



**St Ralph
Sherwin**
Catholic Multi Academy Trust

SJH Newsletter

Compassion – Aspiration – Respect – Excellence – Determination – Faithfulness – Optimism – Reconciliation
17 November 2023



Headteacher's Introduction

Hello to all of you and a very warm welcome to our latest edition of the Saint John Houghton Newsletter.

This week, our Year 11 students have been completing the first round of their Mock Examinations in RE, English, Maths and Science. They have been absolutely tremendous and have approached them with confidence and determination. We are incredibly proud of them and we have high hopes for them when it comes to the 'real thing' next year. They will sit a further round of Mocks in all subjects in February, before the official public examinations in May. Please continue to keep them in your thoughts and prayers in the coming weeks and months.

Important upcoming dates

29 November 2023 – Year 10 parents evening

13 December 2023 – Year 11 GCSE Accelerating Progress evening

Parents of students in most year groups will be receiving academic progress information in the coming weeks. This will be the first opportunity this year to 'see how your child is doing' and further information will be coming to you soon about this.

Finally, it is hard to believe that we are already past the half way point in November and are thinking about how we will prepare for Advent and following that period of preparation, Christmas. (I see there has been a noticeable change in the décor in the Supermarket!) However, there are still 5 weeks of school until then and it will be very much business as usual during this time. Have a lovely weekend, more next week.

Garde ta foi! Guard your faith!
Mr Brogan Headteacher

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Walking home from school and keeping safe:

We have been made aware that there has been a man approaching children outside Ilkeston school which the police are investigating. We would like to remind parent/carers as the days are getting shorter, please talk to your child about being vigilant if they walk home from school. We always advise them to stick to well lit areas, walk in groups and have their phones with them.

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=aW3iaakHjNdfXKoR3Vqtcw%3D%3D&Region=SaintJohnHoughtonCatholicVoluntaryAcademy>

Cleaner vacancies:

Cleaning vacancy #1
DE7 4HX

Monday to Friday

15.30-18.00

Monthly pay, £10.42 per hr

Experience preferred.

Contact via email only.

Phil.hunt@vertas.co.uk

Cleaning vacancy #2
DE7 4HX

Monday to Friday

15.30-17.30

Monthly pay, £10.42 per hr

Experience preferred.

Contact via email only.

Phil.hunt@vertas.co.uk

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



School uniform reminder:

School uniform socks must be black, white socks are not permitted. White sports socks may only be worn for PE lessons.

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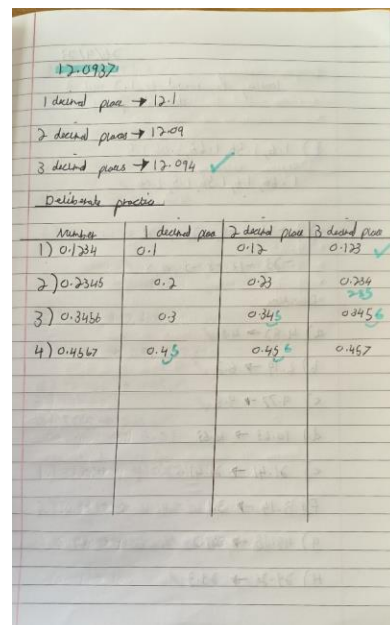
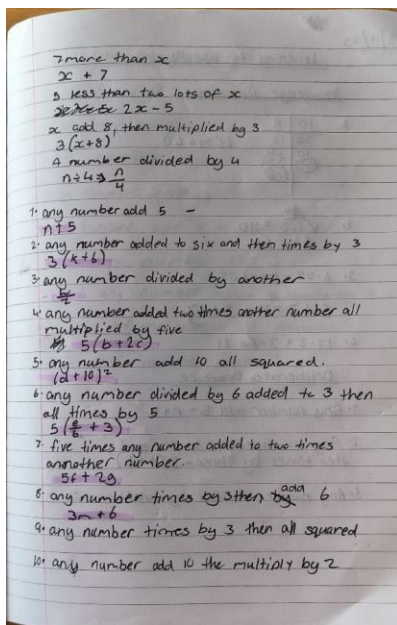


Maths Department News

Our students have been getting stuck in with some great Maths over the last 10 weeks. Let's delve further into what they've been doing...

