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Dear Parent/Carer

Top 5 Star Rating for St John's

Last week we received the wonderful news that our school has been awarded with the maximum 5 star rating in a new comprehensive school guide. The recently launched '**The Real School Guide**' rates thousands of state funded schools on their results, quality of teaching, student behaviour and overall prospects for all students in their care. The guide draws upon 24 different government approved measures to give a comprehensive rating for each school.

We were delighted to see that we were awarded the maximum of five stars for Attainment, Teaching and Behaviour, gaining 5 stars overall. Consequently, we were ranked 1st in County Durham's secondary schools and 2nd in the North East. For more detailed information about '**The Real School Guide**' please visit www.chroniclelive.co.uk/schoolstats.

We are incredibly proud of this independent recognition and know that, as supportive parents/carers, you will also appreciate the importance of this award, which is a great tribute to all the hard work, efforts and commitment that our students, staff, parents and governors make on a daily basis. By working together to always provide the best for our young people, we are certain that St John's will continue to grow from strength to strength as an outstanding school with every student at the heart of our success.

Yours sincerely

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Head of School

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