



**St Ralph
Sherwin**
Catholic Multi Academy Trust

SJH Newsletter

Compassion – Aspiration – Respect – Excellence – Determination – Faithfulness – Optimism – Reconciliation
1 December 2023



Headteacher's Introduction

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another week, I hope you are well.

Today, Friday 1 December, we celebrate the Feast Day of Saint Ralph Sherwin, a holy priest and martyr, who is the patron of our Multi Academy Trust, 25 schools across Derbyshire (and a couple of other counties). It is a day to remember the power of working in collaboration with others and to celebrate the support we receive from our Trust. There will be various activities in school throughout the day, celebrating the work we do together.

On Wednesday, we held our Year 10 Parents' Evening. It was an incredibly positive evening and there were so

Important upcoming dates

13 December 2023 – Year 11 GCSE

Accelerating Progress evening

22 December 2023 – School closing at 1.30pm

many smiles on display and it was an extremely positive evening for all who attended. They are 'shaping up' very nicely as a year group!

In collaboration with Derbyshire County Council, our catering providers, we have made some arrangements to try to prevent accounts going into arrears. I wrote to the parents of children entitled to free school meals earlier this week. All other students will only be allowed to go into arrears to the maximum value of one meal with effect from Monday 4 December. This will hopefully ease the pressure placed on parents by overspends. Please check your child's account regularly and ensure there are sufficient funds in place if your child will be eating in the Dining Hall.

Garde ta foi! Guard your faith!

Mr Brogan Headteacher

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School vacancies:

We are currently recruiting for a part time and a full time Teaching Assistant, please click on the link below for further details:

Part Time Teaching Assistant role:

<https://www.srscmat.co.uk/work-with-us/vacancies-single/?Category=Teaching%2520Assistant&Advert=jyKg%2B%2BOeJFdFXKoR3Vqtcw%3D%3D&Region=SaintJohnHoughtonCatholicVoluntaryAcademy>

Full Time Teaching Assistant role:

<https://www.srscmat.co.uk/work-with-us/vacancies-single/?Category=Teaching%2520Assistant&Advert=PPlzHgdlSKRFXKoR3Vqtcw%3D%3D&Region=SaintJohnHoughtonCatholicVoluntaryAcademy>

Number 11 bus users:

Kirk Hallam Community Academy are finishing for the Christmas holidays on Friday 15 December 2023, therefore the Number 11 bus will not be running week commencing Monday 18 December 2023, students who use this bus service will need to make alternative arrangement, we apologise for any inconvenience caused.

Early closure on last day of term – Friday 22 December 2023:

School will be closing at 1.30pm on the last day of term, the school buses have been informed and will collect students at this time.

School uniform reminder:

Students are only permitted to wear a grey v neck jumper under their blazer if they wish to, sweatshirts or jumpers of any other colour are not permitted.

Year 8 Boys Football:

Kirk Hallam 2 - Saint John Houghton 8

The ever improving Year 8 Boys team travelled to Kirk Hallam on a freezing evening in the Erewash Schools League. After a strong start, the Saint John team scored first through Thomas G. The chances kept coming and Thomas doubled the lead before Kirk Hallam got a goal back. The Saint John team then sprung into a strong response and scored 6 without reply including a great header from a corner. Special mention to Thomas G who scored 6 of the goals and to the squad players who contributed from the bench.

Goals: Thomas G 6, Finlay P 2

Team: George Q, Joseph R, Owen D, William J, Conor C, Alfie S, Ryan P, Zain A-J, Cameron A, Finlay P, Llyod B, Jordan T, Matthew M, Aaron V, Riley L & Toluwanimi O

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Careers update:

Toyota apprenticeship opportunities closing next week

Please see attached information received from Toyota:

Applications for our September 2024 production and maintenance apprenticeships will be closing **next week**. This is an exceptional opportunity for any current Year 11 students who are interested in apprenticeships.

Please could you encourage all students with incomplete applications to complete the form before Monday 4th December.

To find out more or to apply, please visit [TOYOTA Apprenticeships \(toyotauk.com\)](https://toyotauk.com). **Closing date for applications is Monday 4th December 2023.**

If you have any further questions, please contact recruitment@toyotauk.com and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

M & S opportunities

M&S have launched their Early Careers programmes for 2024.

