



**St Ralph
Sherwin**
Catholic Multi Academy Trust

SJH Newsletter

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6 October 2023



Headteacher's Introduction

Dear Parents and Carers,
Welcome to the latest edition of our newsletter and thank you for reading. We hope you find the information contained in this edition informative and useful. We also hope you like the new format for the newsletter. We have received some positive feedback about it. If you have anything you feel should be included that may add some value, please do email schooloffice@sjh.srscmat.co.uk and we will give it consideration for future editions.

It has been another successful week in school with several important things taking place. On Tuesday, we were visited by our CEO, Mr Kevin Gritton, who commented on how the school is continuing to go from strength to strength and on the purposeful atmosphere in school. Even breaktime was calm!

On Tuesday, a group of our students also attended some training to take on the roles of 'Anti-Bullying Ambassadors' in our school.

Important upcoming dates

12 October 2023 – Post16 career's event
18 October 2023 - Year 11 Parent's Evening – in school
30 October – 3 November 2023 – Half term break

This is important work and will see them take a leading role in addressing bullying issues in our school, as well as leading campaigns and providing a valuable insight into the Student Voice on this challenging topic. We look forward to seeing their work develop over the coming weeks.

On Wednesday we held our annual 'Meet the Tutor Evening.' As many of you will know, the relationship between the tutor and the student/family is so important here at Saint John Houghton. It was lovely to see our Year 7 students with their families in school and our Year 8, 9, 10 and 11 families online. If there is anything more we can do, please do not hesitate to contact us.

On Friday, we will also celebrate our Harvest Festival as we raise awareness about the work of charities for those who live in poverty – A hugely worthwhile event, which reminds us of our responsibility to our wider world.

We keep moving forward! Garde ta Foi!

Mr Brogan
Headteacher

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Social media use:

We kindly ask that if parents/carers have any issues with school, that they contact us in the first instance so we can be given the opportunity to resolve issues by working collaboratively, rather than posting concerns on social media.

School vacancies:

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

Cover Supervisor:

<https://www.srscmat.co.uk/work-with-us/vacancies-single/?Category=Cover%2520Supervisor&Advert=0Ti2JGarLXJFXKoR3Vqtcw%3D%3D&Region=SaintJohnHoughtonCatholicVoluntaryAcademy>

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)

Year 8 Boys football:

The Year 8 boys team began their season with an impressive 11-5 win at Ratcliffe College, Leicester. After a close first half with some strong attacking football for both sides, the team took their chances when offered and this led to some fine attacking moves. Joint player of the match goes to Thomas G and Finley P for a hattrick each

Goal scorers: Finley P - 3, Thomas G - 3, Aaron E - 1, Ryan P - 2, Conor C - 2



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

School breaktime and lunchtime menus:

Please see below updated menus:

<https://www.stjohnhoughtonilkeston.srscmat.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/19/2023/10/Catholic-Schools-Secondary-September-23-April-24-Menu.pdf>

School ties:

Please can all students' ties have their name written on the inside to make it easier for them to be returned when they are lost.

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.

Year 11 Maths Revision:

Year 11 Maths revision sessions will run on a Monday afterschool and will commence from Monday 16 October. Higher tier students will be with Miss Garrod and foundation tier students with Mr Burns. We strongly encourage attendance at these sessions to support students in obtaining the highest grade possible next summer in their Maths GCSE.



Derbyshire Police and Crime Commissioner, Angelique Foster, wants to hear year 10 & Year 11 students views on crime and community safety.

Throughout the year, the Commissioner runs a survey asking for Derbyshire residents views on crime and community safety. This is done to ensure that the priorities the Commissioner sets for policing, community safety and victims services reflect the issues that matter most to Derbyshire residents, wherever they live in the City or the County.

Using the responses from the survey, the Commissioner will work with the Chief Constable to ensure that resources are balanced efficiently with residents' concerns.

The Commissioner needs to hear from as many people as possible, from all age groups and backgrounds, to ensure the results are fair.

This is where we are asking for your help. We want to ensure that young people's voices are heard in this consultation.

To achieve this, we would like to give Year 10 and Year 11 students the opportunity to complete the online survey

The survey questions cover feelings of safety, experiences of crime and anti-social behaviour in the area where they live, and opinions on local policing. The survey should take no longer than 4 minutes to complete.

The link for the survey is below:

[Listening to you | Office of the Derbyshire Police and Crime Commissioner \(derbyshire-pcc.gov.uk\)](https://www.derbyshire-pcc.gov.uk/listening-to-you)



Post-16 Roadshow:

POST-16 ROADSHOW

For: Year 11 students and families.

Where: In school, please sign in at reception.

When: **Thursday 12 October, 4.00 - 6.00pm.**

Please see letters sent to parents/guardians for more information.

