



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



Saint John Houghton CVA Update

Friday 8 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**
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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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After school PE clubs starting Monday 11 September 2023 – 3.15-4.15pm:

Monday – Girl's football – all years

Monday - Year 9 boy's football

Tuesday – Girl's netball – all years

Tuesday – Year 10 boy's football

Thursday – Year 7&8 boy's football

Student planners:

All students have now been given a planner which they must bring with them every day to school. If a student loses their planner, they can be replaced at a cost of £5, this can be set up for parents/carers to pay on the school gateway payment system.

Water bottles:

Please ensure your child has a full water bottle with them in school each day, there are various refill water stations around school.

Maths calculators:

A reminder that all students require a full scientific calculator. We recommend the Casio Classwiz, which can be purchased at most major supermarkets, as well as on Amazon (for example: https://www.amazon.co.uk/Casio-FX-85GTCW-Black-Scientific-Calculator/dp/B0BVW38KQH/ref=sr_1_4?keywords=classwiz+calculator&qid=1694070979&sr=8-4)

It is crucial that students bring a calculator with them to school *every day*. If you would like to check on a model before purchase, or would like to discuss further, please contact Mr Burns, Curriculum Leader for Mathematics (nburns@sjh.srscmat.co.uk)

Parking and congestion near school:

Please be considerate to both our neighbours and the school buses when parking near school. The school buses have been struggling to get past parked cars, where not enough room has been left for them.

We also kindly ask that parents/carers do not park in the staff car park at the front of school at the beginning or end of the school day (unless otherwise agreed), the extra cars are making it very difficult for the buses to turn in, as it is a very tight turning space. Extra cars are also causing a hazard where students are crossing the car park when they are walking to and from school. Please note you may politely be asked to move your car so that school buses have more room and for student safety reasons.

Please arrange where possible, to collect your child a short walk away from school to help with congestion.

Chaplaincy update:

The Summer Knitting Group:



With thanks to Fr Paul and Fr Joby we were able to gather in Ilkeston presbytery each Tuesday during over the summer holiday with the aim to make a 'Sophie Scarf'. As it turned out these lovely croissant scarfs have not really been out of season so keep an eye out for them in Ilkeston, SJH, St Thomas, The Priory and Mass...possibly a perfect gift too for any occasion.

A glorious time with new friends and old, homemade cakes and lots of stitches!

Moving Forward...

We have a new name: **The Saint Anne's Knitting Group**. All are most welcome, we have crochet, diamond art, embroidery and some just enjoying the cake and conversation.

We have a new meeting time: **7.00pm – 9.00pm every Monday** evening starting 4 September in the same room: The living room in Ilkeston Presbytery.

We have a new project to knit too! We shall be knitting poppies for a display in SJH – please join us!

We try to buy animal friendly and fair labour yarn.

For more details, please email SJH Chaplain, follow SJH Chaplain on X (the updated Twitter), a scrap book with updates will be in Stapleford, Ilkeston and Eastwood Church.



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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.

Beauvale Pilgrimage Beauvale Society - Saint John Houghton CVA



Please make a note of this date: Sunday 5 May 2024 (assumed – not yet confirmed)

The Saint John Houghton family take this Pilgrimage very seriously.

We know we need prayers, funds and support to be passed down from generation to generation – we 'Guard our Faith.'

This academic year The Beauvale Society will be a whole school Charity.

The great news is YOU are welcome to join in the preparations too!

Please make a cake, donate a packet of biscuits and join us at the Beauvale Coffee Morning on 1 October 2023 after the 11.00am Mass in Eastwood.

You can donate on the day or leave in SJH Reception for the attention of Rachel, SJH Chaplain.

You can pray for the Priests of our Diocese, the Pilgrims, the students and staff in Catholic Education.

Keep an eye on the Newsletter for updates and activities and follow SJH Chaplain and join her in 'Running for Beauvale'.

SJH Chaplain decided to her faith into action and apply to run the London Marathon to raise funds for The Beauvale Society. The Story so far...

Target 1K by Easter Sunday 2023 – achieved.

Target 3K by 1st April 2023 – achieved.

Target 5K by June 2023 – achieved.

Target 10K by July 2023 – achieved.

Target 7 miles by August 2023- achieved.

Target 8.5miles by end of August – achieved.

