



**St Ralph
Sherwin**
Catholic Multi Academy Trust

SJH Newsletter

Compassion – Aspiration – Respect – Excellence – Determination – Faithfulness – Optimism – Reconciliation
Friday 1 March 2024



Headteacher's Introduction

Dear Readers,

Welcome back to the latest edition of our newsletter and to school after the half term break. There are only 23 teaching days this half term, which makes it the shortest half term of the academic year.

Yesterday, I spoke to all students in school about some changes to our school routines and to be certain that there is clarity about the expectations we have of them. I am sure many of them will have come home and will have informed you about the new 'one-way' system among other things. As a staff we will be working on a 'Family Handbook' that will be shared with you in preparation for the next academic year.

Important upcoming dates

13 March 2024 - Year 11 parents evening

I want you as families to be clear about our expectations too!

Today is an important year in the calendar of our school. It is Nation Offer Day, when parents will find out if they have been successful in securing a place in our school for September 2024.

It is also CAFOD Fast Day, there are numerous activities taking place in school and please do use the link sent out yesterday to support the work of CAFOD if you are able to contribute. It really is a terrific charity that does some tremendous work.

Finally, huge thanks for the excellent, supportive turnout yesterday evening for our Year 9 options evening, thank you all for attend. It really is great to have such excellent parental support for our school and we are grateful for it!

Have a great weekend when it comes everyone and Garde ta Foi! Guard your Faith!

Mr S Brogan - Headteacher

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Important changes to Rewards and Consequences system in school:

Any students will be recorded as late to tutor unless they have a valid sticker in the diary from the school office. Late will be from 8.46am

There will be no late detentions at break. Any student late to tutor time will be added to the full lunch detention that day.

Students should be awarded a positive point for the following positive behaviours.

Verbal Contribution

Deeper thinking answers

Quality of Work/Achievement in lesson

Effort in lesson

Teachers will issue a maximum of 4 in a lesson

World Book Day for Year 7:

Year 7s it's time to celebrate World Book Day! On 7th March 2024 we would love you to dress as your favourite character from your favourite book! It is a competition and there will be prizes for the winner! There will also be challenges that week in English to complete, some competitions and hopefully some cakes for sale too so please bring a little bit of money with you.

Water bottles:

Please ensure that your child has a water bottle in school every day. There are various water refill stations around school so they can be topped up during the day.

PE Clubs this term:

Tuesday

All Years Netball club

Thursday

Year 7 and 8 Boys Football

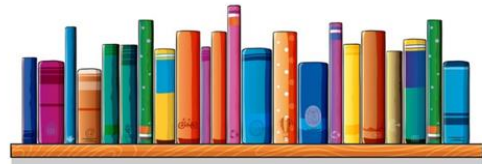
Friday

Year 11 Boys Basketball

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Reading at Saint John Houghton CVA



At SJH we firmly believe that 'A student who reads is a student who succeeds'. It is well evidenced that students who read regularly can increase their ability to achieve one GCSE grade higher than students who do not read regularly.

Reading increases student vocabulary, increases student understanding of people and place and improves the students' ability to infer meaning beyond the written word.

To support our students, we ask that they read regularly in tutor time. To help us in this activity we would like students to bring in a book every day to school. Many students do bring in a reading book from home however, a significant number do not. This lack of reading material can make it hard for students to join in with their peers when they are all reading and also means that they never become fully engaged in a text. Any type of book is good! Fiction or non-fiction can be brought into school.

We are happy to help any student who may struggle with this request as we have a well-stocked mini fiction library where books can be borrowed. If this would help please ask your child to talk to their tutor or you could contact school directly through schooloffice@sjh.srscmat.co.uk.

Termly reading recommendations are available on the school website and useful ideas for age appropriate books can also be found.

<https://www.stjohnhoughtonilkeston.srscmat.co.uk/students/reading/>

Thank you for your support with this initiative.

Football Result:

The Year 11 Boys went through to the Derbyshire County Football Cup semi-finals after a hard fought 3-1 win against West Park.

Saint John always had the edge and took the lead through a Jack B penalty. The lead was stretched further by a Logan G tap in. Jack B added a third after a cool finish following a long ball. West Park pulled one back with ten minutes to go but with Myles W outstanding in goal. The team will now play Wilsthorpe for a place in the final.

Well done to the following:

Myles W, Josh L, Seth W, Alfie C-F, Leo T, Logan G, Jack B, Bailey S, Toby G, Luca G-W, William W, Matthew H & Niall O'K

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Chaplaincy:

SJH was the first School to join partnership with the clothing charity Sharewear and we are still strong supporters!



Thank you for all the donations of good quality clothes!



Your donations are valued and given with love to those who need them at this time.



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Chaplaincy:

We take care to recycle, to reduce and reuse!



CAFOD Big Lent Walk:

Have you spotted our CAFOD Big Lent Walk Banner! ? With thanks to Mr Hall for his support. If you would like to take part in the CAFOD Big Lent Walk at home, with friends and family simply email Rachel the miles you walk and you can donate in SJH Reception or cash to your Tutor or Rachel and all money raised will go to CAFOD's Lent appeal 2024: rose@sjh.srscmat.co.uk Closing Date: Tuesday 26th March 2024.



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Chaplaincy:

Search for the Light Retreat:

Please ask Rachel to support you to attend 'Search for the Light', this is a wonderful opportunity for you! You will make friends, grow in faith, it will go towards your Faith in Action Award and inspire you to be part of the Briars Team when you are 18+.

The Catholic Diocese of
Nottingham

St Francis of Assisi Fund



**Search
FOR THE
Light**

RETREAT

28TH -31ST MARCH 2024

JOIN US AT THE BRIARS
FOR AN ADVENTURE
THROUGH HOLY WEEK!

Open to young people in years
10-13, a great chance to come to
the Briars with or without your
friends and to meet people just
like you on retreat!

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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**

Contact –
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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

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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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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