



SJH Newsletter

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8 December 2023



Headteacher's Introduction

Dear Parents and Carers,
A very warm welcome to the latest edition of our Newsletter and thank you for taking the time to read the material and to keep up-to-date with what has been happening in our school and the important information contained in this Newsletter. It is our main form of weekly communication with you.

Yesterday evening, we celebrated our annual 'Celebration of Achievement' and we welcomed back the Class of 2023 for their awards evening here in school. It was so good to see so many familiar faces and to present them with their GCSE certificates. We are incredibly proud of their achievements, and it was terrific to see so many of them again.

Important upcoming dates

22 December 2023 – School closing at 1.30pm

At the other end of the 'Saint John Houghton Scale,' Year 7 have been visiting the Briars this week and we welcome the second group back to school this afternoon. By all accounts they have had a terrific week and have behaved beautifully, as we would expect!

Finally, we are well and truly in Advent now, the period of spiritual preparation for the season of Christmas. When this Newsletter arrives in your inbox, there will only be 10 school days until we break up for Christmas on Friday 22 December. For information about our Christmas Celebration of the Word on 15 December at 2:20pm, see page 7. It would be great if you could join us for this celebration.

With our very best wishes. More next week. Garde ta foi! Guard your faith!

Mr Brogan
Headteacher

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School dinner accounts:

We kindly ask that parents/carers check their child's school dinner accounts on a regular basis to ensure there are sufficient funds available to buy lunch so their accounts do not go into arrears. Students are only able to go into arrears to the value of one meal only.

Please see below link to apply for Free School Meals if any families are needing help with school meals as they may be eligible:

<https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/education/schools/your-child-at-school/meals/school-meals/free-school-meals.aspx>

School vacancies:

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

Full Time Teaching Assistant role:

<https://www.srscmat.co.uk/work-with-us/vacancies-single/?Category=Teaching%20Assistant&Advert=PPlzHgdISKRFXKoR3Vqtcw%3D%3D&Region=SaintJohnHoughtonCatholicVoluntaryAcademy>

Cover Supervisor:

<https://www.srscmat.co.uk/work-with-us/vacancies-single/?Category=Cover%20Supervisor&Advert=Fk2k1WnE81ZFXXKoR3Vqtcw%3D%3D&Region=SaintJohnHoughtonCatholicVoluntaryAcademy>

Confirmed Inset days for 2024-2025 school year

There has been a slight change to the inset days for the 2024-2025 school year, the confirmed inset days are:

Wednesday 4 September 2024

Friday 27 September 2024

Friday 29 November 2024 (changed from Friday 6 December 2024)

Monday 24 February 2025

Friday 4 July 2025

The 2024-2025 full term dates can be seen at the end of the newsletter.

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

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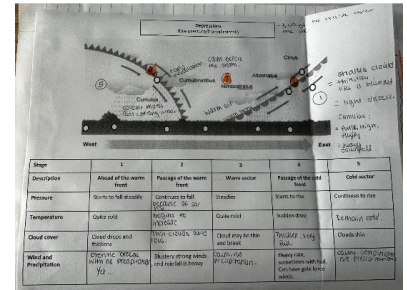
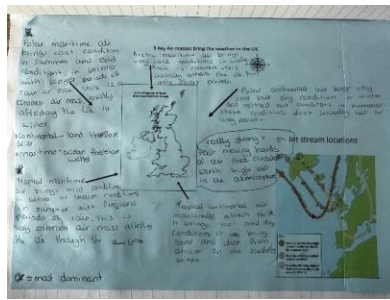
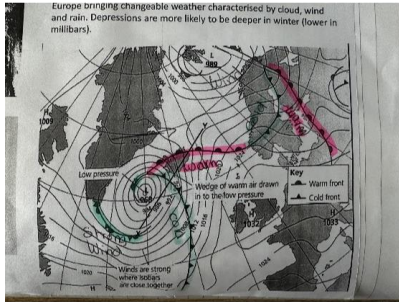
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World of weather....

