



SJH Newsletter

Compassion – Aspiration – Respect – Excellence – Determination – Faithfulness – Optimism – Reconciliation
Friday 15 March 2024



Headteacher's Introduction

Dear Readers,

Welcome to the latest edition of our newsletter and thank you for reading. We are now more than halfway through Lent and just 2 weeks away from the great liturgical season of Easter. This week, our Acts of Worship have focussed on sacrifice, and we have challenged our young people to reflect on the sacrifices they make and the sacrifices that are made for them.

On Wednesday, we held our final Parents' Evening for our Year 11 students. We are grateful to you all for giving time in your busy lives to discuss your child's progress for one final time before the last lap of their time with us.

Important upcoming dates

Easter holidays – 29 March to 12 April 2024
Year 7 parents evening – 24 April 2024 –
further info to follow

You will also see on page 2 that there will be a new pricing structure for school meals after the Easter holidays. We have tried to protect families as much as we could during these times of financial difficulty, but the rises are unfortunately inevitable and necessary. All of the information you need is on Page 2, so please do have a read and (forgive the pun!) digest the information. There are some useful documents sent to us by our catering providers, DCC. If you are experiencing financial difficulty, please do let us know via the usual channels, as there may be things we can do to help.

Finally, I was delighted to watch the Year 11 Boys football team reach the County Cup Final last night after a hard-fought and tightly-contested 2-0 win against a good Wilsthorpe side. Our boys played superbly and we look forward to supporting them in the final.

Garde ta Foi! Guard your Faith!
Mr S Brogan - Headteacher

School News



School meal's price increase from Monday 15 April 2024:

We have been able to keep the price of our school meals static over the past few years. Unfortunately, the current prices are no longer sustainable due to the increase in costs of ingredients, fuel and overheads. As a school we have been subsidising the increase to the costs, but we cannot continue to do this.

Therefore, from Monday 15 April 2024, the cost of school meal's will increase. The new price lists and options are available to view on our website using the link below:

<https://www.stjohnhoughtonilkeston.srscmat.co.uk/students/school-meals/>

Student's eligible for free school meals will have their allowance increased to £3.55 per day. Thank you for your understanding with this difficult decision we have had to make. Unfortunately, there really was no alternative.

Summer food menus:

The summer menu has now been updated, which starts after Easter – Monday 15 April 2024 - this can be viewed on our website will the below link:

<https://www.stjohnhoughtonilkeston.srscmat.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/19/2024/03/Catholic-Schools-Secondary-April-24-Oct-24-menu.pdf>

Parking near school:

We have received several complaints from our neighbours of cars blocking their driveways when picking up students after school. We kindly ask that driveways are not blocked and where possible arrange to pick students up a short walk away from school to avoid congestion.

We also ask that parents/carers do not park in the staff car park to pick up students at the end of the day, our school buses have struggled to turn into the car park due to excess cars.

Film Club:

Film club will be running on Friday lunchtimes from 12.35pm in Room E3.



News from the History department

Year 10: Moving away from our continental study of Germany and returning home, the Year 10s are studying the life and reign of Elizabeth I this side of the year. This will enlighten them about the struggles of a monarch of England the challenges she faced and the reason her reign is seen as a 'Golden Age' in English history.

Some key areas of focus so far!

- The early life and dangers faced by Elizabeth before her ascension to the throne.
- Elizabeth I and the challenges of her early years of reign
- The threats, plots and rebellion Elizabeth faced in her reign as Queen of England.





News from the History department

Year 11: Having completed power and people, the year 11s move into their final topic before their revision period. Focusing in on the Cold War, giving the students of year 11 a chance to learn some modern history that impacts them today! Covering the period of 1945 up until 1975, the cold war offers the students a look at how decisions made in their parents' lifetimes still have long lasting impact until this day.

