



**St Ralph
Sherwin**
Catholic Multi Academy Trust

SJH Newsletter

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



Headteacher's Introduction

Greetings to you all and welcome to the latest edition for our newsletter.

On Monday Tuesday and Wednesday this week, I led Acts of Worship to the whole school looking at four areas of our culture: Encouraging Encounters (greeting each other with genuine care and warmth in our daily interactions), Magnificent Manners (always using good manners around school), showing an "Attitude of Gratitude" (being grateful and saying thank you for all that is done for us) and Violence in our School (how resorting to violence is never the answer in our school).

Our students have responded superbly and have really taken the message to heart and so many staff have commented on the warm atmosphere in school this week.

Important upcoming dates

30 October – 3 November 2023 – Half term break

Yesterday, I also met with our School Captains (Mikey, Simdi and Sophie) to discuss some burning issues fed back by the student body. It was a great meeting, and they were quite persuasive with some of their arguments about changes they would like to see in our school! Students will see the impact of these meetings in the coming weeks.

It was wonderful to see so many Year 11 parents on Wednesday. The atmosphere in the Hall was lovely and there was a really 'positive vibe' in the room. Thank you all for your ongoing support in this challenging year. All parents will shortly receive a link to our parent survey – This will come via a separate email. Please do complete the survey for each child you have in school. The survey can also be accessed by clicking here:

[Parent Survey \(October 2023\)](#)

Garde ta foi! Guard your faith!

Mr Brogan

Headteacher

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Appointment of Parent Governor:

Jenny Butler has been appointed as our new Parent Governor following the recent ballot. We look forward to working with her over the coming years.

Term dates and inset days 2024-2025:

The term dates and inset days are now available for the 2024-2025 school year on our website – please note there is one further inset day to be set:

<https://www.stjohnhoughtonilkeston.srscmat.co.uk/parents/term-dates/>

Cross Country for years 7,8 & 9 next week:

From Monday 23 October 2023, all students in years 7,8 & 9 will be partaking in Cross Country therefore they will need to bring a plastic bag for their trainers as they can get wet and dirty.

PE kit update:

Students are now able to wear black football socks for PE as we recognise that red football socks are not always easy to purchase. Students must come to PE lessons with either red or black football socks or white PE socks.

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



Year 9 Girls Netball

Last week should have been the year 9 district tournament. Unfortunately all schools pulled out which only left St John and Wilsthorpe. We decided to play the fixture. We played 4 quarters and after the 3rd quarter the scores were equal, but in the last ¼ Wilsthorpe pulled ahead with them getting the win 6-8.

Well done to all of the girls who played.

Mrs Joslin



Year 9 & 10 Boys Football results:

Year 10 Boys National cup

St John Houghton 4v4 St Margrets (Stoke)

St John Houghton won on penalties

St John Houghton play Meadowhall Academy in the next round

Year 9 Boys National cup

St John Houghton 3v1 Ormiston Academy

St John Houghton play Ashfield school in the next round

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Careers updates:

Year 11 - please see the posters below for information on some opportunities we have received for next year.

These are printed in your register folders but please feel free to scan the QR code, or email the contact for more information.

Interested in Hair & Beauty?



LEVEL 2 HAIRDRESSING

ADVISE & CONSULT WITH CLIENTS, SHAMPOO, CONDITION & TREAT HAIR, COLOUR & LIGHTEN HAIR, STYLE & FRESH HAIR, BASIC CUTTING TECHNIQUES AND PERM & NEUTRALISE HAIR.



LEVEL 2 BEAUTY THERAPY

MANICURE, PEDICURE, FACIAL, WRINKLE RELIEF, UNDEREYE, BROW, LIP, CHIN, & EXTERNAL TREATMENTS, SKIN TREATMENTS, TREATMENT OF BLEMISHES, SHAVE, INDIVIDUAL FLARE LASHES & STRIP LASHES AND MAKEUP (DAY, EVENING & SPECIAL OCCASION).



LEVEL 2 NAIL SERVICES

ADVISE & CONSULT WITH CLIENTS, MANICURE, PEDICURE, GEL POLISH & GEL NAIL ENHANCEMENTS & NAIL ART.



