# ST JOHN'S WEEKLY NEWS

A Learning Community guided by Gospel Values

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## LAST WEEK'S EVENTS

On Tuesday we held our Open Evening for Year 5 and 6 students and their parents/carers, many of whom will soon be deciding on their future secondary school. We were extremely proud to welcome so many prospective families into our school and our staff and students did a fantastic job of showing them everything St John's has to offer.



On Thursday we invited Year 11 parents and carers into school to share important information and advice regarding the upcoming mock exams. Many thanks to all of our families who attended and to Miss Robinson, Head of Year 11, for organising this event.

Our first SEND Coffee Morning was held on Tuesday and it was lovely to welcome parents into school to meet with the SEND team. Many thanks to Mrs Kreczak, our SENDCO, for hosting this.

Well done to our Year 9 Boys Football Team who won their League and Cup double match against Parkside 2-1 and are therefore through to the next stage of the cup.

### A WORD FROM LISA BYRON, HEADTEACHER

Welcome to our new weekly newsletter, a chance for us to share with you events and achievements from the past week as well as important notices and reminders for the week ahead. We hope you find it informative and helpful.

It has been a busy few weeks at the start of this new academic year, but all of our students have settled back into the routine of school life; it is particularly wonderful to see how well our new Year 7 students have adapted to life within our Learning Community. We have already had so much to celebrate within school this term, and we look forward to being able to continue to share those achievements with you all via this new platform.

#### September

#### COMING UP THIS WEEK



- ☐ Monday 26- Thursday 29- Duke of Edinburgh Gold Qualifying Expedition.
- Monday 26- Year 7 are involved in a Next Steps event looking at the impact of travel on the environment and keeping healthy
- ☐ Tuesday 27- Year 11 Geography field trip to Seaham. Students should dress appropriately for the weather conditions and going on to the beach. They will need a packed lunch or money for lunch and should meet in the Dining Room at 8.50am.
- ☐ Tuesday 27- Our next Pre-loved Uniform Shop will be held in school between 3.30 and 4.45pm. If attending, please wait by Student Reception on arrival at school.
- Wednesday 28- The Under 16 Girls Football Team have a game against Whickham in the County Cup. We wish them lots of luck.
- ☐ Thursday 29- We are continuing with our Thankful Thursday initiative, where students and staff can post a thank you note to a friend, teacher, student or colleague in our Thankful Box in the Chapel and these will be delivered each Thursday to brighten someone's day.



## **REMINDERS**

Instrumental and vocal lessons started last week. Students should ensure they attend if they have signed up. The timetables are on the display board outside Mu2.

Monday: Brass, Woodwind and Guitar Tuesday: Violin (lessons start this week) Wednesday: Voice and Drum Kit If students are interested in signing up for lessons, they should see Miss Bell ASAP or email rbell@stjohns.bhcet.org.uk.

Students in Years 7-9 will need either studded boots OR old trainers for their PE lessons for this week only due to them being on the field. A reminder also that our PE footwear requirements are one pair of 3G boots and one pair of indoor trainers. Metal studded boots are not required. Please direct any queries to the PE Department.

We continue to promote reading for pleasure across school:

- ➤ All Year 7 students have a Reading lesson once a week with independent reading
- All Year 8 students have a Literacy lesson once a week where they take part in shared reading
- All students have access to the LRC at breaktimes, lunchtimes and after school for reading and book borrowing
  Sixth formers are welcome to request resources for studies or reading for pleasure.

## LAST WEEK'S ACHIEVEMENTS







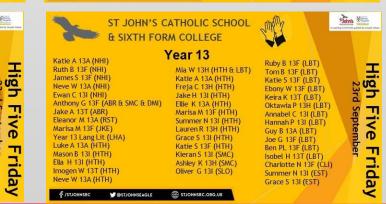














### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- ☐ Tuesday 11 October- Year 7 Welcome Mass (more information to follow)
- ☐ Thursday 13 October- Sixth Form Open Evening, 5.30-7.30pm
- ☐ Friday 21 October- School closed to students due to Staff Inset Day
- □ Friday 21-Sunday 30 October Half Term. School reopens Monday 31



#### LRC BOOK OF THE WEEK

The Unforgotten Coat, Frank Cottrell Boyce Based on a true story, this is an unforgettable and moving account of one girl's vivid memories of two Mongolian brothers who briefly went to

Boyce It is a stunning magical story of a summer of friendship with darker undertones of the plight of refugees. This magical and compelling story is enriched by stunning and atmospheric photos.









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