



**St Ralph
Sherwin**
Catholic Multi Academy Trust

SJH Newsletter

Compassion – Aspiration – Respect – Excellence – Determination – Faithfulness – Optimism – Reconciliation
Friday 26 January 2024



Headteacher's Introduction

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the latest addition of our newsletter.

On Wednesday evening we had the pleasure of holding our GCSE Acceleration evening for Year 11 students and parents, we feel it is a vital evening to help Year 11 with beginning to prepare for their GCSE exams. We had excellent attendance and feedback was extremely positive. A reminder to Year 11 that we are here to support them during this busy time!

Year 11 food and nutrition students also participated in their mock exams this week, all students worked exceptionally hard and the food they created was amazing.

Important upcoming dates

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

As part of our Personal, Social and Health Education curriculum, Year 7 took part in sessions regarding positive body image and self-esteem to help them be the person they were created to be.

Representatives from the Gideon Society were also in school this week to talk to year 7, they were all presented with the New Testament Psalms and Proverbs, we hope the students keep them safe.

We have held a further coffee morning today which all members of our school community are welcome to attend, we like to call this "coffee and conversation" please do come along if you are able. Further dates are detailed under the chaplaincy section.

We can feel the lighter mornings are on the way and spring is just around the corner!

Garde ta Foi! Guard your Faith!

Mr S Brogan - Headteacher

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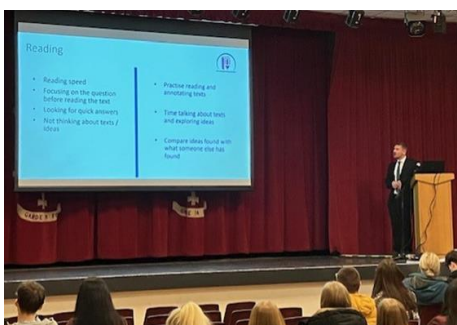
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Year 11 GCSE Acceleration Session:

Thursday 24th January was our annual Year 11 GCSE Revision Evening for Parents/Carers and students. A massive thank you to all the families that attended and the staff that held various workshops. All the core subjects were represented, Religious Education, Maths, English and Science. Packs of revision materials were also given to each student and three lucky winners won a 'Revision Stationary Pack' - Logan G, Libby W and Sienna L.

We were also joined by Derbyshire Health Nurses, Changing Lives Derbyshire Mental Health Team and 'WTF' = Why Talking Fixes. They were able to give practical hands on advice to both students and parents about supporting our young people though this challenging period of exams.



Maths Revision Websites for Year 11:

Following on from the GCSE Accelerated Learning evening, please see below the Maths revision websites for year 11:

<https://thirdspacelearning.com/secondary-resources/gcse-maths/>

<https://www.1stclassmaths.com/>

<https://sparxmaths.com/>

<https://corbettmaths.com/>

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Erewash District Sports Hall Athletics

We entered 4 teams in the Erewash Schools sports hall athletics events. This took place at Derby College. Everyone who took part had to do 2 field events and 3 track events. They were all fantastic. The results were as follows

Year 7 Boys – 3rd

Year 7 Girls – 3rd

Year 8 Boys – 2nd

Year 8 Girls – 1st

Year 8 girls will now go on to represent Erewash at the Derbyshire schools championships in March.

Well done to everyone who took part
Mrs Joslin & Mr Warden

Year 7 Girls team



Year 8 Girls team



Year 8 Boys team



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Derbyshire Schools Cross Country Championships 2024

On Saturday 20 January 2024 we had a number of students represent Erewash at the Derbyshire Schools cross country Championships, at Moorways, Derby. There are 10 areas across Derbyshire who all select the best 12 runners from their area. SJH runners were:

Year 7 girls – Lucienne A, Katelyn P, Megan H, Abigail W. The team finished in 3rd place

Year 7 boys – Seb R – The team finished in 2nd place

Year 8/9 boys – Luke C – Team finished in 1st place

Year 10/11 girls – Niamh W, Amy Q and Sasha F – Team finished in 2nd place

Well done to the all who took part

Mrs Joslin



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Erewash U12s Champions

Year 7 and 8 students represented the school in the U12s Erewash Girls Football Tournament at Kirk Hallam on Thursday.

SJH A - Won the tournament with 3 wins and a draw.

Mollie W, Amy-Leigh N, Matilda A, Kaiya C, Katelyn P, Isla T & Grace J

SJH B - Came second with 3 draws and a win.

