# ST JOHN'S WEEKLY NEWS

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## A WORD FROM LISA BYRON. HEADTEACHER

Two weeks ago, we shared the tragic news that a former student of St John's, Elliot Ayre, had passed away over Christmas. On Monday afternoon, Elliot's funeral will be held and we will be keeping his family and friends in our thoughts and prayers.

We were also deeply saddened last week to learn of the passing of Zigi Shipper, a Holocaust survivor who we were lucky enough to have as a visitor to St John's on several occasions. Zigi was an amazing man who inspired our staff and students, and even planted a tree on our grounds. We will remember his strength, bravery and kindness, particularly as we commemorate Holocaust Memorial Day on Thursday.

Let no one ever come to you without leaving better and happier. Be the living expression of God's kindness: kindness in your face, kindness in your eyes, kindness in your smile.

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## LAST WEEK'S EVENTS

Many thanks to all of our parents and carers who attended Year 9 Progress Evening on Thursday. Year 9 are at a crucial stage in their school journey, with KS4 option choices on the horizon. We will be holding an Options Drop-In Event on Monday 13 February for students and parents to help you make informed decisions.

The Year 7 and 8 Netball teams have made a fantastic start to the league, with both teams winning against Greenfield School, 16-0 and 18-0 respectively. Well done to both teams, and to Allegra Burrows and Amelia Guy who were Player of the Match.



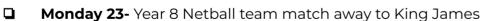
On Tuesday, our Student Leadership Team, which is made up of students from Years 8-13, held interviews to find new members from Year 7 to join the team. Mrs Rose and the team were very impressed with the standard of applications and interviews from Year 7 and had a tough job of choosing their new members. After much deliberation, they are delighted to welcome Grace l'Anson, Thomas Keddilty and Esther Livesley to the team and look forward to hearing their ideas of how to further improve life at St John's.

During Pastoral last week, students from Wilfrid House were treated to a pizza delivery to reward their hard work and achievement in being the winning House last term.



#### **January**

# COMING UP THIS WEEK



Tuesday 24- Selected Year 11 students are attending a Philosophy and Ethics Conference all day at Our Lady and St Bede's School. Students should register at Student Reception and will return in time for the school buses.

☐ Thursday 26- Year 10 and 11 History students will be listening to a live broadcast from Ruth Posner, a Holocaust survivor, as part of Holocaust Memorial Day

Thursday 26- Addams Family the Musical audition sign-up, 3-4.15pm. All students wanting to be part of this year's musical are required to come along to register for the auditions and learn the necessary material. Actual auditions will take place next Thursday, 2 February. Please see Mrs Rose for more details.

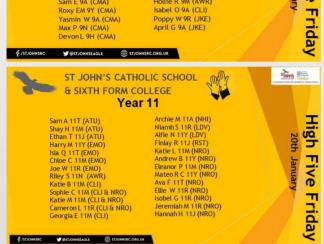
**Thursday 26-** Understanding ADHD Information Session, 4-5.30pm in the Main Hall. Please contact Lucy Kreczak, SENDCO (lkreczak@stjohns.bhcet.org.uk) to book a place.

Rehearsals for our Dance and Gymnastics Show have started and students are welcome to practise on Mondays and/or Wednesdays in the Gym, 3-4pm. Watch this space for more details about the show, which is always a fantastic display of talent.

# LAST WEEK'S ACHIEVEMENTS







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# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Monday 30 January- Pre-loved Uniform Shop, 3.15-5pm
- Monday 13 February- Year 9 Options Evening, 4-6pm. Details to follow
- Monday 20 February- Half Term. School reopens on Monday 27
- Monday 27 February- Year 11 mock exams
- Thursday 16 March- Year 7 Progress Eve
- Thursday 23 March- Year 11 Progress Eve
- Thursday 30 March- Year 10 Progress Eve
- Thursday 27 April- Year 8 Progress Eve

### LRC BOOK OF THE WEEK

#### How I Live Now, Meg Rosoff

Fifteen-year-old New Yorker Daisy is sent to England to spend a summer with her unconventional cousins: Isaac, Edmond, Osbert and Piper plus their two dogs and a goat in a rambling English country house. So far so perfect, but the shadow of war hangs over this idyllic existence, eventually breaking in with great force and throwing everything into chaos. Winner of the 2004 Guardian Children's Fiction Prize.

