



**St Ralph
Sherwin**
Catholic Multi Academy Trust

SJH Newsletter

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24 November 2023



Headteacher's Introduction

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the latest edition of our newsletter and thank you for reading! I hope the latest 'bumper' edition provides you with a little more insight into what has been happening in our school and is informative and interesting.

A few things from me. Firstly, I have been extremely explicit with the staff of our school over the past few weeks regarding parental communication and contact. We operate a '48-hour acknowledgement system' in school and we expect all issues to be at least acknowledged within two business days (excluding weekends). Please be aware that we do not expect staff to address issues and concerns outside of our

Important upcoming dates
29 November 2023 – Year 10 parents evening
13 December 2023 – Year 11 GCSE Accelerating Progress evening

working day. Additional time may be needed to fully address your concerns and please be aware that many of us in school have teaching loads and work several weeks in advance in our calendars.

Secondly, I'd like to extend my thanks to the staff who have given up their time in recent weeks to accompany our students on trips and visits. In recent weeks, we have had a trip to CERN in Switzerland, The Good Food Show and Six the Musical (both yesterday) and in the coming weeks Year 7 will be visiting the Briars. These experiences are not possible without the dedication and the commitment of our staff body. We are also, in our own unique 'Saint John Houghton way,' getting ready for the celebration of Christmas.

Have a great weekend.

Garde ta foi! Guard your faith!

Mr Brogan Headteacher

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School vacancy:

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

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

Medication in school:

Due to Health and Safety reasons we will no longer be holding medication in school for students unless there are exceptional circumstances they are needed in school. This will be look at on a case-by-case 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



PE Notice

Please be aware that students are NOT permitted to wear sliders or crocs for a PE lesson. All students must have a pair of trainers for every PE lesson. If a student is representing the school and requires to get changed at lunch, they must bring a pair of trainers NOT sliders or crocs - This is not school uniform. The usual consequence will be issued if students are found to be wearing sliders or crocs.

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Under 16 Girls Football - It's 8 for SJH!

On Monday 20 November 2023, the under 16 girls football team faced Kirk Hallam away in the County Cup. SJH set up a 3-5-2 formation, and this worked a treat. Kirk Hallam couldn't get through the midfield triangle. A special mention to Elena T, who played a vital role in midfield. She made multiple interceptions to create chances in front of goal for Miranda H and Ruby C. A special mention to Isabelle R for being aggressive on the right wing and driving the ball forward for the team, and also grabbing herself a couple of goals. A special mention to Miranda H, she was unbelievable in front of goal, pressing high, snatching the ball from the KH defence and grabbing herself a few goals. SJH managed to put away 8 goals. Goal scorers being: Miranda H, Isabelle R, Isabelle P, and Ruby-Mae W. SJH battled for 60 minutes against an aggressive KH side, here's to the next round of the county cup!

Year 8 Boys Football:

After beating Ratcliffe College in round 1, the Year 8 boys Football team faced John Port in the second round on Wednesday evening. On muddy wet pitch, the two teams played out an exciting game in which a last minute winner saw John Port emerge as winners.

Saint John started strongly and took two leads before going into half time 4-2 down. A strong second half saw the score levelled before the team exchanging goals to go into the last minute at 6 apiece. John Port ended the hopes of the team with a cruel goal right at the death.

Well done to all the boys who played their hearts out throughout the game in tricky conditions.

Team – Thomas G, Ryan P, Cameron A, Alfie S, Connor C, Aaron E, Riley G, Aaron V, William J, Owen D, Zain J, Matthew M, Emil W, Jordan T, Finley M, Lloyd B & George Q
Goal scorers: Alfie S - 1, Conor C - 1, Thomas G - 4.

Year 7 Boys Football:

The Year 7 Boys went to Kirk Hallam on Thursday night for the big derby game. Stakes were high, neither side wanting to lose. Saint John started on the front foot and it was only down to some great goalkeeping that the boys were kept abay. Kirk Hallam took a shock lead after ten minutes and then proceeded to barricade their goal against constant attacks. However, the efforts paid off and the equaliser game just before half time. Vincent L-W scored a worldie strike early into the second half which settled the team and eventually the boys stretched their lead to reach a 5 - 1 victory.

Team: Jack W, Jacob R, Alex H, Felix H, Seb D, Finn L, George A, Oscar R, Vincent L-W, Lucas L, Ernest Y, Frasier H-G, Brandon S and Tom C

Goals: Felix H, Vincent L-W, Frasier H-G

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Y11 Maths Revision

A reminder that we have Maths GCSE revision sessions for Y11 students running every Monday, with Mrs Ellis, Ms Smith, Miss Garrod and Mr Burns. Students will be guided to the correct sessions to support them in their progress. We strongly encourage attendance for all students to support them with their revision and progress this year. Sessions run from 15.30 - 16.15 up in the Maths rooms (M1 - M4).