Year 7

The enthusiasm that Year 7 students have displayed since arriving at SJH has been wonderful! Students began the year working on negative numbers, before moving on to explore decimals in detail. Since then, students have dived into special numbers, such as triangular and prime numbers, and then began learning the 'language of algebra'. We've spent many hours 'translating' from English to algebra with great effect!



Year 8

Year 8 have done some hugely practical Maths so far this year. Beginning with standard form, and seeing how we can write very large, and very small numbers, students have since gone on to explore rounding, estimation and errors. Since, students have looked at ways we can display data and work out averages – extremely helpful for the 'real-world'.

Year 9

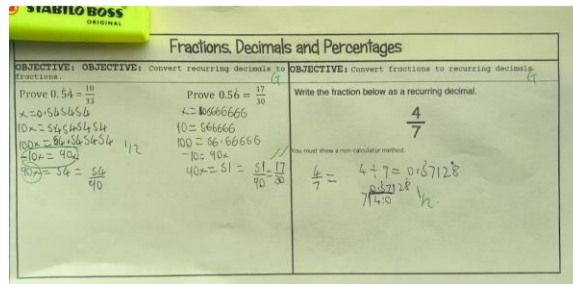
Year 9 continue their GCSE preparation with algebra heavy topics, including simultaneous equations, re-arranging formulas and graphing work. Soon, students will be looking at proportion and then trigonometry once more, as we continue to get our students ready to smash their GCSE's.

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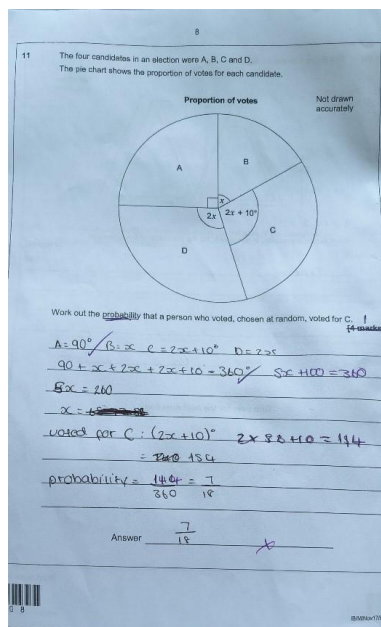
Year 10

Our foundation students in Year 10 have been revisiting their knowledge of number, including order of operations, use of a calculator and indices, as well as more recently reviewing linear graphs and types of sequence. Higher students have started the year with brand new topics, including surds and rationalising denominators.



Year 11

Year 11 continue their preparation for summer exams. Teaching continues to vary based upon the requirements of students and the class more generally, whilst homework continues to be past papers. These papers are crucial to help get students exam ready! We are enjoying seeing our Year 11 students afterschool on Monday's for their extra revision sessions, which are proving extremely helpful. We also have some students completing their Further Maths qualification. Well done to everyone who is staying after school!



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Careers update:

Open Evenings

Year 11, please continue to check your leaflet which provides dates for local college Open Days/Evenings. There are many happening around this time. The more you visit, the more of an idea you will have about what you want to do.

ASK Apprenticeships webinars

ASK Apprenticeships are delivering a range of webinars during National Apprenticeship Week 5-10th February 2024. Events are free for you to register and you will hear from ASK ambassadors, Employers and Apprentices as well as T-Level webinars.

View the whole collection here:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/naw-2024-the-ask-programme-550109>

Post - 16 opportunity - Born to perform - Level 3 Extended Diploma in Performing Arts

Opportunity for your students beginning in September 2024 - New fully funded Level 3 Extended Diploma in Performing Arts.

