



*"God knows me and calls me by my name. God has created me to do Him some definite service; He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another."* Cardinal Henry Newman.

It was the feast of Cardinal Henry Newman on the 9<sup>th</sup> October. His quote underpins our beliefs as a community. Each of us are created by God, each with our own mission and our own mountain to climb. I hope that over the last six weeks your child has had the opportunity to undertake some of their definite service, whatever their vocation may be. **Mrs Whitten, Headteacher**

## &gt;&gt;&gt; PUPILS OF THE WEEK

**Week 5 - Jamie Brown (7A)**

Nominated for being a perfect example of the St Aidan Standard during every morning meeting last week.

**Week 5 - Milo Harbord (8F)**

Milo has shown great resilience and determination to improve his hockey skills during his PE lessons this week.

**Week 5 - Ethan Brown (9B)**

For displaying excellent leadership skills in a friend's time of need. Outstanding Ethan, Well done.

**Week 5 - Uriel Gana (9B)**

Across multiple lessons this week, Uriel has been a role model for the rest of the class through his excellent behaviour and dedication. He has consistently produced outstanding work in his book.

**Week 5 - Seyshan Ragulan (9C)**

Recently passed his grade 3 piano exam with merit. He consistently embodies our core values especially through his perseverance of hard work studying both piano and flute and striving to achieve excellence in all he does in music.

**Week 5 - Jamie Ledger (10F)**

We are very proud of how Jamie has started at this school - he has an excellent work ethic and is always polite.

**Week 5 - Favour Obadina (11C)**

Nominated for demonstrating leadership, offering to model a fluency Friday reading session last week to a year 8 form.

**Week 6 - Sebastian Breheny (9B)**

For being a leader at running club. Seb always runs ahead to check the course, helps with head counts and looks after the newer members of the group.



## >>> PUPILS OF THE WEEK



CATHOLIC LIFE

### Week 6 - Alexander Cruickshank (8D)

Nominated for his progress in History. Alex's work ethic is excellent; this year he has really worked hard on his handwriting and the difference is fantastic. Alex has always been able to articulate his thoughts well, but now they are reflected on his page. Keep this up Alex!

### Week 6 - 9UN

Nominated by Mrs McHale. 9UN were superb on Thursday. You were shining examples of St Aidan's Standard. Keep this up. We are very proud of you all.

**ACHIEVEMENT POINTS TO DATE: 13,096 (AV: 13.79)**

## >>> WORD OF THE WEEK

### Cycle 1 Week 5: Emancipation. E/man/ci/pa/tion

**Etymology:** From the Latin "emancipare," meaning "to free from bondage."

**Definition:** The process of being freed from restrictions or limitations.

- Noughts and Crosses illustrates struggles for emancipation, particularly against the backdrop of social injustice.

### Cycle 1 Week 6: Transcend. Tran/scend

**Etymology:** From the Latin "transcendere," meaning "to climb over."

**Definition:** To go beyond the limits of something, often in a creative or extraordinary way.

- In 1984, the characters seek to transcend the oppressive regime, highlighting the struggle for individualism.

## >>> SPORTING SUCCESS

### Swimming

Huge congratulations to our 12-strong swimming team who competed in the English Schools Swimming Associations North East Competition last week.

Against 500 swimmers from 25 schools, every student proudly upheld our core values of Trust, Fairness, and Hard Work. We also truly appreciate the support of the entire school in creating an environment where our boys can achieve these results!

Special recognition goes to the Junior Boys (Year 7 & 8) for their phenomenal achievement!

Their success has earned the entire team a chance to qualify for the National Finals in Birmingham! We expect confirmation within the next two weeks.

Well done to all 12 students!



## Basketball

On Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September the under 16 basketball side played their first ever match in the Dynamix National Cup.

This is another step up for a group of students who have been Jr NBA conference Champions in year 8 and Tyne and Wear u14 Champions in year 9 and u16 semi-finalists in year 10.

The first group game paired St Aidans with High Tunstall College in Hartlepool. After a fast opening with St Aidans leading 10-1 the quarter finished 17-15. Much of the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter the sides could not be separated but a late flurry of points left the half time score at 39-29.

In the 2<sup>nd</sup> half St Aidans gained further control of the game, amassing another 20 points to make it 59-37 going into the last quarter. Despite a late fightback, St Aidans recorded another 22 points, leaving the finals score. High Tunstall 54 St Aidans 82.

Huge congratulations on getting the first league points on the board with Sam Macalalad top scoring with 19 followed by year 9 and 10 students Alec Clemente (14) and Andrei Reyes (12).





## ➤➤ YEAR 7 HOUSE TRIPS TO KESWICK - CLIMB YOUR MOUNTAIN!

Last week, all three Year 7 houses enjoyed an unforgettable trip to Keswick, where pupils took on the challenge of climbing Walla Crag. The day was filled with teamwork, laughter, and determination as everyone embraced our mission to Climb Your Mountain.

Throughout the walk, pupils demonstrated St Aidan's core values of hard work, trust, and fairness. They supported one another up the steep paths, shared encouragement during the tougher moments, and celebrated together at the summit with stunning views over Derwentwater.

It was a fantastic opportunity for our new Year 7s to bond, build resilience, and start their journey at St Aidan's with pride. Everyone returned tired (and a little wet on Friday) but happy — a true reflection of a day well spent!





## >>> PUPIL PASS OUTS

### Pass Out Procedure

To request a Pass Out for your child during school hours please email [contactus@staca.co.uk](mailto:contactus@staca.co.uk)

Please include the following details:

1. Full name
2. Form group
3. Date when the Pass Out is required
4. Reason for Pass Out e.g. hospital appointment etc.
5. Time you will be collecting your son from school.

You will be notified by email once it has been authorised. Your son should collect his Pass Out slip from the Student Support office prior to his appointment. Pupils must present the slip to their teacher at the beginning of their lesson, leave the classroom at the time stated on the Pass Out and make their way to the Main Reception.

We ask for a minimum of 48 hours notice for all Pass Out requests.

## >>> FORGOTTEN ITEMS

We are experiencing a high number of instances relating to forgotten items being handed in to our school office.

Students will be encouraged to utilise their break and lunch times to collect forgotten items from the Student Support office.

Pupils should collect any forgotten items required for enrichment sessions at the end of the day before attending enrichment clubs.

## >>> CATERING ASSISTANT VACANCY

Are you passionate about food and enjoy working in a friendly, fast-paced environment? We're looking for a Catering Assistant to join our school's kitchen team.

In this role, you'll help prepare and serve nutritious meals to our students, maintain a clean and safe kitchen environment, and support the smooth running of daily food service.

To apply please complete the application form and accompanying forms which are available from the school or trust website.

[Catering Assistant Job Vacancy](#)

Closing date: 17<sup>th</sup> October 2025