A number of Year 11 students were disappointed to miss out on ordering a revision guide recently. Though we cannot currently re-offer this, students can still purchase a copy on Amazon.

Higher: <https://tinyurl.com/yc8fez95>

Foundation: <https://tinyurl.com/jhhjy2a5>

Calculators

We continue to have a number of students who do not have a calculator, or suitable calculator, as part of their equipment. As a required piece of equipment, students need to be bringing in a scientific calculator with them each day.


We recommend the following: <https://tinyurl.com/36c4eaf2>

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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:

SJH Chaplain was delighted to accept the invitation to lead a workshop on Bereavement for St Thomas Aquinas CMAT on 17.11.23



Thank you!

I began the day with pray in their beautiful Chapel.



Pupils from St Thomas Aquinas CMAT greeted us with refreshments and shared their musical talents – well done and thank you to all involved. What a great start to the day.

With more thanks to Fr David Cain and Mr Shannon who began the INSET day with prayer and reflection and introduced our theme: 'Schools with a Catholic heart.'



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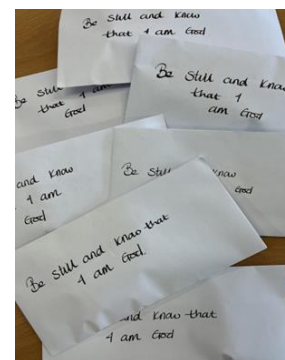
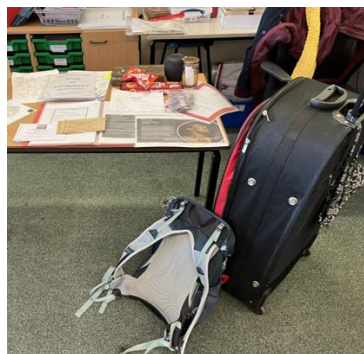
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Bereavement in a Catholic School:

Staff were able to choose their workshops, 'Bereavement in a Catholic School', hit high numbers with 38 and 17 in each workshop – showing we really need time to talk and reflect on life and death and finding the best ways to support each other in times of grieving.



Grieving can be like carrying a heavy suitcase, other days it can be a backpack and others a light purse, but we all carry this weight after suffering a loss. I covered how to set a Bereavement Table, the importance of listening, suggested books to share and resources to support staff and how to lead, plan and deliver a Bereavement mass and Service for our Dead. All were given inspirational Scripture, a picture and a fairtrade chocolate to leave my workshop with. Although this was a 'heavy' topic, it was a very positive and enjoyable day because it was well planned, received well and we all want the very best for the young people we serve. Thanks be go God. Rachel Rose.

G.I.F.T

With thanks to the SJH Staff who have joined the G.I.F.T. Group. We are committed to growing in faith together, to supporting one another and to grow in a deeper understanding of the Teams our young people get involved in – we also have some fun along the way and accept the opportunity to Rest in the Lord. With special thanks to Miss Cook, Miss Garrod and Mrs McMyllor. This week we met in our Chapel, enjoyed refreshments, accepted our badges and know we are on a mission with Christ to make the world a little bit more of a better place. We chose a 'home' so to decorate with scripture etc to remind us we are One World – and The Common Good.



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The Big SJH Knit:



With sincere thanks to all who made a poppy for our display. The Big SJH Knit was a great success with hundreds of poppies being donated. A special acknowledgement to Pheobe, Ava and Oliver who made over a total of 190 together! Please can everyone who made a poppy meet Rachel in the Chapel at 10.15pm – 10.30am on Thursday 30th November 2023 for a Poppy Celebration – Rachel will serve you refreshments and give you all positive points...even if Grandma or your Parish made a poppy on your behalf just let Rachel know, by 27.11.23, so she can cater for all.



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Advent:

On behalf of the school community Rachel would like to thank the following students who have volunteered their service this Advent: SJH SoundCrew, The 3 Wise Men, Donald, Ethan, Blake, Jack and Sonny. The Crowd: Arlo, Amelia, Dominika, Betsy, Isabella, Maisie, Ava-May, Ava, Lucy, Matilda, Lucie, Jack, Callam, Connor, Shalma, Geavanah, Ella, Lilah, Kornelia, Maggie and Matilda. Sophie, Milke and Simdi, our School Captains, will be leading the way. More thanks to the Science Department who will be the 'Shining Star' and to Miss Stevenson for working so hard on crops. The Choir are sounding like angels and the English Department are looking for Camels. We are blessed to have a great Geography Department who can lead us safely home. Staff and Oasis Team will be serving refreshments and we are collecting raffle prizes for our Student Voice School Charity.



