



**St Ralph
Sherwin**
Catholic Multi Academy Trust

SJH Newsletter

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22 September 2023



Headteacher's Introduction

Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome to you all to the latest edition of our school newsletter and to the new academic year. It has been a calm and purposeful start to the new academic year, and we are so proud of the start students have made to the new year.

We took a step forward in our GCSE results in the Summer and we are looking forward to receiving final notification of our results in the coming weeks. Early indications are that we have achieved grades similar to the levels we reached before the Covid pandemic. We are extremely proud of the achievements of the class of 2023 and we are grateful to their parents and carers and to the staff of our school who give so much.

The behaviour and attitudes of our students has been a key focus for us at the beginning of this academic year, specifically, the correct wearing of uniform, punctuality and attendance.

Important upcoming dates

4 October 2023 - Meet the Tutor Evening Y7 in school / Y8 – Y11 online

12 October 2023 – Post 16 careers event 4-6pm

18 October 2023 - Year 11 Parents Evening – in school

We are continuing to 'raise the bar' on the expectations we have of our students, and we are grateful to you for your support in this. It is only because we care about your children so much that we have such high hopes and expectations of them. Please do not forget that this academic year.

I'd like to pay special tribute to our new parents and students who have joined our school family this year. You are very welcome, and we are delighted that you have chosen Saint John Houghton for your child. The largest number of students we have ever taken in a single year group, and we had 181 first choice applications for just 150 spaces. We are extremely proud that the work we are doing is being reflected in the number of applications for places in our school. It's hard to believe that by the time this newsletter is published, we will have held our Open Evening for our next group of Year 7s. It never stops!

With my very best wishes for the year ahead and please do get in touch if we can be of service.

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Headteacher

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Boardgame donations:

We would be very grateful for any donations of boardgames, including chessboards for a games club which we are hoping to set up for students. Any donations can be given into the school office.

416 bus fare increase:

We have been informed that the return fare has now increased to £3.50 return ticket for the 416 bus. The bus company have apologised for any confusion caused.

Year 7 Disco – Thursday 28 September 2023:

**Year 7
Disco**
28 SEPTEMBER 2023
6PM TO 8PM

TICKETS	TUCK SHOP
£2	50P EACH

- TICKETS ALSO AVAILABLE ON THE DOOR -
TICKETS FROM MRS N SMITH
(PASTORAL CORRIDOR)

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Attendance

Good attendance at school is not just valuable, it's essential. Going to school is directly linked to improved exam performance which should in turn lead to further learning opportunities and better job prospects. As well as this, going to school helps to develop:

- Friendships
 - Social skills
 - Team values
 - Life skills
 - Cultural awareness
 - Career pathways

Absence from school

All schools must record details of students' attendance and absence at school. They do this at the beginning of morning and afternoon sessions meaning that each day your child receives two half day marks.

If your child is going to be absent from school, (e.g. for an unavoidable appointment) then you should let the school know as soon as possible. If your child has been absent due to an unexpected event such as bereavement or illness then you must also let the school know on the first day of absence in line with the school's attendance policy. The school will then record the absence. If you fail to tell the school as to why your child has not been present then the school may record that period of absence as being unauthorised.

If a child misses	that equals...	which is...	and over 13 years of school that's...
1 day per fortnight (90% attendance)	19 days per year	≈ 4 weeks per year	Nearly 1½ years
1 day per week (80% attendance)	38 days per year	≈ 8 weeks per year	Over 2½ years
2 days per week (60% attendance)	76 days per year	≈ 16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days per week (40% attendance)	days per year	≈ 24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years

Holidays During Term Time

Please be aware that holidays during term time are not to be taken and it is extremely unlikely that they will be authorised. In many cases, when a holiday has been taken, the school will request that a fixed penalty notice will be issued by the local authority, which results in an additional fine. The school does have the right to challenge parents if there is evidence that a holiday has been taken. For example, if we try to call and we receive an international dialling tone.

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Chaplaincy:

The Word of the Week is 'Outreach'

Here at SJH we reach out to others with the message of God's love. It is about sharing the good news of Jesus Christ with those who do not know him. Outreach can take many forms, but it always involves going out to those who are most in need, or who feel left out and sharing God's love with them. This was our Mission was to find someone in our community who may not always be included and to make an effort to tell them they are loved and important.

Sophie, our School Captain, has reached out to others by reading in Act of Worship.



Parish Ambassador, Jenny, has reached out to SJH by sending 'thank you' gifts to our school Captains who supported launching the Parish FB, 'United in Faith'.



CAFOD Club

Well done and thank you to SJH CAFOD Club. This Club is open to all, collect an early lunch pass from Rachel at break time, we eat together 12.30-12.45 and we meet in HU2. This week we tried out luck and learnt some new traditional games so when we apply for the CAFOD Gap Year opportunity we have learnt and grown in knowledge and awareness of other cultures. We have registered for The Live Simply Award – please step up and play your part in making the world a little bit better for the next generation.



