ST JOHN'S WEEKLY NEWS

A Learning Community guided by Gospel Values

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A WORD FROM LISA BYRON. HEADTEACHER

As the first term of the academic year draws to an end this week, we reflect on what has been a very busy time within our learning community. I continue to be amazed by our fantastic students who, not only continue to excel in their academic studies and extra-curricular involvement within school, but also in their passions and hobbies outside of school. This week I would like to particularly mention Jonas Railton in Year 11 (pictured below) who is an extremely talented boxer and recently gained his second national title. Jonas, like so many of our students, is a shining example of resilience, commitment and determination and we are incredibly proud of his achievements.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful staff who work tirelessly to provide our students with the best possible experiences, as showcased in this newsletter each week. Whether teachers, support staff, our site team, cleaning staff or catering assistants, every single member of staff within St John's works so hard to make our school the special community that it is, and I am extremely grateful for their continued hard work and dedication.

Finally, I wish all of our students, families and staff a wonderful Christmas filled with peace, joy and love. We look forward to welcoming you all back in 2023!





LAST WEEK'S EVENTS



On Thursday evening we held our Christmas concert, 'The Queen's Christmas Message'. Over 70 students took to the stage, with a range of festive performances from our Vocal Ensemble, MADD Performing Arts Group, School Band, Woodwind Ensemble, Brass Ensemble and some fabulous soloists and readers. It was a fantastic evening and we were incredibly proud of all our students who were involved. A huge thank you to Miss Bell, Mrs Rose and Miss Hankey. as well as our peri teachers, for their hard work in preparing for the evening and to all the staff who helped to make it a success.





Our own staff also got to come together and enjoy a Christmas dinner after school, followed by a game of festive Bingo, Mr Dunn style!

Finally, we finished the week off with our annual student Christmas lunch which was a huge success and it was lovely to see students getting into the festive spirit. A huge thank you to our catering team for working so hard to prepare, cook and serve such delicious food at all three events.







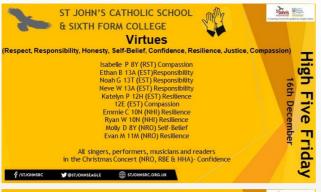
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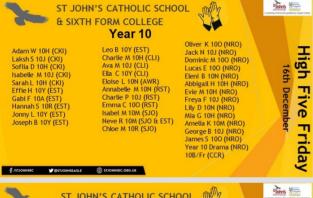
- Monday 19- Students will be taking part in Advent services throughout the day, led by Emma our Chaplain, giving them the opportunity to reflect on the real meaning of Christmas.
- Monday 19- Sixth Form Dinner Dance at Ramside Hall Hotel, 7pm.
- Tuesday 20-This is our final day of term before the Christmas break. School will finish for students at 1.05pm with buses leaving at 1.15pm. A reminder that students may also come to school wearing a Christmas accessory in addition to their usual uniform. We are still expecting our high standards of uniform alongside this, which includes no false nails. Students may choose to wear a Christmas hat, headwear, scarf or a Christmas jumper in place of or underneath their blazer. Christmas earrings are also allowed for this day only.

LAST WEEK'S ACHIEVEMENTS



















DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Wednesday 4 January- School reopens (Week B timetable)
- ☐ Thursday 12 January- Sixth Form **Progress Eve**
- Thursday 19 January- Year 9 Progress Eve



From all of the staff at St John's S'John's



LRC BOOK OF THE WEEK

Lost Christmas, David Logan

Goose wants all his family to be together on Christmas Eve - but then his dad, who is a fireman, is called out on duty. In his frustration Goose hides dad's car keys. hoping he won't go. This simple action leads to tragedy for Goose and others too. A year later, and Goose is lost. But then Anthony appears - a man who knows nothing about himself but sees and feels the secret pain of all those who shake his hand. How does he know so much? Can he help Goose recover what he's lost?



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