



“Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ.” 1 Corinthians 12:12

Over the last week we have all been sharing stories of our experiences with Miss Gordon. The overwhelming feeling is one of love and living in communion with one another and Christ. The cost of this love is grief, but we bear this cost together and I urge you to reach out if you need our support. **Mrs Whitten, Headteacher**

>>> PUPILS OF THE WEEK

Week 5 - Zach Angeles – (8A)

Nominated by Mrs Dimmock. Zach Angeles volunteered to read during the form class mass –

We are so proud of him. Well done Zach!

Week 6 -Allen Oke (9F)

Nominated by Mrs. Armstrong as Allen has demonstrated extra commitment to the gardening enrichment club recently and is volunteering in several fundraising events. Allen is upholding our core values by supporting the community and living our Gospel values. Well done!

>>> ACHIEVEMENT POINTS TO DATE: 40,751 (AV: 48)

>>> WORD OF THE WEEK

Cycle 3 Week 5: Nostalgia - No/stal/gia

Definition: A sentimental longing for the past.

- In Oliver Twist, the longing for a better life encapsulated in Oliver's dreams underscores the painful nostalgia of childhood innocence in harsh environments.

Cycle 3 Week 6: Solitude - So/li/tude

Definition: The state of being alone.

- In Kes, the protagonist finds solace in solitude while forming a bond with a kestrel, illustrating the significance of individual connection with nature.



Theo Paxton of 7F wowed at the Active Sunderland 3K run on Sunday 11th May. He and his little brother Oscar, led the race with an impressive lead to finish in 11minutes 11 seconds for Oscar and 11 minutes and 17 seconds for Theo. A huge well done to Theo and his brother. Many of our students took part in this race and made us proud. Excellent achievement all round.



Joshua batey, Sean noble, Mena Obaro Year 7 .

The 3 boys play for Wearside fc u12s navy (previously North East Skills u12s). On Good Friday their team won the Easter Cup. Well done to the boys and their team!





»»» Sporting Success

YR 7 FOOTBALL TEAMS

A team beat Monkwearmouth Academy 6-2 (most notably goalkeeper John Smith scored from his own penalty area) and B team narrowly lost against same team. The boys have made superb progress this year and trained, played and acquitted themselves in tune with our Core values throughout. A huge well done to both teams.

»»» Community

Our Lady Of Mercy Parish

Father Christopher is now also Parish Priest for Jeanne Jugan Parishers
Father Christopher welcomes all parishoners to get in touch.

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Isaac Crawford Year 7 Aquin

Isaac not only plays the Drums in the school band but is also a Drumming Student with The Bunker.

Isaac played to a sell out show of 500 people at Sunderland Firestation. Playing alongside professional musicians he not only earned a standing ovation but stole the show!
Well done Isaac!





St Aidan's Alumni Reunion Honouring Our Legacy and Inspiring Future Generations



CATHOLIC LIFE

Our Yr. 7 Blazer Ceremony in September was a truly special occasion and sparked a meaningful reflection on the legacy of St Aidan's. As our Year 7 pupils proudly received their blazers, we paused to think about the generations before them. What did the blazer mean to those who wore it in the past? What stories and memories do our school's walls hold?

Following the ceremony, we launched our Alumni Sign-Up Campaign, an exciting call to former pupils to join and build our growing alumni community. This campaign is a key step in connecting past and present, and creating a network of support for current pupils.

Last week we hosted our first ever Alumni Reunion Event, a wonderful opportunity for us to meet those that had signed up to the Alumni Network and for past pupils to come together. It was a time to reflect on shared memories but, more importantly, to unite with a common purpose: to support our current boys and inspire them to reach the top of their own mountain.

We were delighted to be joined by Bowmer & Kirkland, who generously sponsored the event and shared exciting plans for our new school build. Their presentation offered a glimpse into the future state-of-the-art facilities designed to inspire and support our pupils for years to come.

A highlight of the reunion was welcoming many former pupils back through our doors. Their visit to the beautiful Briery sparked laughter and warm reminiscences, filling the halls with joy as friendships were renewed and stories shared.

One alumnus arrived proudly wearing his original St Aidan's Grammar School blazer and cap, a powerful reminder of our school's rich heritage. Others generously brought photographs, signed sports shirts, and treasured memorabilia, gifts that we are honoured to receive and cherish as part of our history. The incredible response to our call for alumni stories and keepsakes has reminded us just how strong the connection is between past and present pupils. These memories help us celebrate a legacy built on faith, community, and achievement.

Building on this, we have launched Legacy in Action, an exciting initiative inviting alumni to give back by sharing their time, experiences, and wisdom. Whether through mentoring, mock interviews, guest speaking, or simply answering questions, our alumni are becoming inspiring, relatable role models for our boys, showing them what's possible and helping them find their own path.

Our goal is simple: to help every pupil climb their own mountain, guided by someone who has already reached the summit.

If you are an alumnus or know someone who is, we would love for them to join us in shaping the future of St Aidan's. A small gesture such as sharing a story, offering advice, or giving a little time can make a lasting difference.

Together, we're not just preserving our legacy.

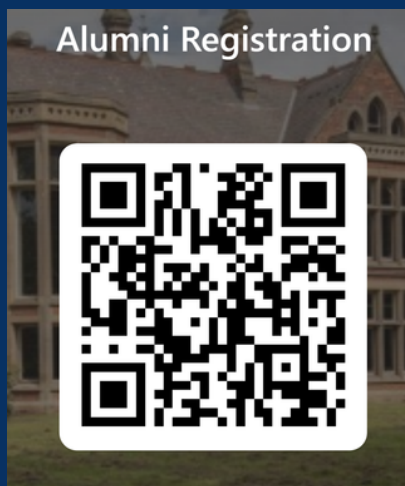
We're passing it on

"The alumni network is such a fantastic initiative".

"I enjoyed looking around the Briery and going back through The Tunnel".

I enjoyed everything! The photos, the speeches from teachers and current pupil, and our tour/walk around the building was so wonderful. The smells don't change".

"Meeting a couple of old friends. The visit to The Briary brought back many happy memories".



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