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Chaplaincy:

All are welcome to our 8.00am Mass in our SJH Chapel. Our next mass will be on Friday 10 November 2023 at 8.00am with refreshments to follow.

Thank you to all the students, Alfie, Ava and Sonny who joined our Governor, Robert, and our Senior Leaders in school for Mass. We are blessed to have Fr Paul who supports us and teaches us well.



Running to raise money and awareness for Beauvale Pilgrimage:

Rachel will be at Park Run, Long Eaton, on Saturday 23rd, please join her – this is not organised by school. Training is going well for the Edinburgh Marathon but a long way to go! Support welcomed for The Robin Hood half this Sunday! Details to follow on the Just Giving Page, our target is £50.00 to support the upkeep of this Pilgrimage.



Friends of SJH coffee morning:

Friends of Saint John Houghton Catholic Academy

“Be still and know that I am God.”

Psalm 46:10

We would love for you to join us for coffee and conversation on 20.10.23

11.30am-12.30pm

This is taking place at Saint John Houghton Catholic Academy, Abbot Road, Kirk Hallam, Ilkeston DE7 4HX

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Roll of honour in subject areas:

The following students have been identified by Curriculum Leaders for their hard work and effort in the following subjects. Well done to these students.

	Maths	English	Science	Religious Education	Geography	History
Year 7	James E	James E	Charles U	Coleena S-S	Cara J	Ava M
Year 8	Tilly G	Amelia S-J	Sami S	Aaron E	Dean Y	Tilly G
Year 9	Caoimhe C	Orlaith C	Caoimhe C	Casey E	Hugo M	Cole B
Year 10	Olivia B	Eva M	Nikolaos T	Lewis L	Esmee G	Evie W
Year 11	Angel L	Harry A	Will W	Ruby H	Lucy M	Scarlett M

	Computing & Business	Music	French	Spanish	PE & Health and Social Care	Design
Year 7	Ava M	Joshua M	Reggie R	Thomas C	Isla T	Skye G
Year 8	Jacob F	Aaron E	Thomas G	Lois-Skye J	Geavannah F-H	Kyrillos A
Year 9	Ethan G	Maisie L	Kyra-Anne B	Archie S	Emily W	Logan S
Year 10	Rebecca J Business – Sophia E Nathan H	Lily O	Eleanor A	Evie W	H&S – Chloe Mae G	DT – Cherish R Engineering – Archie S-B Food – Wiktorina P Art – Evie W
Year 11	Olivia O Business – Calum C Matha F	Isabelle A	Julia J	Niamh C	GCSE – Fabien M	Engineering – Daniel H Food – Libby W Art – Binaru G- H

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Roll of honour from Year Leaders:

The following students have been identified by their Year Leader. Well done to these students.

Year 7 – Miss Turgoose:

Alfie T & Henry H for their resilience and determination.

Year 8 – Ms Andrews:

Riley L for his honesty and integrity.

Year 9 – Mr Thomson:

Robbie B, Caoimhe C, Danielle M, Kaylee M and Kayla N for an excellent start to the school year.

Year 10 – Mr Ritchie:

Olivia B for having an excellent attitude to learning and being the highest positive points scorer in the year group since the start of the year.

Year 11 – Mrs Smith:

The School Captains, Prefects and all the other year 11 students who did a fabulous job at the open evening last night. Many of the parents commented on how amazing, polite, and enthusiastic the students had been.

Extra shout out to the year 7, 8, 9 and 10s that also stepped forward and took parents on tours. You were all brilliant!

The Saint John Houghton Award:

Caleb Y in year 8 has been nominated by staff for this week's St John Houghton Award, he has been nominated for having the courage to do what is right and caring for others.

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Other useful links:

Safeguarding concerns: please email safeguarding@sjh.srscmat.co.uk

Go4schools (homework):

<https://www.stjohnhoughtonilkeston.srscmat.co.uk/curriculum/homework/>

School lunch menus: <https://www.stjohnhoughtonilkeston.srscmat.co.uk/students/school-meals/>

Free School Meals:

Derbyshire - <https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/education/schools/your-child-at-school/meals/school-meals/free-school-meals.aspx>

Nottinghamshire - <https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/education/school-meals/free-school-meals-and-milk>

SJH School holiday dates and inset days 2023-2024

October half term	Monday 30 October – Friday 3 November 2023
Christmas holidays	Monday 25 December 2023 – Friday 5 January 2024
Inset Day	Monday 8 January 2024
February half term	Monday 19 – Friday 23 February 2024
Trust Inset Day	Monday 26 February 2024
Easter holidays	Friday 29 March – Friday 12 April 2024
May half term	Monday 27 – Friday 31 May 2024
Inset Day	Friday 5 July 2024
Last day of term	Tuesday 23 July 2024

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