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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Beauvale Pilgrimage 2024

SJH accepted the challenge to raise awareness for this special Pilgrimage praying and talking about Beauvale Pilgrimage:

The Pilgrimage date is Sunday 5th May 2024.

There will be a Planning Meeting at Our Lady of Good Counsel on Tuesday 9th January 2024 at 7.30pm and the next AGM will be on Tuesday October 22nd at OLGC at 7.30pm.

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We said we would raise money for Beauvale Pilgrimage by running and walking in Pilgrimage Fashion with the courage to do what is right.

SJH Chaplain ran the Conwy Half at the weekend – more preparation for the Edinburgh Full in May.



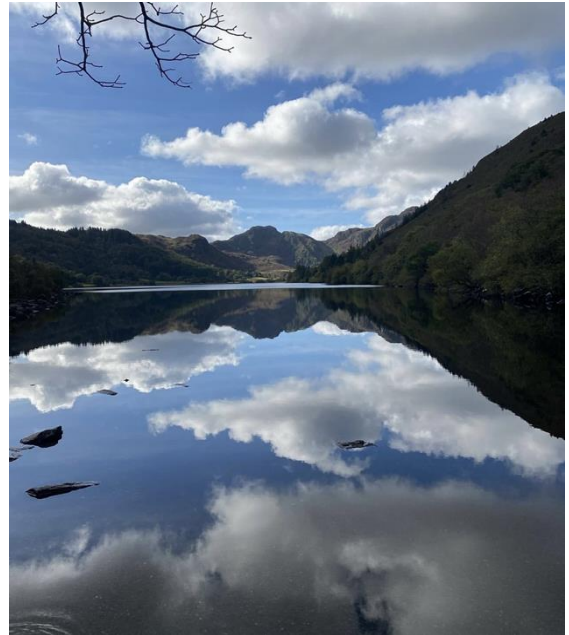
You can donate cash to The Beauvale Society by handing money in an envelope marked 'For Beauvale' we are in the process of setting up a 'Just Giving Page' and you can support with prayers and by joining The Beauvale Junior Membership Society. £2.00 cash for a membership card, 2 newsletters a year and a Christmas Card – please join.

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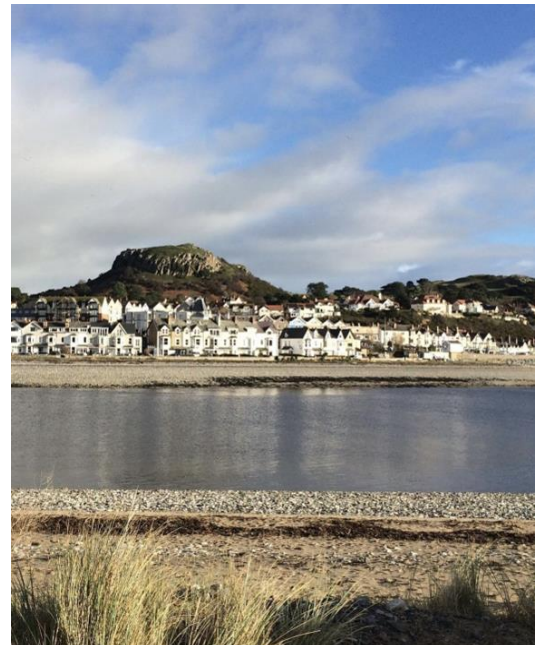


Scripture Competition.

Simply add a fitting piece of Scripture to these images and see them in print. Closing date Friday 8th December 2023.



Add a piece of Scripture to the images below please.



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Two pupils from each Tutor Group gathered on Monday to pray for World Peace. SJH Chaplain led 9S in a Tutor Act of Worship on Wednesday. You are welcome to add your prayers to ours, simply email rose@sjh.srscmat.co.uk, or leave an intention in Reception and we will add it to our Globe Display.



St Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham, lit in red to acknowledge and pray for Christians around the world who are being persecuted for their religious beliefs.



Please join us for coffee and conversation. SJH are 'Opening The Door' with a warm welcome to all. With thanks to Mrs Ashely and the English Department who are practising and collecting some of their favourite poems to share with you and Faith in Action pupils in Year 8 will serve you refreshments. No charge, just bring conversation...or a poem.

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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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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