



Saint John Houghton Catholic Voluntary Academy
Part of the Saint Ralph Sherwin
Catholic Multi Academy Trust



Saint John Houghton CVA Update **Friday 15 September 2023**

School Website:

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

Contact us:

Main contact: schooloffice@sjh.srscmat.co.uk

Report student absence: studentabsence@sjh.srscmat.co.uk or telephone 0115 9322896

Upcoming important dates:

Monday 18 September 2023 - Year 7 individual and tutor group school photographs

Thursday 21 September – Open day – school closing at 2.15pm, further information has been emailed to parent/carers

Friday 22 September 2023 – Inset day – school will be closed to all students on this day

Wednesday 4 October 2023 - Meet the Tutor parents evening — further information to follow.

Open Evening:

 **Saint John Houghton**
Catholic Voluntary Academy

We would love to see you at our

Open Evening

**Thursday 21st September
2023**

3.30pm - 7pm

Headteacher's talk at 4/5/6pm

Scan the QR code to visit our website



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Communication:

If parent/carers have any matters they wish to discuss about their child, please email schooloffice@sjh.srscmat.co.uk and they will be forwarded to the appropriate member of staff, the order matters are dealt with by staff is below:

1. Tutor
2. Year Leader
3. Assistant Headteacher
4. Deputy Headteacher
5. Headteacher

The Year Leaders are:
Year 7 - Miss Turgoose
Year 8 – Ms Andrews
Year 9 – Mr Thomson
Year 10 – Mr Ritchie
Year 11 – Mrs Smith

Further clubs:

Craft club is held for all years in the Emmaus centre on Thursday lunchtimes.
Homework club starts on Monday 18 September, 3.15-4.15pm in the Emmaus centre.

Year 8 Act of Worship:

This week we had a celebration Act of Worship for current Year 8s to thank them for their behaviour and attitude to learning last year. A fantastic 41 of them never received a single negative in the whole of Year 7.

The students in the photograph were the top 10 students in Year 7 with the most number of positive points.
Congratulations to all of them!



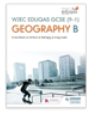
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Y10 & Y11 Geography students:

Parent and carers guide to surviving GCSE Geography: Y11

Textbooks and revision materials:

- You **do not** need to buy your child a textbook (we don't think it is necessary however this is the one we use in class)

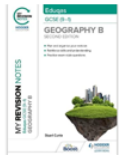


ISBN-13



978-1471857874

- Revision guides and workbooks are also very useful but again not compulsory:



ISBN-13



978-1398321731

Usually priced around £9.75 on amazon



ISBN-13



978-1510453548

Usually priced around £5.99 on amazon

Essential geography exam equipment:

- Several black pens
- 2 Sharp pencils
- 30cm ruler
- Calculator
- Clear bottle of water



Mrs Etienne's top revision tips:

- Create flash cards for learning key words and definitions
- Create mind maps to consolidate key concepts of topics and how ideas interrelate
- Practice exam questions – especially 6, 8 and 12 marks
- Practice planning exam questions and structure

Key exam information:

- Your child has been studying the WJEC EDUQAS Spec B course in GCSE geography
- They will sit 3 exams:
 - 1 hour and 45 minutes x1
 - 1 hour and 30 minutes x2

Useful websites:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/>

<https://www.internetgeography.net/gcse-geography-revision/>

<https://timeforgeography.co.uk/>

<https://app.senecalearning.com/classroom/course/5a073d30-21f8-11e8-8c19-619061cc7240/section/1abd8a10-21fa-11e8-8c19-619061cc7240/session>

Topics we have studied:

- Theme 1: UK cities, global cities and development.
- Theme 2: Coasts, rivers, weather and climate and climate change
- Theme 3: Ecosystems, water and management, desertification.
- Fieldwork

Year 7 Disco – Thursday 28 September 2023:

Year 7
Disco
28 SEPTEMBER 2023
6PM TO 8PM

TICKETS £2 | TUCK SHOP 50P EACH

- TICKETS ALSO AVAILABLE ON THE DOOR -

TICKETS FROM MRS N SMITH
(PASTORAL CORRIDOR)

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Police drop in sessions

You may notice a police vehicle outside of school occasionally or your child may come home saying that officers have been at school. This is an initiative to build bridges between students and the police. Members of the Safer neighbourhood Team from Ilkeston Police Station will be conducting regular informal drop in sessions to enable students to meet them, ask for advice, pass on any confidential concerns and for officers to get to know your children with a view of improving relationships and safeguarding. Many young people either hate the police or fear them and don't feel confident in reporting things or asking for advice so these informal sessions are a way to reduce that.

The Safer Neighbourhood team will also be popping in during some PSHE lessons for more targeted sessions and focus groups to help students understand the consequences of certain behaviours and how to protect themselves.