LEVEL 2 HAIR & MEDIA MAKEUP

DRY, EVENING & SPECIAL OCCASION MAKEUP, FASHION & PHOTOGRAPHIC MAKEUP, THE ART OF DESIGNING HAIR, PLACING & TWISTING HAIR, SHADING & COLOURING EYEBROWS AND INSTRUCTION OF MAKEUP.

(SOCIETY DESIRED BUT NOT REQUIRED) MUST HAVE A GENUINE INTEREST IN THE INDUSTRY 14-16 PEOPLE PER GROUP

EMAIL: TIM.CURBBUN@LEARNINGCURVEGROUP.CO.UK



Derby



2024 APPRENTICESHIPS

PRODUCTION APPRENTICESHIP **12 MONTHS**
STARTING SEPT 2024

This exciting 12 month production apprenticeship will teach you the practical skills and theory necessary to become a member working on our production line, manufacturing the Toyota Corolla.

Being taught in our onsite Manufacturing Skills Development Centre, you will develop the skills to carry out production processes safely, efficiently and to outstanding quality.

Once you have completed the programme, you will not only receive a **Level 2 Diploma in Manufacturing**, but a **guaranteed permanent position** at Toyota in one of our 7 production areas.



APPLICATIONS OPEN
MONDAY 9TH OCTOBER

APPLICATIONS CLOSE
MONDAY 4TH DECEMBER



Register your interest here!

44 MONTHS **MAINTENANCE APPRENTICESHIP**

STARTING SEPT 2024

Throughout an exceptional 44 month training programme you will learn and develop the technical skills and theory to become a member of our outstanding maintenance team.

Training in our onsite Technical Skills Development Centre, you will learn skills such as welding, robotics and electronics, through a mix of classroom based and hands on work.

You will work towards a **Level 3 Maintenance Technician Qualification**. Upon successful completion of the apprenticeship you are guaranteed a permanent position in our highly skilled maintenance team.



FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO APPLY VISIT
<https://recruitment.toyotauk.com/apprenticeships/>



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LOCATION

Toyota Motor Manufacturing, Burnaston, Derby

START DATE: September 2024
SALARY: £14,857 rising to £25,182 upon successful completion of scheme
HOURS: 39 hours per week
QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED: No mandatory grade requirements - holistic assessment of application

WHAT WILL YOU DO?

You will undertake both classroom and off the job hand skills training, carrying out 3 different production placements in our various shops. To develop your teamwork, communication and leadership skills, you will also spend time away from site on an outdoor activities residential.

You will be taught about the Toyota Production System and our core philosophies of Continuous Improvement and Respect for People.




To apply visit: <https://recruitment.toyotauk.com/apprenticeships/>



MAINTENANCE APPRENTICESHIP



WHAT IS IT?

During an exceptional 44 month training programme you will learn and develop the technical skills and theory to become a member of our outstanding maintenance team.

A maintenance member develops and maintains equipment so our production team can produce the Toyota Corolla to perfect standards every time, on time.

Training in our onsite Technical Skills Development Centre, you will learn skills such as welding, robotics and electronics, through a mix of classroom based and hands on work.

You will work towards a Level 3 Maintenance Technician Qualification. Upon successful completion of the apprenticeship you are guaranteed a permanent position in our maintenance team.

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Toyota Motor Manufacturing, Burnaston, Derby

START DATE: September 2024
SALARY: £14,857 rising with annual increments to £37,141 upon successful completion of scheme
HOURS: 39 hours per week
QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED: 4 GCSEs at grade 4 or above including Maths, English and Science (or equivalent)

WHAT WILL YOU DO?

STAGE 1: For the first 22 months, you will train in our onsite Technical Skills Development Centre, gaining practical experience in a variety of skill areas and learning the technical theory behind them.

STAGE 2: Your final 22 months will be spent in a hands-on role, learning how to practically apply and develop your new skills in a real work environment. You will work alongside and be supported by our high skilled maintenance team members.

To develop your teamwork, communication and leadership skills, you will also spend time away from site on an outdoor activities residential and a community volunteer project.




