# ST JOHN'S WEEKLY NEWS

A Learning Community guided by Gospel Values

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### A WORD FROM LISA BYRON. HEADTEACHER

"In a world where you can be anything, be kind."

Anti-Bullying Week is always an important week in the school calendar, as it serves as a reminder of the importance of being kind and looking out for each other. The theme for this year was 'Reach Out', so as well as encouraging students to speak to someone if they feel they may be being bullied, we have also shared advice for both students and parents around the topic of bullying. Finally, students have explored and discussed the idea of the 'bystander effect' and the importance of not just ignoring poor treatment towards others, but doing the right thing and reporting it. At St John's we strive to live out the Gospel Values of peace, justice, equality and respect each day and value each of our young people for their individuality and talents.





## LAST WEEK'S EVENTS



On Tuesday, 84 of our Year 7 students visited The Youth Village in Consett for a two-night residential retreat. The theme of the retreat was 'Adventures', and students took the time to explore the journeys they have taken so far in their lives and the people who have supported them along the way. It was a fun-filled few days with ice-breakers.



group work, reflection and prayer, arts and crafts, an escape room activity and plenty of singing and dancing. A great experience!

The Year 10 and 11 Netball team won their away match to Wolsingham School on Tuesday with a fantastic score of 16-6. This was the first game for some new players, and all played superbly! Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances, the Year 9 team's game was cut short, and they are hoping for a re-match soon.

On Friday evening we held a fundraising guiz night in aid of our Project Kenya trip in July. The evening was a huge success, raising over £1000 for the project. Thank you to Thomas Young, our Learning Mentor, for organising the event, and to Mr Morley for being a fantastic quiz master. Well done to Dr Little, Mr Poots, Mrs Hodgson, Miss Charlton and Mr Roe who represented the Science Department and scooped first place.

## COMING UP THIS WEEK



#### **November**

- Monday 21- We are aware that a lot of students would like to watch England's first World Cup game at 1pm and, as such, we will be giving students an opportunity to do so if they wish, both in lessons and over lunch time. Specific details will be shared with students, and we expect our high standards of good behaviour and work ethic to be maintained.
- Tuesday 22- Student Leadership Team meeting during Pastoral in the Lecture Theatre.
- Wednesday 23- Trampoline Competition after school in the Gym until 4.30pm. Students should sign up with Mrs Widdowson if they are interested.
- Wednesday 23- Year 9 and mixed Year 10/11 Netball match against Staindrop. Students should check the notice board for team news.
- Friday 25- Disaggregated Inset Day. School is closed to students.



## LAST WEEK'S ACHIEVEMENTS











## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Monday 28 November- Pre-loved Uniform Shop
- Wednesday 30 November- Understanding Autism Information Session for parents and carers, 4-5.30pm
- ☐ Thursday 1 December- Year 11 Progress Evening
- Monday 5 December- Year 13 Mock Exams begin
- Wednesday 7 December\*- SEND Coffee Morning-\*Unfortunately this event has been
- cancelled and will be rearranged for January Thursday 15 December- Christmas Concert, 6pm
- Monday 19 December- Sixth Form Dinner Dance
- Tuesday 20 December- Last day of term



### LRC BOOK OF THE WEEK

The Ultimate Football Heroes and Classic Football Heroes are a series of action-packed biographies that tell the life stories of the biggest and best footballers in the worldfrom Maradona to Messi, from Beckham to Kane-

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and their incredible journeys from the playground to the pitch. Written in a fast-paced, action-packed style, these books are perfect for all football fans and are all available in our LRC.