Did you know:

- Space was an important arena for the Cold War and even led to the creation of NASA and the eventual moon landing in 1969.
- The cold war encompassed many different conflicts, from the Korean, Vietnam and Soviet war in Afghanistan.
- The fall of the Berlin wall marks the end of the Cold War and the end of Communism in eastern Europe.



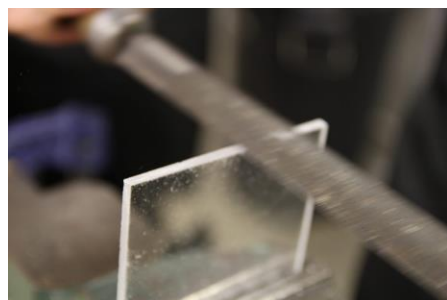


News from the DT Department

As we come to the end of our current design rotations in the next few weeks students have been busy finishing off their night light projects.

Slowly-slowly was the lesson when it comes to drilling through acrylic, too fast and the pressure along with heat from the drill causing the corners to break and many a student had the return to sand another piece smooth by learning this the hard way!

It was all about treats in cooking, cheese straws, fairy cakes and cookies were all ready to be collected by our young ambitious chefs - whether they survive the trip home or get eaten on the bus is a 50-50 bet!



School News



Chaplaincy:



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: rrose@sjh.srscmat.co.uk Closing Date: Tuesday 26th March 2024.

Supporting Beauvale Pilgrimage:

Here at SJH we are taking Pope Francis at his word, 'put your trainers on, have them laced up and be ready to go.' We live in a world where we need *Love in Action*, we need *Faith in Action* and SJH is bursting with powerful young people but the question is, 'Are you ready to meet the challenge?' We know Rachel, School Chaplain, is training for the Edinburgh Marathon to raise funds for the Beauvale Society and here's your opportunity to join in, be part of something bigger than yourself and be the change you want to see.

These opportunities are not led by SJH but they are an opportunity for your family to take the lead and join in and build community. (You must have an adult with you and you will not be the responsibility of SJH staff if you choose to join in with the following activity. Parishioners are also invited to support). Students doing their Faith in Action, DofE or in Team Chaplaincy, this is ideal for your service and building community.

Sunday 7th April 2024: After 11.00am Mass in Eastwood a Beauvale Coffee Morning. Please join us and if you can bring a cake or a raffle prize, even better!

Saturday 13th April 2024: Cheering Park Run. At West Park Leisure Center, we will gather at the START at 8.50am. If using SATNAV the postcode for West Park Leisure Centre is NG10 4AA

Saturday 20th April 2024: Meeting at the START in West Park Leisure Center at 8.50am to Walk Park Run.

Saturday 4th May 2024: Meeting at the START in West Park Leisure Center, at 8.50am to Jog Park Run.

Sunday 5th May 2024: Beauvale Pilgrimage

The Beauvale Society will meet at 7.30pm in Eastwood on Tuesday 9th April 2024 and Rachel would be delighted if a student could join her in this meeting. Please email Rachel if you are willing and available to support.

'Inspiring ambition and excellence, guided by Christ'

Telephone: 0115 9322896

email: schooloffice@sjh.srscmat.co.uk

School News



Chaplaincy:

Walsingham Pilgrimage:

Please can Rachel have 2 volunteers to attend the Walsingham Pilgrimage on Saturday June 15th 2024. The cost of the day will be covered by SJH. We will leave Ilkeston Catholic Church at 7.45am and return by 7.30pm. Your duty will be to carry our school banner, to represent SJH and this is an ideal opportunity if you intend to apply for School Captain, Prefect or would like an opportunity to put your faith and service into action. Please email rrose@sjh.srscmat.co.uk This Diocesan Pilgrimage is open to all and you can book a place on the coach. More details are in the Church newsletter or email Rachel for support.