(This event is also open to any Year 10 students who want to start considering their options early)

Student poetry from year 9:

To Grow

To grow, to rise, to see a twinkle in their little eyes.
To flow, to rise, to put on a mask and disguise.
To flourish, to nourish, to see them excel through the skies
To develop, to advance,
To cry as you have your daddy daughter dance,
What does it mean to have a child? To lift up and not be stifled.
To emerge, to develop from a frail cub to a roaring lion.
To guide, to spy, to cherish the youth and the good times.
To weep, to whimper, to make it hard and not simpler.
This is it their moving away and your thinking of all the memories you have made?
Through the sad, the bad, are you glad?
Would you do it again?

A poem by Austino E.



Chaplaincy:

SJH Blessing of Teams 2023-24

On Friday 29th September 23 our Teams gathered in our Hall. With special thanks to our Oasis Team members, Teresa and Frankie who welcomed us, our School Captains who inspired us, Team Chaplaincy, Donald, who read the Scripture, the School Choir who sang for us, Sonny, Felix, Amelia-May and Eve who challenged us with a CAFOD reflection, Ava, who read a poem and Samson, Austino, Emily and Casey for leading us in prayer. A special thank you to Mr Brogan who spoke about leadership and served all pupils as they blessed themselves with Holy Water from Lourdes.



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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."

Psalms 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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Beauvale Society:



I am very excited to announce we have made it possible for our young people aged 2-16 years to become members of the Beauvale Junior Membership Society. For £2.00 per year you will receive a 'credit card' style membership card, two newsletters a year and a Christmas Card. Please email rose@sjh.srscmat.co.uk for more details. All funds raised will go toward the Beauvale Pilgrimage. Please support us.

We would like to congratulate Alfie, Ava, Sonny and Josh who have been presented their Membership Cards with thanks for their Service for all they do as Parish Ambassadors. Well done!



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On behalf of Saint John Houghton CVA, may I take this opportunity to thank our PTA and DJ for spoiling year 7 with a fabulous disco last Thursday.

More thanks to all they fantastic Year 7's who came along!



Rachel would like to thank all who made 'The Woman At The Well' Retreat at the Rosmini Centre on Saturday possible. This was a wonderful opportunity to gather, pray, reflect and spend time in Adoration. If you are a parent, carer or a student in Year 10 and above who is new to Retreats or would like to experience having time to grow in faith please email Rachel who would love to accompany you on your spiritual journey.

Please pray for all staff, students and parishioners who will be joining The Briars Parish Away Day this Saturday. SJH Chaplain will be there.



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With thanks to Father Paul for opening his home to all to watch the film, 'Fatima', last Friday night. Fr Paul will have a cinema night each month and you are welcome to come along. Rachel is happy to support.



All welcome to St Anne's Knitting Group on Monday evening 7.00pm – 9.00pm. Join in our projects or carry on with your own – even come along just for the conversation and friendship!

Thank you Phoebe S who has donated millions of poppies for our November display. The pattern for poppies can be found in SJH Reception, past newsletters, SJH Twitter and United in Faith FB.



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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	Josh A	Reggie R	Lily S	Alfie T	Henry F	Alfie T
Year 8	Isaac T	Ava J	Maggie L	Lilah S	Millie W	Ruby D
Year 9	Danielle M	Caoimhe C	Gabriel H	Joshua F	Maisie L	Charlie B-M
Year 10	Nathanael W	Wiktoria P	George J	Henry-Joe M	Amy Q	Rhodina K
Year 11	Ezra H	Miranda H	Ezra H	Aoife B	Thomas F	Miranda H

	Computing & Business	Music	French	Spanish	PE & Health and Social Care	Design
Year 7	Valentina H	Sienna H	Sebastian D	Jemima A	Mila F	Vincent L-W
Year 8	Callum B	William J	Lucas N	Imogen K	Molly & Peyton W	Tamzin R
Year 9	Luke C	John G	Kyra-Anne B	Evie H	Davidson A	Abigail H
Year 10	Nathan H Business – Danny P	Lily H	Cherish R	Oliver E	Liam F SS – Esma S	DT – Brooke C Engineering – Benjamin K Food – Ruby-Ann B Art – Emily H
Year 11	Binaru G-H Business – Holly H	Julia J	Amelia B	Lilian G	Aoife B GCSE – Miranda H	Engineering – William S Food – Honey E Art – Scarlett L-W

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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:

Reggie R for a brilliant start to year 7

Year 8 – Ms Andrews:

Aaron E for a fantastic start to the school year.

Year 9 – Mr Thomson:

Caoimhe C, Weluchi O, Isla S & Sophie A for their excellent attitude to learning.

Year 10 – Mr Ritchie:

Wiktorina P for having an excellent attitude to learning and a great start to the year

Year 11 – Mrs Smith:

Angel L for her determination.

The Saint John Houghton Award:

Joseph R in year 8 has been nominated by staff for this week's St John Houghton Award, he has been nominated for the respect he shows others and for supporting the school community.

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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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