



*"Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant" Mark 10:43*

When Fr Chris Hancock led our Year 11 pupils in Mass last week, he spoke about priorities. He gave the boys a profound message *"You become what you worship"*. In a world full of materialistic distractions it can become easy to give our time and attention to things which do not fulfil us. Instead, we encourage our young people to serve others because we know that in the pursuit of serving our community we reap the rewards in personal growth. **Mrs Whitten, Headteacher**



## »» CELEBRATIONS

### Alumni

We are proud to highlight the journey of Nathan Hewison, a recent St Aidan's student who is now making impressive strides in the world of Quantity Surveying. His hard work and dedication have led him to secure an apprenticeship with the prestigious construction company, Bowmer and Kirkland.

In his current role, Nathan is responsible for managing project costs, meeting with subcontractors, and handling tenders. His work ensures that construction projects are completed efficiently and within budget—a vital aspect of any building project.

Nathan credits St Aidan's for helping him climb his personal mountain. He speaks fondly of the excellent teachers who guided and supported him throughout his time here. Their encouragement, combined with the skills he gained in Sixth Form, has given him the confidence to pursue his ambitions and shape his future.

## »» PUPILS OF THE WEEK

### Week 7: C Taylor

Cameron showed great maturity and dedication to his studies, ensuring that he had a way to complete his homework and engage with the morning meetings which currently unable to write due to injury.

### A Tate

Aaron has been nominated for his wonderful enthusiasm in class and dedication to his learning. The view at the top of the mountain will be amazing Aaron!

### Week 8: E. Craik

Ethan's help and dedication with board game enrichment is invaluable. He gives up his time twice a week to help to run two enrichment groups with younger pupils. We are extremely proud of you Ethan

## »» ACHIEVEMENT POINTS TO DATE: 11254 (AV. 13.21)

## »» WORD OF THE WEEK

**Cycle 1 Week 7: ran/kled.** Annoy or irritate someone or to cause continuing annoyance or resentment to a situation. "What really rankled was the fact that the man had picked an illiterate".

**Cycle 1 Week 8: wax/ing.** To grow larger or increase  
"The moon was almost complete, its outline well defined, except for the waxing curve."



# »» LEAVING A LEGACY...



OUR NEW YEAR 7

Leaving a positive legacy is essential to a thriving community. At St. Aidan's, we are passionate about ensuring that all of our young men realise that they are custodians of the St Aidan's badge and that in the near future they will pass the baton onto a new generation. As with everything that we do, we have developed this ethos through extensive research. James Kerr's book, *Legacy, What Can the All Blacks Tell Us About The Business of Life*, documents how the All Black Rugby team's philosophy is one of stewardship and ensuring that the shirt is left in a stronger place once they have moved on. Kerr speaks extensively about the pride that the players feel by pulling on that jersey. To develop this with our young men, our new intake of Y7 have played an active part in their own legacy ceremony. Here they were welcomed into the community and presented with their badge and blazer by their form tutors. The pride each boy felt was palpable and now they must begin to write their own legacies for future pupils to be motivated by.

## CAREERS FAIR, 2024



This month we held our annual careers fair. This forms part of the Yr11 and Yr13 careers programme and fulfils our mission of supporting all pupils to pursue their next steps in life, whether it be their choice of University or a high-quality career. We had a whole host of providers attending the event to give information and advice with regards to their organisation and the potential pathways available to all Yr11 and Yr13 pupils. The ambiance was dynamic with lots of meaningful discussions between providers and our pupils about their next steps.

Please spend some time with your child to talk over the importance of making informed choices about their next steps and collating information about the pathway/subject that interests them, considering entry requirements, applications, and attending open events. [Talking futures](#) is a user friendly website for parents to support with career conversations at home.



# »» ENRICHMENT



## Monday

Piano Lessons MU1- Mr Shepherd (£72 per term)	Dodgeball Sports Hall Mr Hutton -
Bronze IDEA Award Digital Enterprise (ICT) 312 - Miss Cain	Badminton Sports Hall Mr Hutton
Chess Club Reading Room - Mr Herbertson	First Aid Club 113 – Miss Reid and Miss Livingston
Camp Craft 111- Mrs Kilminster	Year 10 Football Ashbrooke - Mr Flounders
Football (Year 7 Football) The Limes - Mr Watts & Mr Dunn	GCSE Spanish Club Year 10 & 11 104 – Mrs McKenna
Further Maths (Y11) 210 - Mrs Hudson	Sparx Maths Club 312 – Mrs Smith
History Club 109 - Mr Nunn	Creative Writing 306 Miss Sansom
Homework Club 311, 314	Book to film club 301 Mrs Gardner
Art Club 162 - Mrs Nipper	Handwriting Club 123 - Miss Hodgson
Board Games 207 – Mrs Cooper	Orienteering Ashbrooke Mr Flounders