Victoria Beardall - PCSO 4477
Erewash Safer Neighbourhood Team
Ilkeston Police Station
Derbyshire Constabulary
Ilkeston Police Station
Heanor Road
Ilkeston DE7 8DY
Tel: 101 E-mail: Victoria.Beardall@derbyshire.police.uk
Web: <https://www.derbyshire.police.uk>

Chaplaincy update:

CAFOD Club

Thank you to: Isabella O, Emilie P, Danielle M, Isla S, Summer P, Kayla N, Ella M, Imogen K, Ethan C and Weluchi O for supporting CAFOD. We played BINGO with a difference. Emilie and Ella won this week. More thanks to Mrs Ryan for her support. Moving forward we will get to know our countries, where they are on the map, which countries CAFOD work with and play some games to show the just and injustice of the world we live in. I was delighted to offer Positive Points to these fabulous students. We will keep you updated to our 'Live Simply Award' progress. Thank you for praying for CAFOD and all involved their work.

Education Sunday

Thank you to all the students who came to Mass in our Parishes this weekend for Education Sunday. A special thank you to Sophie our School Captain for her support. If all Altar Servers, Parish Ambassadors would email me I will be able to reward Positive Points for this support. With thanks to Lucy S and Jordon for supporting Eastwood Parish.

Can you please help Rachel??? Please can you pop in and see Rachel, leave her a note or email her if you are an Altar Server or if you attend a Catholic Mass. It would be helpful to have an idea of numbers for when I am preparing for The Sacrament of Confirmation. Thank you.

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Well done: Matilda G, Lucy S, Lucie M, Cora G, Connor C, Ava L, Isaac T, Kornelia O, Darcy W, Joshua B, Liam D and Joseph R who have been noticed by Rachel for their good manners.

The SJH Big Poppy Knit

Calling all knitters!

Please can you knit some poppies for our November display in SJH? Please give your poppies to SJH Reception for the attention of Rachel.

The person who knits the most poppies will have a prize!

All donations welcome so get chatting to grandparents, friends and get your knitting needles out!

With sincere thanks to The Saint Anne's Knitting Group who have already made a start on this project.

You are welcome to use the pattern attached or use your own.

Thank you!!

The SJH Big Poppy Knit – knitted Poppy.

- For the best finish knit with Double Knit (DK yarn). The size of the needle you choose will determine how big the poppy will be, but we recommend 3.75mm(UK9).
- Easy garter/knit stitch pattern for beginners.
- Colour A Red (one ball will make a lot of poppies) you may want to make a white, purple poppy, all will be included in the display.
- Colour B An end of black yarn or a black button
- Body of Poppy
- Using colour A cast on 120 stitches.
- Rows 1-4 Knit
- Row 5 knit 3 stitches together across the row (40 stitches)
- Row 6-9 Knit
- Row 10 Knit 2 stitches together across the row (20 stitches)
- Rows 11-14 knit
- Row 15 Knit 2 stitches together across the row (10 stitches).
- Cut yarn leaving a tail of about 20cm
- Thread tail through yarn needle and slip all the remaining live stitches onto the yarn tail
- and pull tight. Pull around into a circle and then mattress stitch (or use whatever stitching you would normally use) to seam for an invisible seam. Sew in ends.
- Centre of poppy.
- Using B cast on 16 sts. Cast off. Coil into a tight spiral and sew base to the centre. Or use a black or green button with 4 holes and sew to centre of poppy.

Dates for your diary:

Ilkeston Parish Bake Off. Sunday 17 September 2023. You will need an entry form from: francescamarson1986@gmail.com to enter. Please join Rachel in entering your favourite cake or simply go and buy one.

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Calling All Altar Servers: Details in the Parish newsletter for an informal gathering and Annual Mass in the Cathedral on Saturday 23 September 2023, Rachel will attend both gatherings.

Sunday 1 October 2023 The Beauvale Society will be making refreshments after the 11.00am mass. Parish Ambassadors, Oasis Team, Faith in Action, Team Chaplaincy and School Captains, check your emails for this invitation - which is open to all. Can you make a cake, buy a packet of biscuits for this special time?

Briars Open Day. Saturday 7 October 2023, Rachel is looking forward to attending this day. Please see the Parish Newsletter or email Rachel for more information.

Careers update:

Year 11 students will shortly receive an information leaflet listing all of the upcoming Open Days for colleges and sixth forms in the local area. Before this list is collated, please do not hesitate to search for dates on individual college/sixth form websites for any destination you are considering as an option for next year.

Upcoming events

There is an Open Evening at Aldercar High School - All students in this provision have an EHCP. It is being held on Tuesday 3rd October 5.30-7.30pm.

For students interested in careers in **Healthcare**, please see the advert below:



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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**

SJH School holiday dates and Inset days 2023-2024:

Inset Days School Holidays

Inset Day	Friday 22 September 2023
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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