



**St Ralph  
Sherwin**  
Catholic Multi Academy Trust

# SJH Newsletter

Compassion – Aspiration – Respect – Excellence – Determination – Faithfulness – Optimism – Reconciliation  
Friday 2 February 2024



## Headteacher's Introduction

Dear Parents and Carers,

I think it is fair to say that we have required an abundance of optimism and determination to see January through! I always think this is the most difficult half term of the school, with the darkness and lack of excitement of Christmas, for example. There is no doubt that our young people are feeling this too. I wrote last week that Spring is 'just around the corner' and the winter sun filling the room I am in this morning as I write is a sure reminder of that. Hang in there!

I would like to sincerely thank each and every one of you as parents and carers who support us so willingly and recognise what we are trying to do for your child/children.

## Important upcoming dates

7 February 2024 – Year 8 parents evening  
2-16 February 2024 – Year 11 mock exams

Sometimes that is not easy, especially when you disagree with a decision that is made, or we have to 'hold the line.' I assure you that we do genuinely want what is best for your child.

Please keep Year 11 in your thoughts and prayers over the coming two weeks. They have their final set of Mock Exams and some of them really need the strength and courage to face what lies ahead. The pressure on them is tangible.

We look forward to seeing the parents of Year 8 in school next week for our Parents Evening, so that we are able to discuss their progress and achievements.

Hang in there! Spring is coming.

Garde ta Foi! Guard your Faith!

**Mr S Brogan** - Headteacher

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## School vacancies:

We are currently recruiting for a full time Science Teacher, please click on the link below for further details:

[https://www.srscmat.co.uk/work-with-us/vacancies-single/?Category=Teaching%2520\(Secondary\)&Advert=kgYcWQVYVGVFXXKoR3Vqtcw%3D%3D&Region=SaintJohnHoughtonCatholicVoluntaryAcademy](https://www.srscmat.co.uk/work-with-us/vacancies-single/?Category=Teaching%2520(Secondary)&Advert=kgYcWQVYVGVFXXKoR3Vqtcw%3D%3D&Region=SaintJohnHoughtonCatholicVoluntaryAcademy)

## Dove Confident Me programme:

Following participation in the Dove Confident Me programme, the students involved entered a poster competition, unfortunately we did not win, the competition was tough, however we were entered into a prize draw because we took part in the programme, and our school was picked at random to receive a bundle of self-esteem books.



## Games club:

The new models, paints and brushes have now arrived in school, so it is a great time to join the club and make some fresh models. Games club runs on Monday lunchtimes in M7.

## Year 11 photographs:

The year 11 photographs are now being given out to year 11 students; they can only be ordered online. The year 11 group photograph can also be viewed and ordered online, through the individual photograph reference number on the photograph proof.

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Year 7 Valentine disco – Tuesday 13 February 2024

## **Year 7 Valentine Disco**

**Tuesday**

**13th February 2024**

**6pm to 8pm**

**Ticket only**

**(no door sales)**

**Tickets sold by Mrs N Smith £3**

**Tuck Shop Available**

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## Careers update:

Year 11 - Please refer to registers this week. Each register pack contains a selection of flyers/prospectus' that we have received recently from local colleges about what they offer and their upcoming open days. Please continue to visit different colleges/sixth forms to ensure you are aware of all of your options. There is also a range of literature, including *The 2024 Apprenticeships guide*, in the Careers section in the school library.

## Juniper Training Open Day

**OPEN DAY**  
**DERBY**

Juniper  
TRAINING

TUESDAY 20TH FEBRUARY | 11AM-2PM

LOOKING FOR YOUR NEXT STEPS TOWARDS YOUR FUTURE ?

OUR PRE-APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMME IS FOR ANYONE WHO IS  
16-18 (UP TO 25 WITH AN EHCP)

PRE-APPRENTICESHIPS	APPRENTICESHIPS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• MATHS &amp; ENGLISH (up to GCSE)</li><li>• WORK SKILLS</li><li>• WORK EXPERIENCE</li><li>• CUSTOMER SERVICE</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• BUSINESS ADMIN</li><li>• CUSTOMER SERVICE</li><li>• RECRUITMENT</li><li>• EARLY YEARS &amp; MORE</li></ul>

YOUR FUTURE STARTS HERE.

