



**St Ralph
Sherwin**
Catholic Multi Academy Trust

SJH Newsletter

Compassion – Aspiration – Respect – Excellence – Determination – Faithfulness – Optimism – Reconciliation
13 October 2023



Headteacher's Introduction

Hello all and welcome to the latest edition of our newsletter as we continue through the half term of Advent 1.

It has been an extremely challenging week in school owing to the absence of several staff. It appears that autumn illness is in full swing, and we have had several staff absent this week for various reasons. As staff recover and return, we are hoping that over the next ten days (before half term) things will settle down.

In spite of this, our students have been excellent in school this week. The number of removals from lessons and number of 'lates' to lessons continues to fall and the number of lunchtime detentions has drastically fallen over the course of the half term. Our students are really beginning to understand that we have such high expectations of them, and they can reach them if they are willing. I will be reiterating what it means to be a student of Saint John Houghton in my Acts of Worship to all students next week.

Important upcoming dates

18 October 2023 - Year 11 Parents' Evening – in school

30 October – 3 November 2023 – Half term break

Yesterday evening we had our Post-16 Roadshow for our Year 11 students, where we host an evening for local colleges, sixth forms and other providers to come into our school and meet with our students and their parents. They will be lucky to have you Year 11 and the very best of luck in your decision-making. With Parents' Evening next week, we are really beginning to look forward with you to what is to come. We are always here for you if you need us.

Before the end of the half term, we will be sending out a survey to all parents asking for their views about our school, which will inform some of our work moving forward. Please do look out for this complete the survey for your children in school. We can feel the improvement taking place in our school, but I am interested to see if you are feeling that too as parents. There will always be much more to do, but '...with God, all things are possible' (Matthew 19:26). Garde ta foi. Guard your faith.

Mr Brogan
Headteacher

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School vacancies:

We are currently recruiting for the following vacancies to join our school, please click on the links for further information:

Exam Invigilator::

<https://www.srscmat.co.uk/work-with-us/vacancies-single/?Category=Exam%2520Invigilators&Advert=%2Bqhf1iYJ4J9FXKoR3Vqtcw%3D%3D&Region=SaintJohnHoughtonCatholicVoluntaryAcademy>

Teacher of Science – 2 posts:

[https://www.srscmat.co.uk/work-with-us/vacancies-single/?Category=Teaching%2520\(Secundary\)&Advert=wqdp42Mf%2FtNFXKoR3Vqtcw%3D%3D&Region=SaintJohnHoughtonCatholicVoluntaryAcademy](https://www.srscmat.co.uk/work-with-us/vacancies-single/?Category=Teaching%2520(Secundary)&Advert=wqdp42Mf%2FtNFXKoR3Vqtcw%3D%3D&Region=SaintJohnHoughtonCatholicVoluntaryAcademy)

Teacher of RE:

[https://www.srscmat.co.uk/work-with-us/vacancies-single/?Category=Teaching%2520\(Secundary\)&Advert=bqn73WtkTPNFXKoR3Vqtcw%3D%3D&Region=SaintJohnHoughtonCatholicVoluntaryAcademy](https://www.srscmat.co.uk/work-with-us/vacancies-single/?Category=Teaching%2520(Secundary)&Advert=bqn73WtkTPNFXKoR3Vqtcw%3D%3D&Region=SaintJohnHoughtonCatholicVoluntaryAcademy)

Games club with Mr Connolly:

It is so good to see so many new members join Games club this year, from members experienced in the different games we play to those who are joining up to try something new! We always looking for extra games to add to our list of activities and if you have any old model, cards, decks or games that you wish to donate, we'd be happy to accept!

If you are interested or have models/games in any of the following, then Games Club might be for you!

- Warhammer 40K
- Age of Sigmar
- Magic: The Gathering
- Yu-Gi-Oh
- Lord Of The Rings

We meet and play every Monday at lunch in M7, with a mixture of, card games, painting, building decks and more!



Secondary school admissions for September 2024:

A reminder that if you have a child who is currently in year 6, the closing date to make applications for secondary school places is 31 October 2023, applications must be made through your Local Authority.