Sacrament of Confession in SJH on Friday 22 March 2024 Time: 8.00am - 9.00am. Please book a place by emailing Rachel. All welcome. If you are not Catholic but would like to chat with Fr Paul then you are most welcome. This is a good opportunity in Lent to grow closer to God.

Search for the Light Retreat:

Dear Year 10 & 11,

Please do think about, pray about and GO on this Retreat at Briars. I am happy to support you with applying for funding. This is a wonderful opportunity. It is a great steppingstone if you would like to be on Team one day. Wouldn't that be something!

Love,

Rachel

The Catholic Diocese of Nottingham

St Francis of Assisi Fund

Search FOR THE Light
RETREAT

THE PEOPLE LIVING IN DARKNESS HAVE SEEN A GREAT LIGHT, OR THOSE LIVING IN THE LAND OF THE SHADOW OF DEATH A LIGHT HAS DAWNED

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!

FOR BOOKINGS CONTACT US:
ndcys.com
bookings@ndcys.com 01773 852044

ONLY £55 BURSARY AVAILABLE

'Inspiring ambition and excellence, guided by Christ'

Telephone: 0115 9322896

email: schooloffice@sjh.srscmat.co.uk

School News



School Cleaning Vacancy (3 positions available)

Monday to Friday 15.15-17.45

£10.42 per hour, paid monthly

Must be able to pass an enhanced DBS, paid for by the employer.

Would you like to work for a Company who are fanatical about engaging our colleagues, improving their wellbeing and developing their careers?

If the answer is yes to the previous questions, your new opportunity is awaiting you;

We're looking for a dedicated Cleaner who wants to make a difference and thrives in a challenging environment. This is a fantastic opportunity to extend your experience, or to kickstart your career with extensive training in order for you to achieve your career goals.

About us:

Vertas is one of the fastest growing multi-services facilities management companies in the UK.

Our passion is driven by putting our colleagues and customers at the heart of everything we do.

Values and Behaviours:

The Cleaner will have:

- Great customer service and communication skills.
- Passion for sustainability.
- A Team player providing an excellent service across the Vertas Group.
- The ability to make the best decisions with Vertas in mind.
- Listening and responding to colleagues, customers and suppliers to achieve the best outcome.
- The ability to adapt and respond to change in a growing organisation.

Main responsibilities include:

Cleaning the school to a high standard and following the company process, supporting you team in daily, weekly and periodic cleaning in school holidays as required.

Vertas is committed to safeguarding the welfare of children and the successful candidate will be required to apply for an Enhanced Disclosure from the Disclosure and Barring Service and declare any cautions, convictions, reprimands or final warnings which are not protected as defined by the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) Order 1975 (as amended in 2013).

Your Package:

- £10.42 per hour.
- Company pension scheme.
- Lifeworks Staff discount scheme.
- Job related training plus personal development opportunities.
- Mental Health First Aiders support.
- Employee Assistant Programme available 24/7.
- Virtual GP Facility.
- Smart Health Mental Health Support.
- Online health check and fitness programme.

'Inspiring ambition and excellence, guided by Christ'

Telephone: 0115 9322896

email: schooloffice@sjh.srscmat.co.uk

School News



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 April 2024

11.30am-12.30am

This is taking place at **Saint John
Houghton Catholic Academy, Abbot
Road, Kirk Hallam, Ilkeston DE7 4HX**

Contact –

schooloffice@sjh.srscmat.co.uk



**St Ralph
Sherwin**
Catholic Multi Academy Trust

'Inspiring ambition and excellence, guided by Christ'

Telephone: 0115 9322896

email: schooloffice@sjh.srscmat.co.uk

School News



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

| | |
|-------------------------|---|
| 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 |

'Inspiring ambition and excellence, guided by Christ'

Telephone: 0115 9322896

email: schooloffice@sjh.srscmat.co.uk

School News



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 |

'Inspiring ambition and excellence, guided by Christ'

Telephone: 0115 9322896

email: schooloffice@sjh.srscmat.co.uk