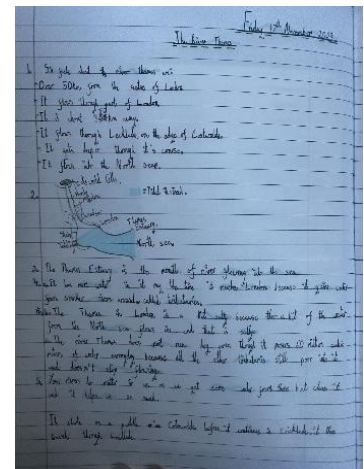
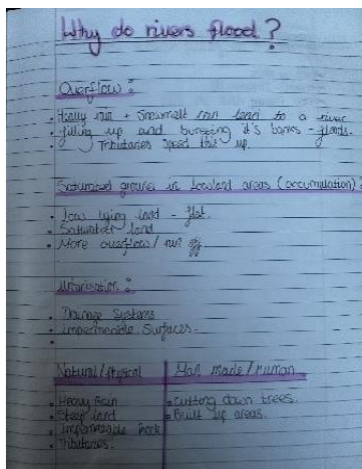
Year 10 & 11 have all recently started their weather and climate topics, which couldn't be more fitting given the extremely changeable conditions we have recently been experiencing across the UK. Below is a snapshot of what they have been learning about air pressure and weather systems that affect the UK.

Did you know....(Statistics from metoffice.co.uk)

- Temperatures for November were near average overall.
- Despite the wet first half of the month, rainfall totals were near average across much of England, Wales and eastern Scotland, although it was wetter than average for some southern counties.
- Overall, the UK received slightly above-average sunshine hours (112%), but with a variable pattern: west parts of Wales and south-west England (for example) were notably dull whereas for the bulk of the rest of England this was a fairly sunny month.



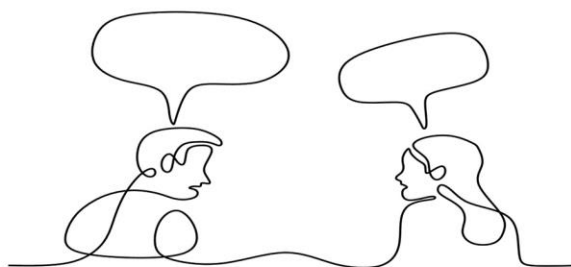
In Year 8 students have just recently completed a topic all about rivers and flooding. They were studying the impacts of flooding in lesson and real time when the school had to close early due to the adverse weather conditions and now have a very real appreciation for the challenges of changing our landscapes and the links this has to flooding. Sadly, we know some members of our school community were directly affected by the flooding and a thoughts and prayers are with them as they deal with the ongoing issues.





Mental Health Matters:

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Start the conversation.

**Drop – in sessions
Every Wednesday
12.30 – 1.10pm
Damascus**



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Careers update:

Labour Market Information:

During tutor time this week, students have been given information on LMI (Labour market Information). They heard about what it is, where to find it, and why it is important. LMI enables students to understand the current labour market locally and nationally which is crucial when choosing a job. As a follow up to this, if you have the opportunity, please visit the school website with your child and follow the links to the LMI tab on the careers page. Here, you will find links to LMI in Derbyshire/Nottinghamshire/Derby/Nottingham.

If your child is interested in an Apprenticeship...

We have received the following from ASK apprenticeships...

Do you want to know how you can help your child into an apprenticeship?

If the answer is YES, then come join our FREE seminar where ASK Ambassador will debunk myths and break down stigma surrounding Apprenticeships so that attendees leave with a greater understanding of the pathway and how to support your child onto the pathway of Apprenticeships.

The seminar will also cover an:

- Introduction to Apprenticeships - What an Apprenticeship is and how it can help your child
- Registration workshop – How your child can link & apply to current Apprenticeship offers through the GOV.UK website.
- Employability workshop – How you can help & guide your child into upskilling themselves ready for those application forms, interviews and Apprenticeships.

The seminar is delivered on behalf of the National Apprenticeship Service and the Department for Education. Attendees can expect an in-depth and insightful talk about the world of Apprenticeships.

Colleges/Sixth Forms:

Please continue to encourage your child to consult their list of local Open Days/Evenings for colleges and sixth forms and attend any that are of interest to them.

Rolls Royce Apprenticeships:


Rolls Royce apprenticeships applications are now live. Please see Mr Riley for further details.

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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:

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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Chaplaincy:

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

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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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First day of term – all years return to school	Thursday 5 September 2024
Inset Day	Friday 27 September 2024
October half term	Monday 28 October 2024 – Friday 1 November 2024
Trust Inset Day	Friday 29 November 2024
Christmas holidays	Monday 23 December 2024 – Friday 3 January 2025
February half term	Monday 17 – Friday 21 February 2025
Trust Inset Day	Monday 24 February 2025
Easter holidays	Monday 7 – Monday 21 April 2025
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