If you wish to apply on faith grounds, a supplementary form and evidence of faith must be sent directly to our school, the link to the supplementary form is below:

https://www.srscmat.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2023/01/Supplementary-Information-Form-24-25_St-Ralph-Sherwin-CMAT.pdf

Careers updates - 11/10/2023

Rolls Royce

Rolls Royce are unable to attend our Post-16 Roadshow this week but they have shared these online resources which they believe you may find helpful and informative:

- [Rolls-Royce STEM Home Page](#) - Explore our dedicated STEM page, where you can find content related to science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.
- [Rolls-Royce STEM Resources](#)
- [Rolls-Royce STEM Stories](#)
- [Rolls-Royce Careers - Apprenticeships & School Leavers](#) - Discover the various Early Career programmes we offer, including our degree, higher and advanced apprenticeships.
- [Talent Community](#) for keeping up to date on our future opportunities
- [Rolls-Royce ACCEL All Electric Aircraft](#)
- [Rolls-Royce Innovation](#)
- [Live Chat](#) on our Careers site
- [Rolls-Royce: Beyond Tomorrow](#)

They also offered the following to students:

If you have any questions or would like further information, please don't hesitate to reach out to us at earlycareer.applications@rolls-royce.com. Our team is here to help you and provide any additional guidance you may need.

The Job Crowd 'Top companies for graduates to work for

Each year, 'The Job Crowd' send the above guide to schools to give students an idea of the top companies in the labour market at that time. This is available for all students to view and can be found in the careers library which is located in the library near to CP1.





Victory for U13's Girls Football Team:

The U13's Girls Football team achieved a massive win against Park Valley Academy on Thursday 28th September. The final score was 7-2 to Saint John Houghton, who displayed brilliantness on the pitch. Special mention to Remy and Mollie who were unstoppable at the back, and Mila being the driving force in the middle. All players put a shift in and fulfilled their responsibilities on the pitch, to achieve a victory and successfully go through to the next round in the cup.

On Wednesday 11th October, U13's Girls Football team were victorious again in the 9-side PlayStation Cup, winning 9-0 against Ormiston Ilkeston Enterprise Academy. Isla T scoring 4 goals, Maggie L scoring 3 goals and Mila F and Grace J scoring a goal each to safely secure our place in the next round. All players played a vital role in the victory, defensively and attacking SJH were unstoppable. The positive attitude and work rate displayed by all players was immense. All 14 players who represented SJH should be extremely proud of their performance! Here's to the next round?!?

Well done girls!



Year 7 Boys football:

After reaching the National Cup second round, the Year 7 boys team came up against a strong Christ the King team on Thursday evening. After a mistake filled first 10 minutes, the SJH team took the lead with a screamer of a shot from outside the area from Vincent L-W. This spurred an immediate response from Christ the King who equalised quickly. CTK continued to threaten and took a 6 - 1 lead into the second half. SJH came out determined to try and pull back the deficit and played some great football without reward. However, Vincent scored a fine header from a corner to close the gap. George A then stepped up to score two stunning top corner free kicks to give the SJH team a chance. Time ran out and the game finished 7 - 4 to CTK. Congratulations to all the players and player of the match, George A.

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Year 11 Erewash Schools Netball Tournament:

On Thursday 5 October 2023, our year 11 netball team took part in the district tournament. 5 schools from the area entered. The results were as follows

SJH v OIEA – won 9-0

SJH v Friesland - won 8-2

SJH v Kirk Hallam - won 7-0

SJH v Wilsthorpe - won 2-1

The girls retained their title as Erewash District champions. They have now won every year throughout school, a great achievement

Well done girls. Mrs Joslin



Year 10 Erewash Schools Netball Tournament

Also On Thursday 5 October 2023 the year 10 netball team took part in the district tournament.

Only 3 schools from the area entered. The results were as follows

SJH v Kirk Hallam - won 6-2

SJH v Wilsthorpe – lost 4-2

This placed the team in 2nd place

Well done girls

Mrs Joslin & Miss Sanderson



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Chaplaincy

SJH CAFOD Club

We meet every Monday - Lunch 12.30-45pm in the Hall - HU2 12.45-1.05pm. If you have ever lost a button from your favourite item of clothing? CAFOD Club is the place to be! We now have 12 more people in the world who know how to sew on a button correctly. The joy of looking through a tin of buttons collected over time was a real treasure hunt. Well done to all involved – next week we will learn how to iron a shirt. Bring in your own shirt or Rachel will have them for you.

