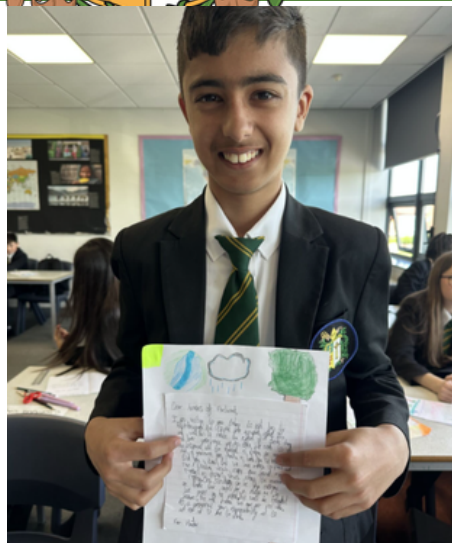




# HEADTEACHER'S WEEKLY LETTER

Summer 3



## External Examinations

External examinations have officially begun for our Year 11 and Year 13 pupils, marking an important milestone in their academic journey.

Over the coming weeks, pupils will have the opportunity to demonstrate the knowledge, skills and resilience they have developed through months of preparation and hard work.

We wish all of our pupils the very best of luck as they embark on this demanding examination period.

We are incredibly proud of the commitment and determination they have shown, and we encourage them to approach each exam with confidence and focus. Our thanks also go to their families for their continued support during this time. We look forward to celebrating our pupils' achievements as the examination season progresses. Good Luck!!!

Please click the following link to read the most recent letter from Miss Tennet regarding the arrangements for Year 11 over the coming weeks: [Year 11](#)

## David Attenborough's 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday!

Pupils in KS3 celebrated David Attenborough's birthday as part of their geography lessons this week. The theme of this celebration was Our Planet, Our Pledge which inspired the department to run activities throughout the week.

Pupils explored environmental issues, reflecting on how they can care for the planet and spent time outside in nature.

## Key Dates

- **KS3 assessments will begin in the week beginning the 18<sup>th</sup> of May and will continue into the week commencing the 1st of June-** pupils will complete their assessments in classrooms and the dates for these assessments will be communicated with them by their teachers
- **INSET Day** [school closed to all pupils] 3<sup>rd</sup> July

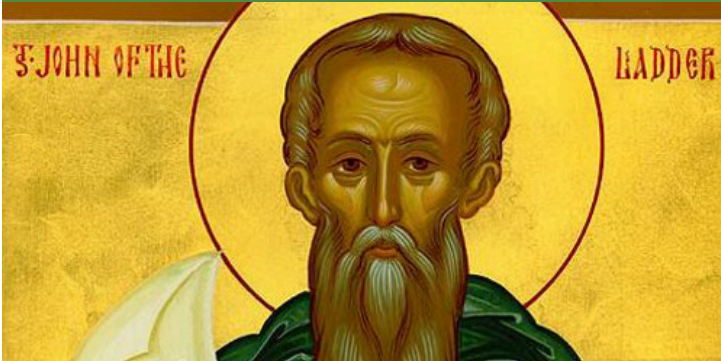




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## FAITH FOCUS



"If you love me, you will keep my commandments."  
- John 14:15

In this simple verse, Jesus reminds us that love is made visible through our actions. In our school community, this means living our faith through respect, care, and compassion each day. May this week be an opportunity to live Christ's love in practical ways, trusting that the Holy Spirit is at work among us.

## School Pictures

Years 11 and 13 will be having their year group pictures taken on Friday the 15<sup>th</sup> of May.

All Year 11 are expected to wear full school uniform and Year 13 should wear Columba uniform.

## Meet the Teacher

**Name:** Mrs Keenan  
**What subject do you teach?**  
History



### What inspired you to become a teacher?

I always wanted to be a teacher- I would line up my toys and take the register! As I got older I decided I definitely wanted to work in secondary schools and that I wanted to be either an English or a History teacher. I wanted to be able to work in a job that was never boring and where I could try and make a difference to people. When I went to university I chose to study History and then qualified as a History teacher and have loved it ever since. The more pupils I met the more I became interested in helping and supporting pupils who were struggling in school and so pursued becoming a SENDCO

### What do you like to do when you're not teaching?

I spend my time with my children, we love being outside - especially as we all live in such a beautiful place. Nothing beats the beach.

### Favorite books/movies?

Harry Potter, The Hunger Games. I love any dystopian fiction and also anything with a historical link.

### What's a fun fact about you that pupils might not know?

Although I have lived in the North East for 24 years I actually grew up and went to school in Germany on British army bases from being 3-18 years old when I came back to England to go to university.

External examinations began this week for Years 11 and 13, with next week marking the start of our first whole-cohort exams. We wish both year groups the very best of luck with their examinations.

It was wonderful to welcome so many of our incoming Year 7 families to St Wilfrid's on Monday, and we look forward to working closely with them in the months ahead.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend and are able to enjoy the sunshine.

C. Lennox  
Headteacher 8/5/26

