



**St Ralph
Sherwin**
Catholic Multi Academy Trust

SJH Newsletter

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27 October 2023



Headteacher's Introduction

Dear Parents and Carers, hello and welcome to the latest and last version of our new look newsletter for what has been a really successful (and long!) half term for our school. I sincerely hope that all of us can rest and recuperate over the next week and take some time with our first families to do the things we love to do outside of our school. There certainly has been a feeling of needing to 'get over the line' this week and we are finally there.

Last Friday was a particularly difficult day, as roads near school were closing around us. We made the call to close just an hour early, but to give our students and staff the opportunity to get home an hour early, and most importantly of course, safely. Thank you for your support and please be assured

Important upcoming dates

30 October – 3 November 2023 – Half term break

that we give very careful thought and consideration to these decisions. We hope that giving the students the opportunity to use their mobile phone was helpful for your own communication. To see how the school site was affected, please do have a look at page 2 of the newsletter.

A link to our parent survey was emailed yesterday. Please do complete the survey for each child you have in school. The survey can also be accessed by clicking here:

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

Please do enjoy the half term break and we look forward to seeing our students at 08:45 on Monday 6 November 2023.

Garde ta foi! Guard your faith!

Mr Brogan
Headteacher

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Flooding at school:



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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

Headlice:

We have had a report of headlice in school, we kindly ask that parents/carers check their children's hair on a regular basis

Attendance reward:

The rewards you could receive for having amazing attendance:

End of term certificate for attendance above 95%

Each term, every student with attendance above 95% will have their name put into a lucky draw for the chance to win a £20 voucher of their choice.

One student from each year.

Attendance will be considered between 6 Nov - 15 Dec 2023



Excellent English Revision Attendance:

We have started revising for the English GCSE exam this term and the following students have attended 6 or 7 sessions this term. Their dedication and hard work will show itself in the final exam.

Amelia B, Amelia E, Aoife B, Ellie C, Isabelle P, Ivan T, James P, Lucy H, Lucy M, Matthew S, Millie-May D, Mya C, Niamh C, Scarlett M, Adam B, Amelia T, Simdi O, Gabriel M, Georgia G, Holly R, Isabelle R, Jack B, Kallie H, Lance V, Leo F, Libby W & Maxwell W.

The revision session is open to all Year 11s and runs on Teams each week from 5.30pm to 6.30pm.

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Year 7 Boy's Football:

The Year 7 Boys Football team played their 3rd fixture against Long Eaton School in the County Cup on Thursday. On a muddy wet pitch, both teams started well trying to play possession football and creating some good chances. However, Saint John went behind in the 15th minute and conceded 3 further goals on quick succession. The half ended on a high though with goals from Felix H and Finn L closing the scores.

The second half saw Saint John carry on creating chances but despite a goal from Alex H, the team lost 6 - 3 at full time.

All the players worked hard for the whole game and player of the match goes to Oscar R for his tireless efforts on the right wing

Mr Warden

Act of Worship:

Here in SJH we love to invite past pupils to lead our Acts of Worship. Thanks to Liam Drake who came into school to deliver an Act of Worship. Liam works for the FA and is the Talent Inclusion Lead for Para Football. He spoke about working with various England football teams and players with disabilities. He focused on the importance of setting yourself high standards and reminded us all to be kind. The speech was both motivational and inspirational and I hope we can get Liam in again soon to speak to other year groups.

Mr Thomson



Overdue school lunch accounts:

As we come to the end of this half term, please can we ask that parents/carers check their children's lunch money accounts and ensure that they are in credit, even if they have not had any school lunches recently.

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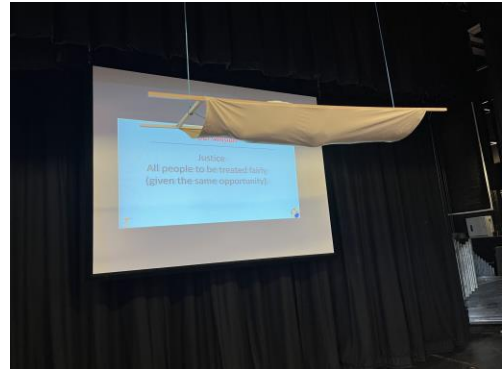
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Chaplaincy:

SJH Feast Day:

On 25th October 2023 we gathered to celebrate our school Feast Day. Mr Brogan bought treats for each Tutor Group, Rachel, our School Chaplain, led our Acts of Worship and Mr Hall and the Sound and Light Crew went the extra mile to bring our Gospel alive. Why not read Mark 2 1:12 and reflect upon the friends ripping the roof off and ask yourself who can you bring to God today?



Beauvale Pilgrimage:

The confirmed date for the Beauvale Pilgrimage is Sunday 5 May 2024, further information to follow.

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SJH Coffee morning:

With thanks to all our parents and parishioners who braved the rain to join us for our Friends of SJH Coffee Morning. We enjoyed cakes made by Team Chaplaincy and had the opportunity to reflect on teamwork and friendship.



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 Rrose@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_9ZUOVRFTUdMNUtKV1M0TUdLNVRPSjRRNOVFMS4u

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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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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>

Link to School Calendar: <https://www.stjohnhoughtonilkeston.srscmat.co.uk/news/calendar/>

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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