These include a School Leaver Programme and a Graduate Programme. To find out more about these programmes including how to apply please visit - [Early Careers :: M&S Careers \(marksandspencer.com\)](https://marksandspencer.com)

B_line Card:

**DEALS, FIELDS,
ONE FOR THE REELS**

Get your free b_line card and start life on the bus for just £1.50* across Derbyshire.



Funded by
UK Government



*11-18s only. T&Cs apply.

Do you want to meet up with friends, get to the gym or to a part time job for as little as £1.50? If so, the b_line card is for you!

b_line is a travel discount card for any young person aged 11 to 18 living in Derbyshire. It allows travel on buses in Derby and Derbyshire for just £1.50*, and you can also travel to nearby towns and cities such as Burton on Trent, Manchester, Sheffield, and Nottingham, if the journey is direct and starts or finishes in Derbyshire. Sounds great right!?

Getting the bus means you're not relying on a lift from friends and family, will be cheaper than taxis; and it will get you further much further than walking or cycling.

To travel for £1.50, just show your b_line card to the driver or tap the smartcard reader when you board the bus.

Apply for your b_line card for free at blinecard.co.uk. Once your application is received you should receive your card in 7-10 working days.

Don't wait, apply for your b_line card today to start life on the bus - Blinecard.co.uk

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CERN trip:

On the 23 October 2023, 33 students and 4 staff from Saint John Houghton had the adventure of a lifetime by travelling to Geneva, Switzerland as part of a science trip with the intention of going to CERN.

On the first day we saw the sights of Geneva; we visited the natural science museum to look at the species of animals from around the world, and spent the afternoon at Saint Pierre's Cathedral. Here some students took time out to reflect while others took the opportunity to climb the towers and see the wonderful views across Geneva lake and to look at the mountains. The students were fascinated.

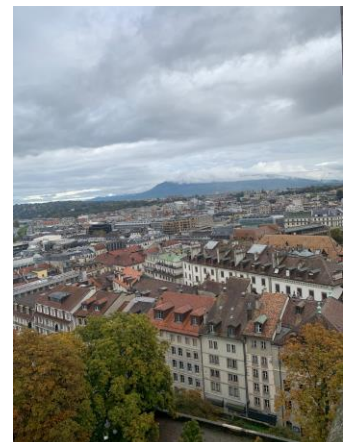
The second day was our big day – we went to CERN! During the summer of 2023 CERN has moved all of their public interactions into a new building so we had the morning as free time looking around all the new exhibits. These were interactive and the students thoroughly enjoyed playing table tennis with protons, using magnets and working as a group to make their ball move around the circle and using the VR headsets to explore. They also learnt just how large the underground parts of CERN are, their favourite part was trying to get two protons to collide to make a Higgs boson. It was a brilliant morning! We then had lunch at CERN before being given a tour of a number of the CERN sites; we even crossed the border into France to see Alice! We all had a brilliant time! We then went for a group meal out together where the students couldn't stop talking about what they'd done that day.

Our final day was spent on Geneva lake. We had a boat trip on the lake to see various sites including the Jet d'Eau and many other sites. The students enjoyed having a bit of chill time where they just had to listen.

One student sat drawing what she could see around the lake, what a lovely relaxing way to end our trip.

We all had a brilliant time (despite the weather) and all of the students said how much they loved being able to go to CERN and in particular being some of the first people to see inside the new public buildings!

Miss Turgoose

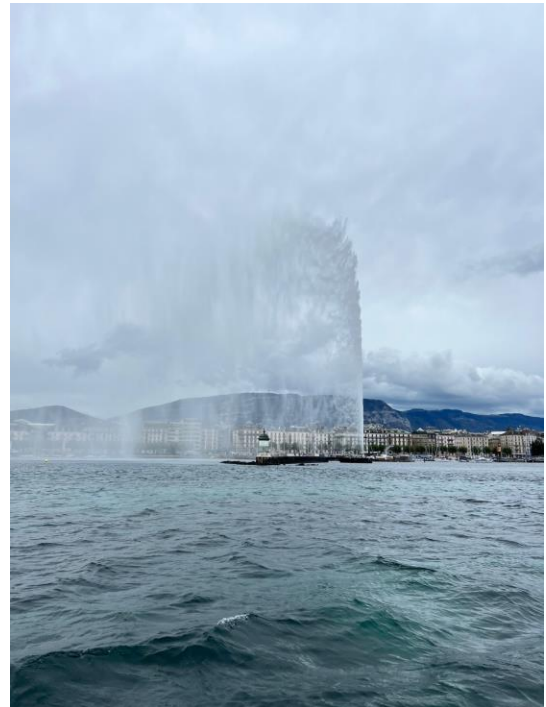


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Good Food Show NEC:

It was great to have the opportunity to take Year 10 and 11 GCSE Food and Nutrition students to the BBC Good food show in Birmingham.