Star of the Week – Danielle M.

CAFOD Club - Recycle, Reuse, Reduce.



Thank you all so much for the wonderful support! We were delighted to receive a huge bag of 52 poppies from Ava 7H. The support you give, the effort and hard work is very much appreciated. Thank you! You still have time to make a poppy. Closing Date 1st November so we can make a display in SJH Reception.

Rachel's plan is to use tall step ladders, cover with black material with a Poppy Wreath placed at the top with all the knitted poppies flowing down but you will have better ideas, thoughts to add onto this to make it world class.



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Saint John Houghton and Parish Bereavement Gathering – Thursday 5th October 2023



With thanks to SJH Bereavement Team for writing the following: Thank you very much to Fr Paul, Teresa Q, Suzanne B, Gwyn S, Hazel A, Jenny C, Norah C and Pamela D for joining us in SJH. We shared lovely refreshments in Reception and Mr Bilby made the coffee for us. This was good for getting to know one another. We moved from Reception to our Chapel, and we talked about Sympathy Cards and what we may write in them. We gave all our visitors a calligraphy pen because we always write our Sympathy cards with care because we know the families keep them forever. We have taken photographs of sunflowers because it is the end of summer, and we can think of endings and Fr Paul taught us about how sunflowers turn their heads to the sun and the seeds give life to others. Then we all made a sympathy card. From sunflowers to poppies and remembering. We shared ideas on how we remember, the books we read to support others, Joseph read the Scripture for us, and we all prayed together and listened to music, and we placed a candle on the world to remind us to look after one another as we light up the world by giving compassion and being gentle people.

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We would like to thank everyone involved in making this time possible. It was so interesting to hear how you saw families needing support in funerals and you are all very inspiring with the time you volunteer to support the families by singing the hymns and reading the words of the Mass. Thank you for taking the time to support us. During November we will lead a Service for the Dead and Fr Paul will say Mass in our Chapel at 8.00am for our dead. More details and invitations to follow.

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Faith in Action Award:

The Faith in Action Award is a simple and powerful National Award. SJH Chaplain, Rachel, will be leading this Award in Ilkeston Parish on the following dates: October 18th, November 8th, November 22nd, December 6th, January 17th and January 31st. 7.00pm-8.30pm This is ideal for students in Year 8 and above and Parishioners, if you have gained your Bronze and or Silver level and would like to continue or if you would simply like the time to encounter God's love for you. Please email rrose@sjh.srscmat.co.uk if you are attending so resources can be prepared for you.

Mass:

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.



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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CAFOD Family Fast Day – Friday 6th October 2023



CAFOD Ambassadors & SJH Ambassadors, Austino, Samson, Isabella, Danielle, Isla, Summer, Emilie, Kayla, Weluchi, Lucy, and Ella accepted the invitation to lead St Thomas Year 6 and on behalf of SJH and St Thomas I would like to thank them for being fabulous!



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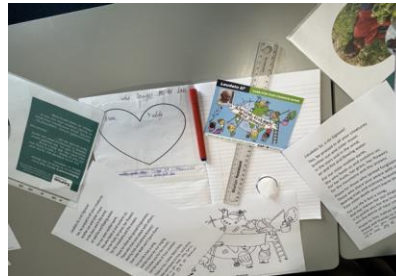
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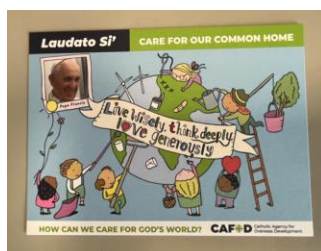
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SJH students modelled The Briars welcome, and our day began with the small groups warming up preparing a dance. SJH introduced the CAFOD 'Tacking Global Equality' and broke into small groups to find a solution. The stop clock was on, and each group had time to present their drama, powerpoint, dance, scripture and letters. St Thomas worked hard, worked well in teams to find brilliant solutions to inequality. We reflected on how and why we fast, we ate lunch together and enjoyed conversation and friendship. We were able to watch the CAFOD 'Family Fast' powerpoints and all St Thomas received a CAFOD sticker a 'Laudato Si' postcard and were able to make a pledge to make the world a little bit of a better place. We read Scripture, we prayed together and sang 'Laudadato Si, O mi Signoria! Scripture Relay was a great success and we replied to Pope Francis' letter which will be sent to The Vatican. We know our donations will be used well and it was a privilege to gather and give.



