



**St Ralph
Sherwin**
Catholic Multi Academy Trust

SJH Newsletter

Compassion – Aspiration – Respect – Excellence – Determination – Faithfulness – Optimism – Reconciliation
Friday 16 February 2024



Headteacher's Introduction

Dear Readers,

Thank you for joining us once again for that latest version our Newsletter.

Congratulations to all of us for getting through the 'darkest' half term of the year and for your determination (one of our school virtues) in doing so.

Congratulations also to Year 11, who have now completed their final set of mock examinations. The next time they are in the Exam Hall, it will be the real thing. Eek!

We are now in Lent and the beginning of this period of the Church's year was marked in school on Wednesday this week with our annual Ash Wednesday Liturgy. This year, it was a simple, but beautiful and reflective service.

Important upcoming dates

19-23 February 2024 – Half term break

26 February 2024 – Inset day

29 February 2024 – Year 9 options evening

1 March 2024 – Year 8 Mass at 2.15pm

More than 650 students received ashes to mark the occasion, behaved beautifully during the liturgies, were prayerful, polite and respectful of our Catholic ethos. It was a very proud moment to be a part of and it filled me with hope. We must remind ourselves of the numerous positives in life sometimes.

I would like to take the opportunity to remind you that students will return on Tuesday 27 February, as the first day back is our Trust INSET Day where we will be focusing on the needs of our SEND students, a key priority for us in our own school this year.

Year 9 parents, please make yourselves available for the Options Evening on 29 February.

Wishing you all a peaceful and restful half term break and some quality time with your loved ones.

Garde ta Foi! Guard your Faith!

Mr S Brogan - Headteacher

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February half term holiday – Monday 19 to Friday 23 February 2024:

School will be closed Monday 19 to Friday 23 February 2024 for the half term holiday.

Inset Day – Monday 26 February 2024:

School will be closed to students on Monday 26 February 2024 and will reopen on Tuesday 27 February 2024.

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

Thank you from the PTA:

Thank you to all the year 7's who attended the valentine's disco, we hope they enjoyed it!

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.

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.

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School vacancies:

We are currently recruiting for the following vacancies to join our school, please click on the links for further information:

IT Apprentice:

<https://www.srscmat.co.uk/work-with-us/vacancies-single/?Category=Apprentice&Advert=a9saPKzXwthFXKoR3Vqtcw%3D%3D&Region=SaintJohnHoughtonCatholicVoluntaryAcademy>

Behaviour Support Worker:

<https://www.srscmat.co.uk/work-with-us/vacancies-single/?Category=Pastoral%2520Support&Advert=%2BgRgKGq0SPZFXKoR3Vqtcw%3D%3D&Region=SaintJohnHoughtonCatholicVoluntaryAcademy>

RE Teacher:

[https://www.srscmat.co.uk/work-with-us/vacancies-single/?Category=Teaching%2520\(Secondary\)&Advert=YkemDNVXhUdFXKoR3Vqtcw%3D%3D&Region=SaintJohnHoughtonCatholicVoluntaryAcademy](https://www.srscmat.co.uk/work-with-us/vacancies-single/?Category=Teaching%2520(Secondary)&Advert=YkemDNVXhUdFXKoR3Vqtcw%3D%3D&Region=SaintJohnHoughtonCatholicVoluntaryAcademy)

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Art Competition:

Art Competition!

Great Prizes

a voucher of your choice

1st place £25

2nd place £15

3rd place £10

PLUS

Your artwork displayed
around school

We need you

to design some artwork

for our chosen pledge:

'Stand up for what is right.'

Challenge bullying when we see or hear it'.

It needs to contain the pledge AND to be colourful, original and creative,
using any artistic style you want

How to enter:

1. Design your artwork by hand or on the computer.
2. Submit your entry to either RECEPTION or the student council email studentcouncil@sjh.srscmat.co.uk
3. Don't forget to put your **name and tutor group** on it!

CLOSING DATE Thursday 29th February

Any questions?

Speak to Mrs Boddice or your tutor group student council rep.