They had a fantastic foodie day out, complete with demos, shopping, recipe inspiration, interviews, tasting opportunities and celebrity appearances.

Including:

The Hairy Bikers

Nadiya Hussain

Michel Roux

James Martin

Jane Dunn of Jane Patisserie

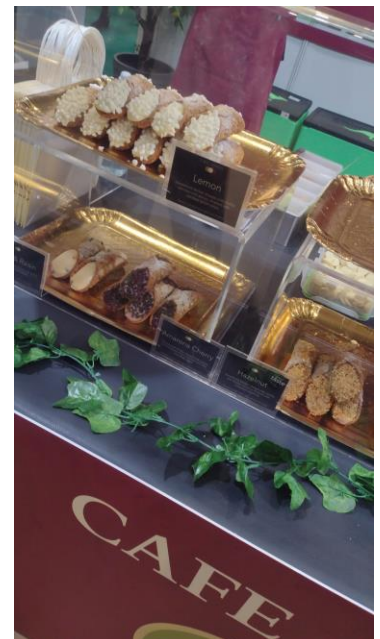
Paul Ainsworth

Gennaro Contaldo

Greg Rutherford

An all-round great experience that gave them inspiration, ideas and knowledge as they move forward with their studies.

Mrs J Drury



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Year 7 Disco – Thursday 14 December 2023:

Tickets can be bought from Mrs Smith or pay on the door:

 Saint John Houghton
Catholic Voluntary Academy
PTA

Year 7 PTA
Christmas Disco.

Tickets £3 sold by
Mrs Smith
Tuck Shop available
from 50p to £1.

Thursday 14
December 2023
6pm–8pm

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Chaplaincy:

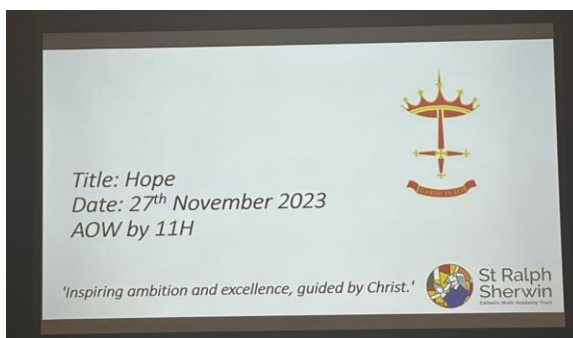
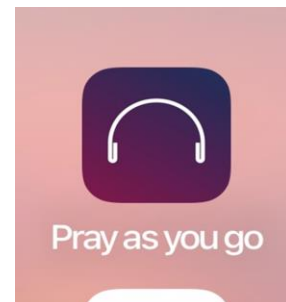
With thanks to the students in SJH who will go the extra mile on their faith journey!

A special shout out to Charlie B who is leading the way supporting our Friends of SJH Coffee Morning and will be in Advent Celebration. The SJH staff were informed that Charlie had also gone the extra mile putting service before self in the local community. Great work Charlie.

Well done and thank you for your service. These students will lead us in our Daily Prayers next week.



Here at SJH many staff use the App, 'Pray as you go.' We are delighted to see some of our students have started this good routine. Why not join us and let Rachel know how you get on.



Thank you to Tutors and students for leading and delivering our Acts of Worship. Parents, please know you are welcome to join us in prayer – just send Rachel or the Tutor an email for more information.

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Chaplaincy:

With thanks to Miss Bywater's mum for supporting us with 'Care Angels, and Mrs Adams support we are hoping to make Year 7 2024 an Angel each to take their worries away. More hats to 'Help the Aged' from St Anne's Knitting Group – all welcome and keep a look out for the new pattern to join us at home and in the parish.



