# ST JOHN'S WEEKLY NEWS

A Learning Community guided by Gospel Values

20 November 2023 Week A

On Friday, Years 7 and 8 were involved in a

to Year 7 girls, Year 7 boys and Year 8 girls

who all came first and to Year 8 boys who

came third. The winning teams have now

qualified for the County Finals.

Sports Hall Athletics Competition. Well done





### A WORD FROM LISA BYRON. HEADTEACHER

This week's newsletter is jam-packed full of so many exciting events and achievements, and it is wonderful to have so much positivity to share with you! Well done to our students who really do live life to the full, taking every opportunity given to them, and a huge thank you to our staff who continue to give our students the chance to shine both in and out of the classroom.

This week, students in Year 9, 10 and 11 were recognised by the PE department for their sporting achievements both inside and outside of St John's. Year 9 students received their half colours while Year 11 students received full colours for representing St John's in sporting events and fixtures. We also saw students receiving County and National Honors across a wide range of sports for their efforts outside of school. Well done, all!

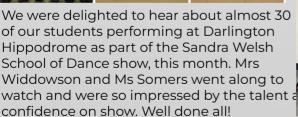












On Monday, Year 7 took part in a Hindu dance workshop to celebrate Diwali. It's so important that our students explore different cultures and religions, and Year 7 showed fantastic respect and respect during the day.



The U14 and U16 Netball teams played exceptionally well at the County

Schools Tournament showing teamwork, grit and determination. Congratulations to all the girls.

On Wednesday we had the company Talk the Talk in school to work with some of our Year 11 students on skills of confidence, resilience and oracy. The session leader was really impressed with the efforts and progress of the group and he selected Lacey, Rhianna, Aimee and Max to be his Oracy Champions for the day.



A big well done to Izzy, Jack, Hassan and Isaac in Year 9 who took part in the GCHQ National Language Competition last week. This was a virtual competition where students had to solve language-based puzzles and score points for their team. Although they did not win the competition they should be very proud of their teamwork and problem-solving skills! There will be a Christmas Challenge in December so watch this space for more information or speak to Miss Richardson.



This week, the students from 10A and 10O were rewarded for their 100% attendance last term with a cake treat. Well done to Daisy J, Chrimi M, James S, Anna T, Spencer V, Isabel V, Yasmin W, Samara W, Finlay Y, Amrit C, Loran C, Jack M, Aaliyah R, Natalie W.

### TOMING UP THIS WEEK

**Tuesday 21-** We are welcoming the Mizen Foundation into school to deliver their 'Talks for Change' to Years 11, 10 and 8. The talks will focus on the topics of bullying, anger, forgiveness and the consequences of our actions. **Friday 24** - School closed for Disaggregated Inset Day. School will be open again to all students on Monday 27.

### REMINDERS 📆

Please be mindful and courteous when dropping and collecting your child. The road outside of school has yellow 'Keep Clear' markings around the entrances, markings which are there for the safety of pedestrians and school buses. Please do not park on these markings as this poses a serious safety risk and is against the Highway Code. Please also be courteous of our neighbours and do not park across driveways.

Appointments are now available to be made via SchoolCloud for Year 11 Progress Evening on Thursday 30 November. We look forward to having important discussions surrounding your child's progress.

## LAST WEEK'S ACHIEVEMENTS







#### Year 7 Top **Achievers**

Ryan-Lee B 7M Leon W 7A Imogen K 7J Abigail H 7R Jed O 7Y

#### Year 8 Top **Achievers**

Arren S 8A Chloe W 8H Evie M 8Y Lexi W 8M Thailia A 8M

### Year 9 Top **Achievers**

Ellie B 9R Eve M 9R Hassan S 9J Jack P 9R Spencer S 9R

#### Year 10 Top **Achievers**

Jay G 10S Maisun R 10R Anggel P 100 Leah R 100 Jaimee R 10J

### Year 11 Top **Achievers**

McKenzie K 11J Alifie J 11A Leah H 11M Kaylie B 11N Evan B 11N

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Thursday 30 November- Year 11 Progress Eve
- Sunday 10 December- Sixth Form Dinner Dance. Tickets on MCAS.
- Monday 11 December- Year 8 Retreat
- Thursday 14 December- Year 10 Progress Eve
- Friday 15 December- Careers Day
- Monday 18 December- Christmas Concert
- Friday 22 December- Last day of term before Christmas. School reopens for all students on Monday 8 January
- Monday 8 January- Year 13 mock exams begin
- Thursday 1 February- Year 9 Progress Eve
- Tuesday 6 February- Options Evening, 4-6pm Friday 9 February- Last day before Half Term
- Thursday 22 February- Sixth Form Progress Eve

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# 🖏 1 Heard a Whisper...

A teacher's job is not just confined to the classroom. A teacher is also a listener, counsellor, motivator, cheerleader, philosopher, entertainer, life coach and dream creator! Well done to Miss Robinson (Head of Year 8), Miss Bell (Head of Performing Arts), Mr Minton (Head of Computer Science) and Mr Curry (Computer Science) who were this week's nominees. If you would like to give a shout-out to a member of staff who has drop us an email at

iheardwhisper@stjohns.bhcet.org.uk.



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Artist of the Week

Spencer Hanmer, 11R