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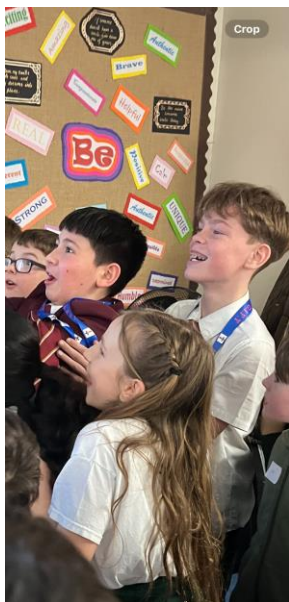
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Chaplaincy:

SJH visit St Thomas for the Day and lead Celebration of the Word:

What a great effort from Lucy S, Ava L, Callum B, Evie-Mae M and Declan Z as they led Class 5 St Thomas in Prayer and Worship, 'Protect the Pringle' 'Protect Mother Earth', Scripture Relay, 'finding the right Word for the right CST theme', singing and 'Just say 'YES' game. Here at SJH we are really proud of you and look out for the Praise Letter to your parents and carers in the post. More thanks to our Admin Team for the support with the paperwork, Mrs Moore and Team for preparing food for the journey and Mr Warden for being our cheerful driver.



Chaplain's Lunchtime Clubs:

Everyone is welcome to eat lunch with Rachel at 12.30am; simply collect an Early Lunch Pass from Rachel, you can pop into her office at break time or email her on rose@sjh.srscmat.co.uk for a pass. We meet in HU3 at 12.45pm - 1.05pm every Monday, Thursday and Friday.

Monday - we do an Activity to support CAFOD and the 'Live Simply Award' On Thursday our 'Oasis Team' will be in HU3 to support any students with behaviour and a warm welcome, come along and learn a new game, listen to music and stay warm and dry. On Friday we have a mixture of J&P, Kindness and CST going on and try to go into our Eco Garden too. Be brave, step in, make a friend and earn some positive points. Rachel is always ready to listen to how you want to spend your time: A year 7 student wanted to play chess and I am delighted to say brand new Chess sets have arrived and we will be playing chess after half term so do bring your friends along and challenge us to beat you!

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Chaplaincy:

Sharewear:

We were the very first school to partner with Sharewear and 10 years on we are still strong supporters. Our SJH students working towards their Bronze and Silver Award have been helping with our Sharewear Charity. I have been invited to a Sharewear Dinner on Saturday 16th March 2024 at Nottingham Belfry Hotel, Mellors Way, Nottingham from 6.30pm to help celebrate ten years of providing free clothing choices to over 100.000 people, the cost of this meal is £50pp, and I am able to take a guest with me. If you would like to join me for this special occasion, please contact me asap so I can share the menu choices with you. Thank you to everyone who does donate to Sharewear - maybe during Lent we could all buy less and Save The Planet and our cash, but in the meantime know our items go to good homes.



St Anne's Knitting Group:

Please note the Knitting Group will be closed on the following dates for the holidays: 19.02.24, 01.04.24 and 08.04.24. Thank you for the donation of knitted hats which will go to support a Charity and keep children warm. The hats will go with Dr Clare Campbell in May so please do keep on knitting. Let's have a knitting party - any suggestions?



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Chaplaincy:

LENT - with thanks to Team Chaplaincy Year 8 for the following words:

Let us take a moment to remember that Jesus died and rose again for us. We gathered together on Ash Wednesday to mark the beginning of Lent. Lent is 40 days when we pray, fast and give as we prepare to celebrate Easter.

In prayer we put aside time to get to know God better and to let God love us. In fasting, we give up something we want, so that we can be open to what God wants. In almsgiving, we give generously to others, as God has been generous to us.



We would like to thank: Mr Brogan for his wise words and sharing his own personal memories, Matteo for distributing the Ashes to our School Chaplain, Rachel, - as he marked Rachel with a cross on her forehead he said, 'Try to live like Jesus'; Mrs Boddice and Mr Warden for leading us and inspiring us to support CAFOD, to lean on God and to turn back to God this Lent; more thanks to Mr Quenby the choir who sang beautifully and to Miss Bailey who made certain she attended both Services to show her support to all. Rachel would like to thank SJH Community for gathering and showing such outstanding respect for this powerful service. Your support was very much appreciated.

Can you go without something this Lent? Can you buy Fairtrade? Can you donate something this week to Charity? Think about someone who makes a sacrifice for you and take a moment to thank them for what they do for you.



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Chaplaincy:

Parish Ambassadors:

SJH always take parish and school links very seriously. We understand the importance of prayer and unity. We would like to thank Fr Paul and Lee and all our Parish Ambassadors for their service.

You are invited to join your prayers with ours as we pray for the families involved in making their first Holy communion 2024. This photograph was taken after the meeting for parents on Tuesday evening in Eastwood Church.



Beauvale Pilgrimage:

We all know our Beauvale Pilgrimage is on 5th May 2025! School Chaplain, Rachel, is running for Beauvale so you can join in prayer, join in bringing awareness to this wonderful Pilgrimage and join in the running and walking and talking. Park Run dates will be announced after half term when we hope the better weather will be with us. Any cash donations will go to The Beauvale Society.