Course Highlights:

- **SL Level 3 Extended Diploma:** This program offers a Level 3 qualification, carrying up to 144 UCAS points, providing your students with a valuable pathway to further education.

Industry Pro Teachers: Our dedicated faculty consists of experienced professionals from the performing arts industry, ensuring top-notch education and mentorship for your students.

Work Experience: We strongly believe in hands-on learning. Our students will have the opportunity to gain real-world experience through work placements, helping them prepare for their future careers.

620+ Guided Learning Hours: We are committed to delivering comprehensive training. Your students will receive over 620 guided learning hours throughout the course.

Business & Enrichment Program: In addition to performing arts training, we offer a robust business and enrichment program to equip students with valuable life skills and industry insights.

Syllabus Includes: Commercial, Hip Hop, Ballet, Tap, Jazz, Contemporary, Musical Theatre, Acting

If you have any questions or would like to learn more about this exciting opportunity, please feel free to reach out to us at info@btstudios.co.uk.

Instagram link: @btpc_de21

Free RAF virtual event

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Chaplaincy:

Faith in Action Award

17 Nottingham Road, Ilkeston DE7 5RF, Catholic Church Ilkeston.

We will gather in the house and meet in the 'living room'.

Wednesday: 22nd November 23, 6th December 23, 17th January 24,
31st January 24,

Time: 7.00pm – 8.30pm

You deserve time to 'Rest in the Lord'

School Chaplain, Rachel, (St Thomas, Priory, SJH) will lead this National Award Scheme. You will be served refreshments and valued.

This opportunity is full of wonder and is ideal if you are new to faith, simply searching or fully committed to making the word a better place. Please email Rose@sjh.srscmat.co.uk if you require more information. It is helpful if you book in, but you are welcome to just arrive – and bring a friend.



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 1st
December 2023 & 26th January 2024

11.30am-12.30am

This is taking place at Saint John Houghton Catholic Academy, Abbot
Road, Kirk Hallam, Ilkeston DE7 4HX

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Chaplaincy:

Dear Parents and Carers,
I have included a copy of a notice sent to all staff in SJH this week to give you a taste of how life rolls in our wonderful school. You will notice that we are open to conversation, that we are blessed with staff who go above and beyond and that we all keep Christ at the Centre of what we do. If you would like to join the Faith in Action Award 'Round 2' please see the poster for details. It could be just what you need and you deserve time to 'Rest in the Lord'.

Thank you,
Rachel

G.I.F.T. - Growing In Faith Together.

Dear Staff,
I hope you have had a good start to the Advent Term. Where does the time go? I spoke to you in September about leading the GIFT Team and here we are in November but this is no bad thing because we have already Grown in Faith Together by simply being in Catholic Education – so thank you very much for all you do.

G.I.F.T next steps

As your Tutor Groups form Team Chaplaincy for SJH it is only right that you, as Tutors, are also given some support and advice.
Please meet in the Chapel and I will prepare the refreshments.

My hopes:

I hope that being on the GIFT Team you will get to know other staff in SJH outside your department. I would appreciate the time with you. In September 2024 three different Tutors from your Year Group will be in the GIFT Team and I hope it is a way I can protect and value the Catholic Culture in SJH. You will be presented with a GIFT Certificate and a badge – I hope when the pupils see staff wear 'Season of Advent' badges etc it will encourage them to value their own roles in school. I really believe small gatherings make a huge impact.

I value coffee and conversation and I hope you would feel this time is a gift and not a burden.
Thank you for your time reading this.

What can go wrong? If it doesn't work we will stop, or change.
If you can't make a meeting or you forget – that's life.

It will not matter. BUT

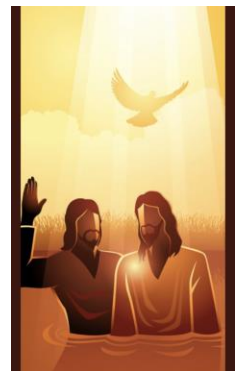
It could be just what you need.