Peyton W, Maggie L, Darcy W, Remy K, Gabriella W, Rosa S, Alura L & Matilda G

Every single student played brilliantly and showed great sportsmanship to all opponents. All students demonstrated great attitude and leadership on and off the pitch.

Well done SJH!

Miss Sanderson



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Chaplaincy:

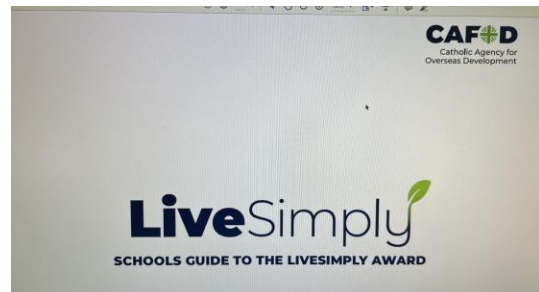
This photograph was taken by a student in Stapleford 5.00pm mass last Saturday and we light some candles for our school community at the foot of the Mary statue.



Team chaplaincy prepared this little focus for a Tutor Group Celebration of the Word to encourage all to care for The Word of God.



CAFOD Club



With thanks to all involved in CAFOD Club- lovely to see lots of compost bins in and around school offices. Support is ALWAYS welcome for CAFOD. The whole of SJH will be taking part in the Family Fast Day on Friday 1st March 2024.

Our next mass in school is on March 1st and this is a Year 8 mass. We have invited parish council members and will welcome Year 8 parents.

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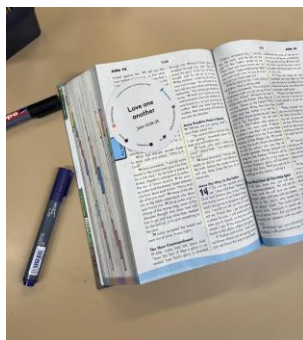
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Chaplaincy:

The Word of the Week is: Scripture. We have been sharing our favourite and inspirational collection of sacred writing that tell the story of God's love for humanity. SJH Team Chaplaincy are making certain all our Bibles are in good order and given the respect they deserve. Have you got a Bible at home? Fr Paul reminds us BIBLE could stand for Basic Information Before Leaving Earth! We have used our NDCYS Resource to plan a Scripture Relay for when we visit St Thomas Year 5 on 8th February 2024. If you are in Year 8 and a former St Thomas student, please email Rachel or pop in to see her at break time.



The Word of the Week next week is: Leadership and who better to lead our Acts of Worship and celebrate the Word than our School Captains!

Join Rachel at lunchtime on Monday, Wednesday and Friday in HU3



Well done and thank you Charlie M, Marcel W, Isabella T, Libby H and Ava M for your support on Thursday.

Catholic Life

Thank you: Reggie R, George M, Felix H, Brandon S, Valentina, Eva P and Maisie W for your support and care preparing the Altar wear.

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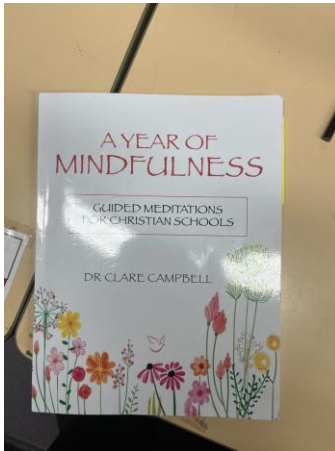
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Chaplaincy:

Charity - A work of hands

Dr Clare Campbell is a good friend and inspiration to our diocese, and I use her 'Mindfulness' book in small group work. Clare will work in Kenya over the May holiday, I will go to Care4Calis, and we will both be taking hand knitted hats - we will hand them over to the people who need them - the nights get very cold. Why not make a hat and leave it in Reception for Rachel and Clare?



On Thursday we gathered to reflect upon this image on The Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle and Rachel enjoyed spending time in our Damascus Center retelling the Scripture of the day: Acts 22:3-16 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?' We thought this image showed Paul reaching out to receive the Lord and we wondered about the last time we were amazed by God. Please continue the conversation at home.

Here in SJH we don't only focus on Scripture on a Feast Day. When we read, 'The parable of the Sower', this week from Mark 4:1-20 we noticed the first words Jesus said was 'Listen' and the last words he said was, 'Listen anyone who has ears to hear!' Please reflect upon what he might be trying to tell us here.



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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 **15th March**
2024 & 26th 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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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

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

Inset Day	Wednesday 4 September 2024
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
May half term	Monday 26 – Friday 30 May 2025
Inset Day	Friday 4 July 2025
Last day of term	Thursday 24 July 2025

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