Every Department is working hard on our Advent Celebration on 15th December. Please join us on December 15th 2.15pm!



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Chaplaincy:

The word of the Week is KINGDOM. Everyone is welcome and everyone is loved.

I would like to thank SJH for allowing me the time to attend a workshop with Mr David Wells. Here in SJH we know we see charity at work when a busy member of staff stops and talks to a student, when we see a student giving up their lunch hour to join CAFOD Club, when Miss Stevenson works above and beyond to create our background props for our Advent Celebration so others may encounter the Christ Child. We know we can give love because God loved us first and the workshop with David Wells shared putting (CST) Catholic Social Teaching into action and we know our parents and carers deserve a 'thank you' and a special acknowledgement for the partnering you do at home – thank you. Rachel

Thank you Briars Team.

Rachel met with the SRSCMAT Chaplains on Tuesday at Briars.

Please do look into staying over at The Saints Meadow, simply go to NDCYS website or ask Rachel for details – the luxury cabins are a wonderful treat for any family to have a restful break and your support would be greatly appreciated.

Year 11 – as we said on our Daily Prayers this week – start thinking and praying now if you are being called to spend a year on Team at Briars or a Gap Year with CAFOD and talk to Rachel about a way forward.

Lourdes 2024 – Rachel is collecting names for this pilgrimage. Please email ASAP if you are interested.

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

26th January 2024

11.30am-12.30am

This is taking place at Saint John Houghton Catholic Academy, Abbot

Road, Kirk Hallam, Ilkeston DE7 4HX

Contact – schooloffice@sjh.srscmat.co.uk



Advent:



Christmas Celebration of the Word in SJH.

15th December 2023

2.20pm

Please join us on 15th December 2023 at 2.20pm in SJH School Hall.

SJH Choir will lead us in Carols.

Students and staff will share a reflection on Matthew 2 1-12

Please join us for refreshments after the Celebration.

All Welcome.

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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.

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Maths	Matilda H	Chevin G	Sophie A	Paul R	Desiree H-S
English	James E	Charlie B	Jack B	Lydia D	Aoife B
Science	Nataniel S	Elsie-Mae M	Summer P	Olivia B	Sophie S
Religious Education	Fraser H-G	Jordan T	Amy-May H	Ayooluwa E-A	Scarlett M
Geography	Jemima A	Natasha G	Archie S	Jack W	Thomas F
History	Joseph F	Justin P	Ethan G	Wiktoria P	Daniel H
Computing & Business	Coleena S-S	Owen D	Miley S	Dominic M Business: Ravio K IMedia: Harry G	Billy T Business: Taylor S IMedia: Archie C
Music	Grace R	Amelia S-J	Masie L	Lexie-Mae H	Isabelle A
French	Gabriella W	Evie B	Elena M	Casey M	Simdi O
Spanish	Victoria Z	Jasmine T	Rosemary S	Emily H	Ellie T
PE & Health and Social Care	Jenson D	Robyn R	Oliver J	Core PE – Olivia S Sports Studies: David O GCSE: Oliver E H&S care: Olivia S	Core PE - Tania K GCSE: Amelia E
Design	Sebastian D	Jennifer M	Farren S	DT: Brooke C Engineering: Finley H Food: Oliver H Art: Evie W	Engineering: Harry A Food: William S Art: Mason S

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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:

Lucienne A for her continued excellence in lessons.

Year 8 – Ms Andrews:

Chelsi C for showing resilience and courage this week.

Year 9 – Mr Thomson:

Lexie C for an excellent attitude to learning.

Year 10 – Mr Ritchie:

Billie S for having an excellent attitude to learning across all subjects.

Year 11 – Mrs Smith:

Logan G for achieving 6 positives this week - a new personal record. Keep up the fab work!!!

The Saint John Houghton Awards:

Elena T in year 11 has been nominated by staff for this week's St John Houghton Award, she has been nominated for her compassion for others and determination to succeed.

Jasmine T in year 8 has been nominated by staff for this week's St John Houghton Award, she has been nominated for her compassion for others for the support she has given to the charity Every One Eats, raising an amazing £270 for the charity.

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Other useful links:

Safeguarding concerns: please email safeguarding@sjh.srscmat.co.uk

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>

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

SJH School holiday dates and inset days 2023-2024

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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