It could be the time you surprise yourself and look forward to.

It could help your future self in your career in SRSCMAT.

We can leave the rest with God and expect miracles.

Love, Rachel



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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	Angel C	Matilda G	Edward S	Robyn R	Chloe C
English	Joseph F	Ava J	Orla B	Evie W	Ethan H
Science	Eva P	Ava F	Joshua R	Joanne S	James P
Religious Education	Zach I	Charlie B	Harry W	Rhodina K	Marcus C
Geography	Ava-May H	Lloyd B	Bethany D-R	Fifi H-W	Niamh C
History	Grace J	Lois-Skye J	Kayla N	Niamh W	Lucy M
Computing & Business	Arlo C	Jordan T	Sebastian F	William S Business: Emelia T I Media: Scarlett M	Alan S Business: Tania K I Media: Casper F
Music	Brandon S	Millie W	Nancy W	Eleanor A	Julia J
French	Jeejesh D	Finlay L	Oliver J	Olivia D	Isabelle A
Spanish	Aleksandra S	Lilah S	Jamie M	Honey E	Isabelle P
PE & Health and Social Care	Megan H	Joseph A	Emily-Jayne W	Sports Studies: Ava L GCSE: Amy Q & Naimh W H&S care: Chloe-Mae G	GCSE: Paige G
Design	Isabel B	Owen D	Max P	DT: Alfie L Engineering: Esmee G Food: Charlee B Art: Nathanael W	Engineering: Binaru G-H Food: Jersey D Art: Millie-May D

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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:

Joshua A for looking out for other students around school.

Year 8 – Ms Andrews:

Amelia S-J for a great start to the half term.

Year 9 – Mr Thomson:

William H and Caoimhe C for an excellent attitude towards their studies.

Year 10 – Mr Ritchie:

Billy S for having an excellent attitude to learning and being the highest positive point scorer in Year 10 this week.

Year 11 – Mrs Smith:

Libby W for consistently trying her best and showing determination.

The Saint John Houghton Award:

Francesca M in year 11 has been nominated by staff for this week's St John Houghton Award, she has been nominated for her dedication to her studies and determination to succeed.

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Parkside High Community Activities



Parkside High Community Activities

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>COMING SOON!</p> <p>Youth Hangout Cotmanhay Pavilion Cotmanhay</p> <p>Ages 11 - 16 Years</p>	<p>Girls Football Rutland Sports Park Ilkeston</p> <p>4:30 - 5:30pm Ages 8 - 12 Years</p> <p><i>Our sports coaches provide fun football activities and games to young girls.</i></p> 	<p>Youth Fitness The POD Ilkeston</p> <p>4:30 - 5:30pm Ages 14 - 21 Years £4 per person</p> <p><i>Circuit & fitness sessions designed by a qualified Personal Trainer. Have fun and get fit!</i></p> <p>HIIT CAMP</p>	<p>StreetSide Performing Arts The POD Ilkeston</p> <p>4pm - 5:30pm Ages 8 - 14 Years £4 per person</p> <p><i>Indoor space for those with an interest in music, drama & performing arts.</i></p> <p>STREETSIDE</p>	<p>Friday Football Rutland Sports Park Ilkeston 6 - 7pm</p> <p><i>An informal kickabout session on the astro turf!</i></p> <p>In partnership with Erewash Borough Council</p> 




“ COME & GET INVOLVED... ”

If you would like any information on any Parkside High activities, please get in touch with one of the team:
info@parksidehigh.co.uk



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2.30pm & 7.30pm

Christ Church Hall,
Vicarage Street, Ilkeston
DE7 8QL



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Other useful links:

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

Homework : <https://www.stjohnhoughtonilkeston.srscmat.co.uk/curriculum/home-work/>

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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