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Chaplaincy:

Rachel would like to praise the following students who met in the Chapel in order to practice and learn the Holy Rosary in order to lead their Tutor Group: Libby E, Evie-May, Imogen K, Casey E, Samson M, James and George. Thomas C, Jasmin H, Finnley and Besty R. Valentina, Jessica P, Ella M, Tia A, Olivia S, Amber F and Liam F.

Please note in our Reception we have an open prayer book for you to write your intentions and these will be offered in Holy Mass in October. All welcome to contribute.

Faith in Action Award:

Thank you to all who attended our first session this week. Please see the poster for details and note in order to support teaching and learning; I am leading this in the parish in the evening. If you are interested in gaining your Bronze, Silver or Gold 'Faith in Action Award' this is the time to come along. You will need to commit to all the remaining sessions in order to gain this National Award. 7S and 8S will be completing this scheme during this academic year and will hopefully gain the Bronze level. It would be most helpful if you email rose@sjh.srscmat.co.uk to book in so resources will be prepared for you. Families welcome. If you require more information please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you, Rachel (School Chaplain).

Sound Crew:

On behalf of SJH staff please may I take this opportunity to thank: Daisy S, Oliver L, Eleanor, Oliver H, Honey E, Harley D, Dhillon R, Lennon P, Lewis G, Alfie L, and Ben K. Star of the Week is Daisy S, well done! Thank you for all the hard work and effort and a special thanks for supporting the Year 7 Hymn Practice with disco lights. I hope your parents check their emails to read a praise email from me; we have noted how you have grown in maturity and trust. Thank you.

Bereavement Team:

Well done and thank you: Imogen K, Matilda G, Lucy S, Lucie M, Cora G, Connor C, Ava L, Isaac T, Kornelia O, Darcy W, Joshua B, Liam D, Joseph R. Thank you for walking with our SJH family, preparing our Bereavement Table and being ready to care.

Year 7 Act of Worship:

More thanks to Sonny L and Evie-May for leading the Year 7 Act of Worship - you were brilliant! Rachel would like to thank the Science Department for supporting St Thomas and Chaplaincy with resources - we are stronger together.

SJH Big Knit:

The SJH Big Knit - there is still time to donate poppies for our November display. There is a prize for the person who knits the most. Thank you for all the donations so far!

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Feast Day:

Saint John Houghton Feast Day 25th October 2023 - please put this date in your diary and take time to pray and give thanks. A good way to start is to simply say, 'Lord, what will you do with my heart?' Wear your best uniform with pride on this day and give thanks for Catholic Education.

SJH Advent Angels:

Can we support you please? SJH Advent Angels have started to shop and prepare gift bags and a hamper to support the Christmas season. Would you like a gift? Please contact Rose@sjh.srscmat.co.uk if you or a friend or neighbour would like a little bit of support.

The Beauvale Society:

Please can you support The Beauvale Society by joining their Junior Membership? Please pay £2.00 cash and receive a membership card, two newsletters a year and a Christmas Card. We would really appreciate this support. Please see Rachel at break time or lunch time or email her rose@sjh.srscmat.co.uk for more information.

Bereavement Retreat – Thursday 23 November 2023:

During the month of November, we honour and remember our dead friends and relatives. Here in Saint John Houghton, we offer a morning retreat on Thursday 23 November 2023 for the students who have lost a parent through death in school. I will run this retreat in school, and it will not be a sad morning or a morning of sharing personal stories; it is an opportunity for the staff to say to your child, "We know, we have not forgotten, and we care. We cannot talk to you every day about the death of your parent, but we can show you how much we care by offering this morning retreat".

The retreat will end with lunch, provided by school and then your child will be expected to return to afternoon lessons, however, if you feel they could do with time in the afternoon I am happy to support them for the whole day.

If you would like your child to attend this retreat, please complete the below link by Friday 10 November 2023:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=OFYclXnjhUaRUhyDCcoxaR0PTVJ5WJFAqh9xDDsN_9ZUOVRFTUdMNUtKV1M0TUdLNVRPSjRRN0VFMS4u

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Chaplaincy:

Saint Anne's Knitting Group:



All most welcome! We meet in Ilkeston Catholic Church House every Monday 7.00pm – 9.00pm. Bring your own project or join us in making a Santa Hat or simply for refreshments and conversation.