TO ATTEND, CONTACT US TO CONFIRM YOUR ATTENDANCE  
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01332 224386 | 07960 858688

LOCATION:  
Juniper Training, Office 1-5, Ground Floor, Prosperity House, Gower Street, Derby, DE1 1SB

JuniperTraining.co.uk

## HSBC Apprenticeship opportunities

During National Apprenticeship week HSBC are inviting students and their parents or guardians to join them for an open evening to gain an insight into HSBC and to explore the opportunities to enter and build a career via their apprenticeship programmes.

HSBC will be hosting the following virtual event:

Thursday 8th February – 5.30 until 7pm.

Please register for the virtual event by clicking [here](#).



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## Apprenticeship opportunities at Eon

We have received the following information from Eon:

The following schemes are all available for a September 2024 start:

- Accountancy/Taxation Professional
- Quantity Surveyor
- Environmental Specialist
- Project Management
- Digital Technology
- Electro-mechanical Engineering

Undertaking a Degree Apprenticeship is a wonderful opportunity to earn while you learn, studying for a fully funded degree while gaining valuable work experience and skills. We understand that it is also a real transition and challenging, so it is important to know from the outset how they work, what support is available and what it takes to succeed.

**So, register and join us at one of our upcoming webinars where our team will explain in detail the apprenticeship experience, benefits, and growth opportunities, and answer any questions that you may have.**

Here are the dates and times:

Date	Day	Time	Registration Link
13/02/2024	Tuesday	12:15 - 13:00	<a href="#">Webinar Registration Link</a>
13/02/2024	Tuesday	13:00 - 13:45	<a href="#">Webinar Registration Link</a>
14/02/2024	Wednesday	18:00 - 18:45	<a href="#">Webinar Registration Link</a>
21/02/2024	Wednesday	18:00 - 18:45	<a href="#">Webinar Registration Link</a>

We are supporting some national broadcasts on behalf of the Department for Education and D2N2 Careers Hub during **National Apprenticeship Week** that you may be interested in joining too.

- Tuesday 06.02.2024 at 11:00 “[Meet the Employer- E.ON](#)”
- Wednesday 07.02.2023 at 11:00 “[Meet the Apprentice- E.ON](#)”
- Wednesday 07.02.2023 at 18:00 “[Let's Talk Apprenticeships](#)”

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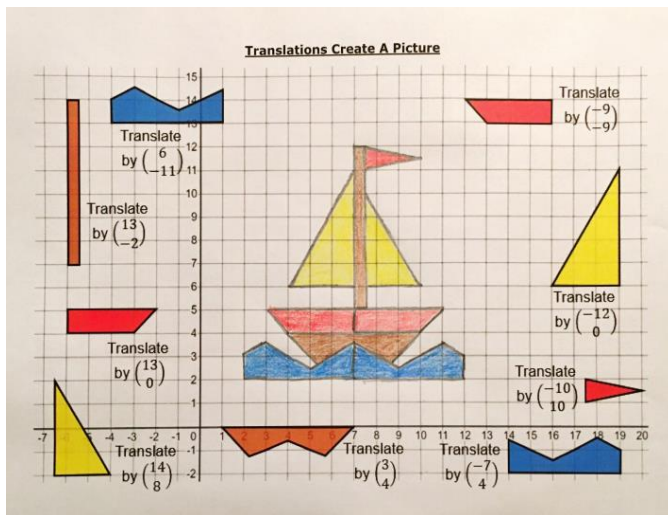
## New from the Maths Department

### Year 7

Year 7 have had a been working incredibly hard learning new concepts in Maths. They have studied their "Introduction to Algebra" topic; learning how to simplify like terms, substitute into algebraic expressions as well as expanding and factorising single brackets. They then completed a unit of work on Fractions and are now beginning their "Introduction to Probability" topic. All students at SJH support their work in school with using Sparx Maths for homework. A big shout out to 7M2 who gained the highest average XP for their Sparx Maths in the school last week!