Vocations Retreat:

Please note Fr Paul and Lee will be in SJH on Friday 8th March 2024 to join our Vocations Retreat. All invited. Please email Rachel if you would like a place on this retreat. This is an ideal opportunity if you are wondering what to do with your life, what your next steps could be and just how to be happy with the day you are in.

Reconciliation in Lent in SJH:

Please note Fr Paul will be in SJH on Friday 15th to support our school community with Reconciliation. Please email Rachel if you would like an appointment.

If you are not Catholic but would welcome the opportunity to speak to someone in confidence then Lee, training Deacon, is available too - simply email Rachel for an appointment with Lee.

Saturday 16th March 2024:

First Reconciliation in Eastwood Church at 10.00am for the young people making their First Confession.

Year 8 Mass 1st March 2024 2.15pm:

Our next Mass in school is on March 1st. Parents and carers are invited to join our Governing Body and Fr Paul will celebrate our Mass in Lent. We advise parents to arrive ten minutes before the mass begins.

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Chaplaincy:

Understanding The Mass and Holy communion:

Would you like to learn about the Church tradition? What happens at Mass, how to use a Bible and join a Prayer Group? God is calling. Are you listening? Staff in SJH are ready to support and grow in faith with you. When would be a good time to start and gather?



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Year 7 Team Chaplaincy 7S:

Good job 7S who will be joining The CAFOD Big Lent Walk on Friday 1st March 2024. During Period 2 Mrs Turgoose will be leading the way as we 'walk the talk'. This service will go towards your Bronze Faith in Action Award. Your Target is to raise £1.00 each and the student who raises the most for CAFOD will receive a prize from Rachel. 7S will arrive in uniform and change into their PE kit for the walk.

Faith in Action Students Yr 8, 9 and 10 will be walking the CAFOD BIG LENT WALK on Friday 15th March 2024 with Mrs Bodice joining us in period 4. Students should arrive in school uniform and will change in their PE kit for the walk. Students are asked to raise £1.00 for CAFOD and the student who raises the most will receive a prize from Rachel.

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Chaplaincy:

Our Lady and the Beauvale Martyrs:

You are invited to follow Our Lady and the Beauvale Martyrs on Social Media. We love this updated image. Prize for the first student who send s Rachel an email with who is on the picture!



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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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
Maths	Joshua A	Amelia S-J	Sonny K	Daisy P	William W
English	Grace J	Lucas N	Farren S	Alan S	Grace S
Science	Kadie T	Joseph A	Millie G	Rebecca J	Csenga G
Religious Education	Reggie R	Riley G	Lewis P	Mille Q	Seth W
Geography	Joseph F	Sami S	Charlie B-M	Lucie A	Mya C
History	Skye G	Jordan T	Harry B	Rhodina K	Francesca M
Computing & Business	Amelie H	Finley A	Archie S	Oliver H Business: Ayooluwa E-A IMedia: David O	Mikhail C Business: Jaydan S IMedia: Ivan T
Music	Elloise J	Aaron E	Summer P	Layla C-F	Sophie S
French	Mila D	Tamzin R	Kyra-Anne B	Oliver L	Isabelle A
Spanish	Tyler M	Zuzanna K	Elanur S	Oliver E	Alice B
PE & Health and Social Care	Jayden L	Ava J	Caoimhe C	Core PE : Joanne S Sports Studies: Libby Mc GCSE: Billy S H&S care: Lily A-S	GCSE: Rory B
Design	Lucas L	Magdalena A	Orlaith O	DT: Cherish R Engineering: Luyando H Food: Tyler B Art: Savannah P	Engineering: Noah R Food: Amelia T Art: Binaru G-H

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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:

Kaiya C for her positive attitude towards school life.

Year 8 – Ms Andrews:

Maecee A for her attitude to learning in school.

Year 9 – Mr Thomson:

Danielle M for an excellent attitude to learning.

Year 10 – Mr Ritchie:

Rhodina K for having the most positive points in the Year group this term.

Year 11 – Mrs Smith:

Chloe C for working really well.

The Saint John Houghton Award:

Georgia G in year 11 have been nominated by staff for this week's St John Houghton Award, she has been nominated for her determination to succeed and her respect for others .

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Royal Air Cadets recruitment event:

 **ROYAL AIR CADETS**
AIR FORCE the next generation



**Ilkeston Air Cadets
Recruiting Now!
Open Evening
14th March**

**Register your
interest here!**



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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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