## Tuesday Wednesday

6th Form Badminton Sports Hall P.E Staff
Violin Lessons Music room Mr Nyberg (£72 per term)
Homework Club Room 311, 314
Football with Mo Year 7&8 (£4 per session) Sports Hall
Archive Club Mr Evans in 313
6th Form Fitness Sessions School Gym P.E Staff

Guitar Lessons Music room Mr Smith (£72 per term)
Robotics Club 164 - Mr Wallace
Drum Lessons Music room Mr Wake (£72 per term)
Dungeons and Dragons Reading Room Mr Richardson
Equality and diversity group 160
Volleyball Club Sports Hall- Mr Flounders
Football (Year 9) Ashbrooke 3G Mr Gray
Homework Club 311, 314
Crisp Packet Appeal 205 - Mrs Priest
Bass Guitar Lessons MU1 Mr Harland (£72 per term)
Gardening Club Briery Mrs Armstrong
MOOC Mr Morris in 225
Spanish Club 106 - Mrs Alonso
Warhammer Mr Evans

## Thursday

Basketball Sports Hall Mr Adey & Coach (£1)	Guitar Lessons Music room Mr Smith (£72 per term)
Maths Enrichment 212 - Mr Mann	Homework Club 311, 314
St Aidan Singers 104 – Mr Payne	Running Club P.E Mobiles - Mr Coon
Careers Champion 103 - Mrs Osmialowski	NEA Master Class Room 401- Mr Morris Year 13
Gym Club School Gym Mr Watts	Science Club 121 – Science Staff
Football (Year 8) The Limes with Mr Hutton	Table Tennis Mobiles Mr Hamilton
1st Lego League – Super Power 166 - Mrs Swales	Rock Band @ The Bunker 4-6pm Mr Payne

## Friday

BTEC Music Mr Payne
Cello Lessons Music room Mrs Pearson (£72 per term)
Woodwind Lessons Music Room Mr Toomey (£72 per term)
Football (Y7&8) Sports Hall Mo *£5 a session
Homework Club 311, 314
Rugby Ashbrooke 3G Mr Adey

## Daily before school:

Breakfast Canteen
Reading Club Reading Room Mrs Naile

Here at **St. Aidan's Catholic Academy** we believe in a curriculum that the mind, enriches the community and advances the future of our students. Our enrichment programme is integral to this broad and rich curriculum. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact:  
**0191 520 0333**

## ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES ACROSS OUR CITY...

### Youth Almighty Project

Silksworth Youth and  
Community Centre  
Mon, Thurs, Fri, Sun

[joanne@youthalmighty.co.uk](mailto:joanne@youthalmighty.co.uk)

### Sunderland Community Action Group

Dame Dorothy Youth  
Hub  
Mon, Wed

[sunderlandcommunity  
actiongroup@hotmail.com](mailto:sunderlandcommunityactiongroup@hotmail.com)

### Sendai Kushiro Karate

Raich Carter Sports  
Centre  
Tues, Thurs

[sendaikushiro@gmail.com](mailto:sendaikushiro@gmail.com)

### SK Dance School of Performing Arts:

Tap, Jazz, Ballet  
Pennywell Community  
College  
Mon- Sat

[shameen\\_azel1@hotmail.com](mailto:shameen_azel1@hotmail.com)

### Archery Marine Walk

[mike@sunmac.org.uk](mailto:mike@sunmac.org.uk)

### Beginners Boxing

25 Falkland Road,  
Sunderland  
Mon, Wed

[marie.mould@lpsych.com](mailto:marie.mould@lpsych.com)

### COSTS

Please contact the  
provider directly to  
inquire about the cost  
of the activity.

### Basketball

25 Falkland Road,  
Sunderland  
Wed

[marie.mould@lpsych.com](mailto:marie.mould@lpsych.com)

### Hockey Club

Raich Carter  
Sports Centre  
Tues, Sat

[cox.rosalind@gmail.com](mailto:cox.rosalind@gmail.com)

Click the box to go to their website for further information