### Year 8

Year 8 have had a challenging term studying Sequencing and linear graphing. This involved looking at various types of sequences including Fibonacci, plotting coordinates in 4 quadrants and drawing graphs in the form  $y=mx+c$ . They are now continuing their studies with the Transformation topic, this involves, rotation, reflection, translation and enlargement. Here is an example of the work they have been doing.



### Years 9 & 10

On the 31<sup>st</sup> January some of our most able students competed in the UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge. This is a 60 minute, 25 multiple choice Challenge. It encourages mathematical reasoning, precision of thought and fluency to make students think. The problems on the Intermediate Maths Challenge are designed to make students think.





## **New from the Maths Department continued.**

### **Year 11**

Year 11 are preparing to sit their mock exams. They are working incredibly hard, both in lessons and at home. They are given past papers to complete and encouraged to go through any questions they find more challenging with their Maths teacher, during after school revision or with Mrs Ellis on a Tuesday lunchtime in M2. They also have a revision check list with every Sparx video on there to help them with their preparation for their Exams. Please see a maths teacher or Mrs Ellis if you do not have the revision check list.

### **GCSE Revision**

Monday after school  
Foundation Ms Smith  
Higher Ms Garrod  
Further Maths Mrs Ellis

### **Sparx Maths**

Shout out to the following students who achieved a new XP level last week:

Student Name	XP Level	Class
Imogen K	2	8M/Ma1
Grace B	1	9X1/Ma
Nikolaos T	1	10Y3/Ma
Hugo M	1	9Y1/Ma
Lois-Skye J	1	8M/Ma4
David O	1	10Y1/Ma

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## Chaplaincy:

### Staff and Student Induction to the Catholic Life of the School

Our School Chaplain, Rachel, has been busy delivering Induction this week to staff and students. If you have wondered if you are making the Sign of the Cross correctly, why we say prayers and who Mary is then simply fix a date with Rachel who will be delighted to have a gentle conversation with you about the Catholic Mass and or just come and spend some time in our beautiful chapel.



## Prayer Intention

The newsletter is a great opportunity to remind you that we are in The Year of Prayer and we do gather and pray for each other, the community and the wider world. Please send us your prayer requests, we pray for good mental health, friendships, worries and give praise for the blessings we receive. Would you like to join Rachel in prayer?





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## Chaplaincy:

### Parish Ambassadors

Invitation: Here is a photograph of our beautiful church in Eastwood - isn't it full...we still have room for you and it would be great if you could just come along. If you are shy, just ask Rachel for a bit of support.



### Beauvale Pilgrimage

Please join us on May 5<sup>th</sup> 2024 for the outdoor mass in honour of the English Martyrs. SJH School Chaplain is running the Edinburgh Marathon to raise funds to support this special event. As the weather improves you will be invited to walk, run, jog and dance to support the training.

### Kindness Cards

With thanks to all who worked hard to bring a little bit of kindness to others in January. It is so important to teach others how to be kind - let us know how you get on showing kindness at home.



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## Chaplaincy:

### Sharewear

Thank you for the many donations to Sharewear which were delivered this week. Hat donations welcome! Shout out to Saint Anne's Knitting Group for all the support. Please chat to Mrs Adams and Rachel for more information.



### Chaplain's Lunch Time Clubs

Monday, Thursday and Friday In HU3  
We eat in the hall at 12.30-12.45.

All Welcome.

Come along and make a friend, enjoy a game and gain some positive points.



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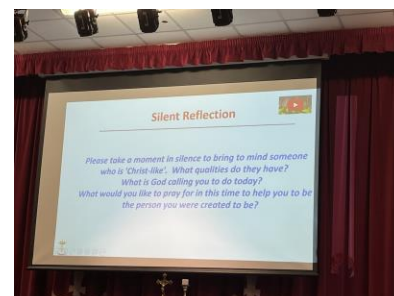
## Chaplaincy:

### Act of Worship in SJH

Staff and students in SJH gather and pray three times a day. Mr Brogan takes the time to be present and time is 'set apart' for prayer and worship. On behalf of the SJH community may I take this opportunity to thank our School Captains for leading us in our Act of Worship this week, we are blessed to have such excellent role models.

The Word of the Week has been Leadership.

The Word of the Week next week is: Diversity and we have the opportunity to celebrate our differences and respect the dignity and value of everyone.



