DAT)	Jennifer W 13J (DAT)	Lucy M 13J (DAT)	Harry W 13J (DAT)
Daniel D 12A (DDE)	Ella P 12A (LQU)	Myrren S 12A (LQU)	Hannah N 12A (LQU)	Sofia M 12E (LQU)	Lily H 12C (PJR)	Imogen C 12C (PJR)	Milande V A 12C (PJR)	
Evie C 12C (EST)	Beth T 12A (EST)	Sarah T 12A (EST)	Summer T 12C (EST)	Harriet F 12E (EST)	Evie R 12E (EST)	Sofia M 12E (HTH)	Freya F 12E (HTH)	
Bodie D 13Y (EST)	Lucy S 13Y (EST)	Jamie O 13O (EST)	Katie L 13J (DHA)	Katie B-S 13J (MWI)	Lia F 13Y (LQU)	Maia S 13Y (LQU)	Francesca B 13J (LQU)	

Department Stars of the Week - 28/3

Philosopher of the Week:	Thomas Henderson 8A
Reader of the Week:	Queenmercy Akinroyi 8N
Mathematician of the Week:	Harvey Marsh 9R
Scientist of the Week:	Harley Gibbons 8A
Linguist of the Week:	Scarlett Ross 7R
Historian of the Week:	Belle Devlin 7A
Geographer of the Week:	Noah Robertson 7J
Sportsperson of the Week:	Salem Crich 7Y
Designer of the Week:	Nicholas Stevens 8J
Artist of the Week:	Shay Malcolm 8M
Musician of the Week:	Constance Cook 8N
Computer Scientist of the Week:	Daniel Wherry 7O

MFL Stars of the Week: Rosie S 7O, Nicholas R O 9Y, Sienna N 8A, Clara J 9R, Ellie-Rose F 8J

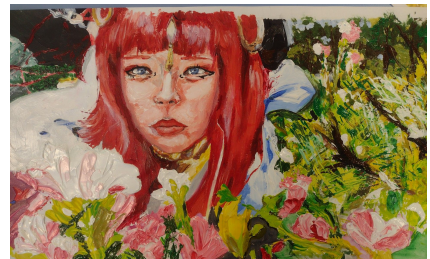
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- ☐ **Friday 11 April**- Last day before Easter holidays
- ☐ **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
- ☐ **Thursday 22 May**- Year 7 Progress Evening
- ☐ **Friday 23 May**- Last day before half term
- ☐ **Monday 2 June**- School reopens
- ☐ **Monday 2 June**- Year 12 Work Experience
- ☐ **Thursday 19 June**- Virtue Awards 2025
- ☐ **Monday 23 June**- Year 10 and Year 12 mocks
- ☐ **Wednesday 2 July**- Year 13 Peru Trip
- ☐ **Wednesday 2 July**- Year 9/10 Summer Festival
- ☐ **Monday 7 July/ Tuesday 8 July**- St John's presents 'Frozen the Musical'
- ☐ **Thursday 10/Friday 11 July**- Year 6 Induction

I Heard a Whisper...

The nominations keep coming in for our wonderful staff in acknowledgement of their tireless hard work, dedication and support within our learning community. Well done this week to Mr Smith (Head of Year 7), Mr Rolston (Assistant Headteacher), Emma Ramsey (Chaplain), Miss Wright (Science), Mrs Sturdy (Lead Teacher for RE) and Michael Stephenson (Learning Mentor). It is a joy to read the wonderful email nominations that come in from our parents and carers, staff and students. Send yours to... iheardawhisper@stjohns.bhcet.org.uk

Artist of the Week



Levi Hayes
11J

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.