All welcome to learn a new skill or pick up your yarn again.



St Anne's Knitting Group will be ideal if you are working on your Duke of Edinburgh Award or Faith In Action Award. We are visiting Clumber Park this Saturday and delivering some knitted poppies for their display, and we have adopted a Dog's Rescue Kennel and have donated some knitted blankets to keep the rescue dogs cosy this Autumn. Above is a 'Jessie Shawlett' and we will be making a 'Sophie Shawl' and bobble hats before Christmas – why not give a friend a knitted Christmas Gift or even pop along to make a pom pom.

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Chaplaincy:

Last week in HU2 we looked at 'stress buckets' and listed items like: homework, crowded corridors, tests, arguments. this week in HU2 we discussed : Top Tips to support good mental health from: Nikolay, Teresa, Francesca, Kayla, Isabella, Summer, Danielle, Ella, Isla, Evie-May, Amelia-May, Weluci , Jasmine, Eilie, Maisie, Wooley, Ashlie, Grace, Alicia, Ronnie and Antonina. Morning routine, make your bed, healthy food, a good balanced diet, set revision or homework plan, be a friend, exercise, join a club, volunteer, talk to an adult you trust, keep a journal, join a library, read a book, get a dog (!!)

Next week we will look at the 30 Day Wellbeing Challenge and have some Mindfulness Art ready with some background music. All welcome with The Oasis Team 23-24 to support.

Date for Sharewear Collection: Thursday 26th October 2023

If you would like Rachel to take any items for the Agenda at the Beauvale Society meeting on 25th October 23 please email her asap.

LOST PROPERTY: Team Chaplaincy will be in HU2 with lost property next week, please claim your belongings. Recycle, reuse and reduce. We still have very good 2nd hand uniform to give to a good home, please contact Rachel before you buy.

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.



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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	Rosie H	Evan D	Joseph F	Macy P	Isabel B	Mila D
Year 8	Lilah S	Isaac T	Thomas G	Jayden H	Lily P	Aaron E
Year 9	Emily-Jayne W	Evie H	Jamie M	Grace B	John G	Sophie L
Year 10	Hin Y	Rebecca J	Rebecca J	Amber W	Fifi HW	Oliver L
Year 11	Ezra H	Callum C	Miranda H	Jack B	Amelia E	Lucy M

	Computing & Business	Music	French	Spanish	PE & Health and Social Care	Design
Year 7	Brandon S	Kacie-Leigh A	Maisie W	Amelia C	Rosa S-S	Remy K
Year 8	Ava L	Lois-Skye J	Alfie S	Kyrillos A	Joseph A	Isacc T
Year 9	Danielle M	Evie H	Summer P	Ethan G	Violet R	Abigail H
Year 10	Amelia L Business – Eliza F iMedia – Ben K	Daisy S	Liberty M	Joseph P	Joanne S SS – Lexie Mae H GCSE - Oliver E H&S care – Chloe Mae G	DT – Alfie L Engineering – Sean O'S Food – Archie H Art – Oliver A & Alfie B
Year 11	Will S Business – Harry S imedia - Briony H	Isabelle A	Erin L	Seth W	Julia J GCSE – Leo F	Engineering – Noah L Food – Libby W Art – Olivia O & Georgia G

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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:

Evie-Mae M & Sonny L for their superb support in Act of Worship to year 7's.

Year 8 – Ms Andrews:

Kornelia O for kindness to others.

Year 9 – Mr Thomson:

Casey E for excellent work and an excellent start to the new academic year.

Year 10 – Mr Ritchie:

Cherish R for an excellent attitude to learning and being one of the highest positive point scorers in the year group.

Year 11 – Mrs Smith:

Miranda H and Ezra H for their ongoing battle to be top of the positives.....this week Miranda is on top with 48 points!!!! Both should be proud of being the top two students in the whole school too! Keep it up - what great role models for our younger students.

The Saint John Houghton Award:

Weluchi O in year 9 has been nominated by staff for this week's St John Houghton Award, she has been nominated for the compassion she shows to others and for guarding her faith.

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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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