### Faith in Action

Sincere congratulations to the families, staff, students and parishioners who have completed their Faith In Action Course. Good luck with your Final Piece and keep going with your service. It was a privilege to make a meal for all who attended the course. What an evening of good conversation, food and fun! God has been good to us.

Our former Head Boy and a member of the Oasis Team and Team Chaplain, now adults at work, with children themselves came along for the Faith in Action Course - it was my honour to prepare a meal for them in my home and to continue serving them. This is the Saint John Houghton Way.

Please pray for the staff and students who have signed up to be in Round 2 of the Faith in Action Award Scheme.



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## 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 **15<sup>th</sup> March**  
**2024 & 26<sup>th</sup> April 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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## 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
<b>Maths</b>	Sonny L	Evie B	Lena M	Olivia S	Lance V
<b>English</b>	Matthew S	Jordan T	Mary F	Charlee B	Georgina B
<b>Science</b>	Skye G	George Q	David B	Tia A	Miranda H
<b>Religious Education</b>	Coleena S-S	Toluwanimi O	Sam A	Joanne S	Aimee M
<b>Geography</b>	Harrison B	Abigail B	Ruby M	Olivia D	Jack B
<b>History</b>	Joshua M	Caleb Y	Tymoteusz G	Nikolaos T	Jorja-Louise R
<b>Computing &amp; Business</b>	Maisie J	Callum B	Nancy W	Lewis G Business: Annalie P IMedia: Maeden C	Binaru G-H Business: Toby G IMedia: Oliver W
<b>Music</b>	Jessica H	Bethany S	Isabelle O	Eleanor A	Jack P
<b>French</b>	Kadie T	William J	Julia H	Amy Q	Luciana N
<b>Spanish</b>	Santiago R	Grace Q	Sophia C	Jacob S	Elena T
<b>PE &amp; Health and Social Care</b>	Kaiya C	Cora G	Oliver J	Core PE – Daisy P Sports Studies: Layla C-F GCSE: Niamh W H&S care: Esmee G	Core PE – Imogen T GCSE: Ethan H
<b>Design</b>	Dominika P	Joseph R	Austin E	DT: Alfie L Engineering: Dhillon R Food: Ella M Art: Teresa W	Engineering: Francesca M Food: Libby W Art: Thomas N

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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:**

Jasmine H for her mature attitude towards her learning.

### **Year 8 – Ms Andrews:**

Ryan P for a good start back.

### **Year 9 – Mr Thomson:**

Caoimhe C for excellent work and attitude to learning.

### **Year 10 – Mr Ritchie:**

Layla-Grace C-F for a great start to SJH.

### **Year 11 – Mrs Smith:**

Mya C for her continued hard work in all areas.

## **The Saint John Houghton Award:**

George Q and Will J in year 8 have been nominated by staff for this week's St John Houghton Award, they have been nominated for their service to the school community. In their own time they recovered school footballs that were outside of school, cleaned them and returned them to school to be used by other students at breaks and lunchtimes.

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## Other useful links:

**Safeguarding concerns:** please email [safeguarding@sjh.srscmat.co.uk](mailto: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**

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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## SJH School holiday dates and inset days 2024-2025

<b>Inset Day</b>	<b>Wednesday 4 September 2024</b>
<b>First day of term – all years return to school</b>	<b>Thursday 5 September 2024</b>
<b>Inset Day</b>	<b>Friday 27 September 2024</b>
<b>October half term</b>	<b>Monday 28 October 2024 – Friday 1 November 2024</b>
<b>Trust Inset Day</b>	<b>Friday 29 November 2024</b>
<b>Christmas holidays</b>	<b>Monday 23 December 2024 – Friday 3 January 2025</b>
<b>February half term</b>	<b>Monday 17 – Friday 21 February 2025</b>
<b>Trust Inset Day</b>	<b>Monday 24 February 2025</b>
<b>Easter holidays</b>	<b>Monday 7 – Monday 21 April 2025</b>
<b>May half term</b>	<b>Monday 26 – Friday 30 May 2025</b>
<b>Inset Day</b>	<b>Friday 4 July 2025</b>
<b>Last day of term</b>	<b>Thursday 24 July 2025</b>

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