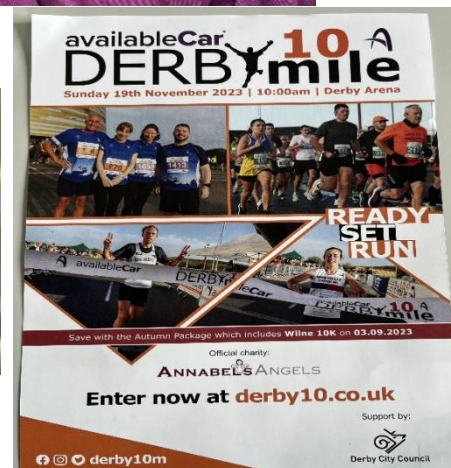
Target 1st September 2023 – 10 miles – achieved.

Unfortunately, Rachel did not get a place in the London but will be in the Robin Hood Half Marathon and Edinburgh full marathon 2024.

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You are welcome to join in the 'fun', why not join Rachel at Long Eaton Park Run on Saturday 9 September 2023 – this will not be organised by SJH, SJH/SJH Chaplain will not be responsible for you. See you at the Start Line! Why not go the distance and if you old enough join enter the Derby 10 miles....more events will become available for all.

Details to donate will follow:



Saint John Houghton CVA was the very first school to become partners with SHAREWEAR.

Sharewear is one of our School Charities.

Please join us in supporting Sharewear by remembering this Charity in your prayers. We are always collecting good quality clothing – you can find the collection tubs in SJH Reception. Please use our Second-hand Uniform collection before buying new!



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Dates for your diary:

Please join SJH Chaplain at Mass this weekend, Education Sunday.

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.

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?

Faith In Action: Please take time out of your week to think and pray about doing this simple but powerful National Award. Details will be in the Parish Newsletter soon. Please do pop in and chat to Rachel about this wonderful opportunity.

Sacramental Preparation: Please can you be generous with your time and support First Holy Communion next year? Could you make the refreshments, take the register? This is a wonderful opportunity to support our younger members of our community, make friends and grow in faith together.

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.

Saint John Houghton CVA Charities 2023-24:

Every Monday lunchtime you can be part of the CAFOD Club. As a SJH family we pray for CAFOD. SJHCVA will take part in the Family Fast Days in October, by learning how to fast and during Lent, by fasting and sending a cash donation to CAFOD.

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The Saint John Houghton Community pray for Sharewear. We are always collecting good quality clothing.
Please take your donation to SJH Reception and leave them in the Sharewear tub.

The Beauvale Society.

The Beauvale Society is a SJH School Charity. Please support by praying for the Priests in our Diocese, the Beauvale Society Members and the pupils and staff in Catholic Education. You are welcome to join in the fundraising, the coffee mornings and the Pilgrimage.



Mary's Meals is a Saint John Houghton School Charity. We take the time to gather and share up-to-date information on World Hunger, we pray for all involved in this Charity work.



Friday Sacrifice

Each Friday you are invited to make a small sacrifice for Mary's Meals. You may give up part of lunch time to take a moment in our School Chapel and pray the Rosary for Mary's Meals. You may want to give up moaning that meat is not on the menu on Friday.

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You may want to donate any change – you will find a Mary's Meals collection tub in Rachel's office and in Reception. Donations will be sent to Mary's Meals at the end of each month and the money raised will be in our newsletter.

Canaan Trust is a Saint John Houghton CVA School Charity.

Our Harvest donations will go to Canaan Trust.

You can always donate tinned food and toiletries by leaving them in the Canaan Trust Box in SJH Reception.

Please remember Canaan Trust in your family prayers.



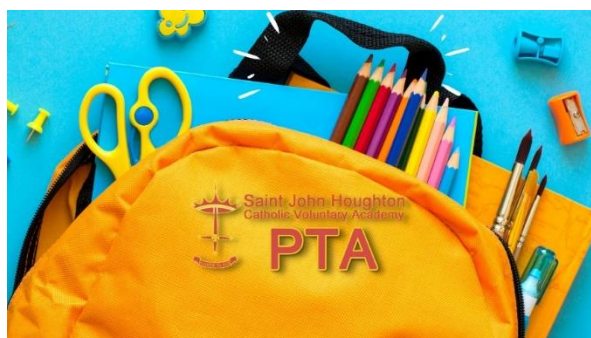
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Why Talking Fixes

THE WILL GARVEY TRUST FOUNDATION

Here in SJH we have a very loud, and very active 'Student Voice' who have voted for 'Cancer Research UK' and 'Why Talking Fixes' to be included in our School Charity work 2023-24. Information, challenges, donations and talks will take place at our 'Friends of SJH Coffee Morning' gatherings along with Tutor and individual charity work. We are blessed to have a PTA here in SJH. Please support with prayers, time and donations.



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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
15.09.23 & 20.10.23**

11.30am-12.30am

**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