With thanks to St Thomas pupils, Mr Conlon, Mrs Archer, Mr Warden and all the Admin staff for their support. More thanks to St Thomas kitchen staff who prepared a 'Fast' meal for this special day.

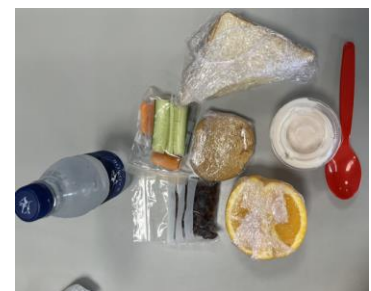


If you would like to make a donation to CAFOD you may bring in a cash donation for the attention of Rachel and this will be sent to CAFOD.



Our final words are from pope Francis 'Don't be observers of life, but get involved.'

Why not make this your life long mission and let us know how you get on?!



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Parish Away Day – Saturday 7th October 2023

Thank you Eastwood Parish Council and Fr Paul for organising this fabulous trip to Briars. We gathered at 10.00am and had a warm welcome from The Briars team, enjoyed refreshments and time to chat. The Team had planned activities for the children, Fr Paul led two beautiful sessions, we had a walk in the countryside, time for private prayer and travel around prayer stations, two super meals and our day ended with Mass. Thank you Alfie, Ava and Sonny for your time, support and putting Parish Ambassadorship into Action – you did a great job. Please do think seriously about becoming a Briars Team Member once you leave education. Make the decision now to give a year to yourself, to God, to make friends and grow in leadership skills. Rachel is always happy to support with more details and to point you in the right direction.



Do you fancy a country escape in the Peak District? As you drive into Briars you will see a range of affordable, accessible and attractive accommodation situated in the grounds of Briars youth retreat centre. Why not book now? Saints Meadow, Briars Lane, Crich, Derbyshire, DE45BW Telephone 01773852044. Rachel stayed here with her family last Christmas, and all enjoyed this special break – Rachel is happy to share details if required rose@sjh.srscmat.co.uk

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Beauvale Society

With thanks to Alfie L, Ava L, Sonny L, Josh M, Donald C, Arlo C, Ethan C, and Amelia C for becoming the latest members of The Junior Beauvale Society. Thank you for your support!

Please bring in £2.00 cash and Rachel will give you a membership card. You will receive two newsletters a year and a Christmas Card. The membership fees will go towards the Beauvale pilgrimage in May. Each year we have an outdoor Mass in Beauvale Priory Grounds to honour Saint John Houghton and the 40 English Martyrs. Why not purchase one for your child, Godchild or friend as a special gift?

Celebration of the Word.

Here at SJH we like to give our visitors, staff and students an IMPACT form and ask them to write a few words: Personal Impact / How have you been affected by this Worship? *Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts – Hebrews 3:15*

Please can you email Rachel: rrose@sjh.srscmat.co.uk or collect an Impact Form from Reception because we read each slip and try to make changes to our Celebration of the Word, Acts of Worship and Liturgical Prayer so everyone we meet has the opportunity to Encounter Christ and we keep Christ at the Centre of our School and live out our school Mission.

Thank you for your comments on the Impact Forms...

Bereavement parish and school gathering: 'this was a wonderful time, thank you to all the marvellous students. It is good to have great parish and school links.' – Ilkeston parishioner

- Family Fast Day: 'I enjoyed learning about God and CAFOD I like it, also the singing and I can smile at someone and respect someone I meet.' – St Thomas pupil
- AoW SJH: 'I enjoyed this time to pray and reflect on life.' SJH Pupil.
- SJH Support St Thomas: 'Thank you SJH for joining us, inspiring us and taking the time to pray with us. It was a wonderful day and you are a credit to your school and family. This has helped support links for parish and school. Well done SJH.' – St Thomas T.A.

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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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