



**St Ralph  
Sherwin**  
Catholic Multi Academy Trust

# SJH Newsletter

Compassion – Aspiration – Respect – Excellence – Determination – Faithfulness – Optimism – Reconciliation  
Friday 22 March 2024



## Important upcoming dates

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

your prayers at this time. They are under a huge amount of pressure and the Easter holidays will be crucial for their preparation for their exams in May.

## Headteacher's Introduction

Dear Readers,

I hope you are all well as we go into the final weekend before the Easter Holidays. It is rare for us to be in school during Holy Week, the most solemn and important week in the liturgical year of the Church. We look forward to our Holy Week reflections led by the RE Team next week as we draw closer to Easter, the greatest of all of the Church's celebrations.

The GCSE Food practical examinations have taken place this week and no doubt, our students are delighted to have one of their exams 'ticked off.' GCSE Art exams also began yesterday and will continue into next week and I would ask you to keep all of Year 11 in

A quick reminder that we break up for Easter next Thursday and school will close at the normal time of 3:15pm. We are all very much looking forward to an extended break with our own families, before we reconvene for the final term of the year, the Pentecost term. We are all back in school on Monday 15 April and we look forward to welcoming the students back into school after a well-earned rest!

We are always here if you need us and please do not hesitate to contact us if you need to for any reason via the usual channels at the bottom of this page.

Garde ta Foi! Guard your Faith!

**Mr S Brogan** - Headteacher

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# 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.

## **Congratulations to the Year 7 Netball Team:**

Yesterday was the Erewash district netball tournament. Unfortunately, some schools pulled out which meant there was only 4 teams entered, however the girls still played 3 games and were unbeaten in all games the results were:

SJH v Wilsthorpe blue – won 6-0

SJH v Long Eaton – won 4-0

SJH v Wilsthorpe pink – draw 1-1

Making St John the overall winners. Well done to the following girls :

Ava-May, Amelia-May, Caitlin, Chloe, Zofia, Amelia, Daisy, Isla

Some excellent netball. Mrs Joslin

Netball practice will continue for a few more weeks, then we will be moving on to Athletics club.

## **Year 11 boys football County Cup semi final**

2v0 to SJH

On Thursday 14 March, Year 11 played Wilsthorpe in the County Cup semifinal. It was a tight first half where neither goalkeeper was tested. It ended up 0v0 at half time. In the second half Wilsthorpe had an excellent chance to go 1v0 up but an amazing save from Myles W kept the game level. Midway through the second half Logan shielded the ball in the Wilsthorpe box to be fouled by their player. Penalty to SJH. Logan G calmly slotted the ball in the bottom corner to put SJH 1v0 up. We started to control the game and towards the end of the second half Matthew H scored which secured a 2v0 victory. We now play in the final next month.

## **Year 10 boys football Erewash league**

1v0 to Ormiston

On Thursday 21 March SJH played Ormiston Ilkeston. In the 1st half Jack and Oliver controlled the midfield but unfortunately we could not find a way to put the ball in the back of the net. It ended up being 1v0 at half time. Ormiston started the 2nd half stronger and their breakthrough came midway through the 2nd half where the ball crept past our GK Matteo. For the rest of the half we could not find a way to break through their defense and the game ended 1v0 to Ormiston.

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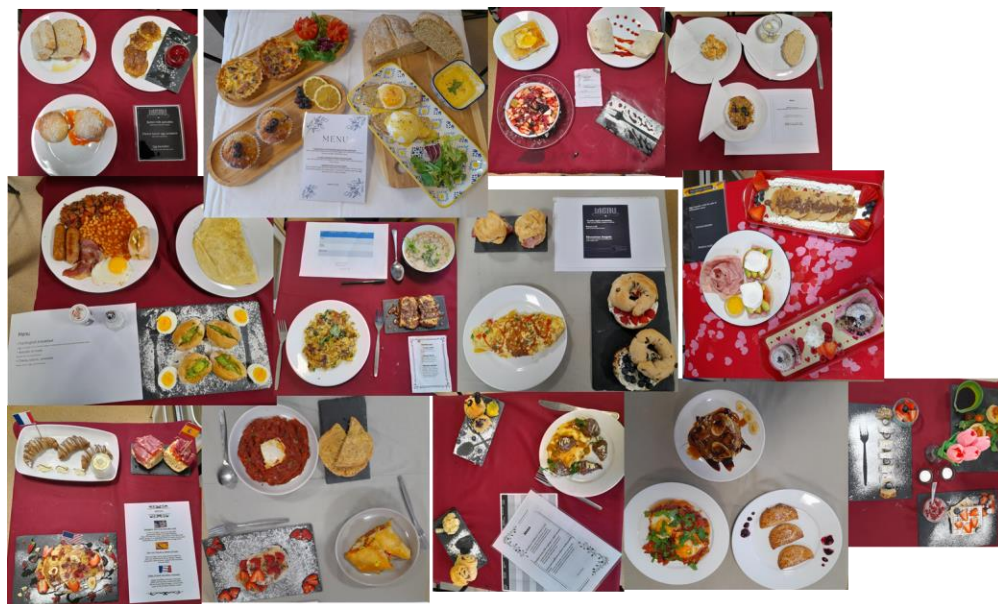


## Y11 GCSE Food Practical Exams

Delighted to be able to share with you some of the amazing dishes that Y11 have created and presented for their GCSE food exam.

We are very proud of the work that they have presented and the effort and skills they have put into this part of their course.

Thank you. Mrs Drury



## News from the Science Department

In science over the last term many students have taken advantage of the Science Strive lunchtime sessions in room SC1. These are open to students at KS4. This gives students a quiet room to work on their science revision with the support of the science team. Well done to all those students who have made use of this extra support. Parents/carers, you will know if your child has attended as they will have received a positive point. Many year 11 students attend regularly and their hard work certainly paid off in their mock exams. Keep up this great work!

(Past exam papers and topic exam style questions can be collected every lunchtime from Science Strive Club).



The separate science year 11 students have been making polymers in chemistry. I set a challenge to make the longest strand of nylon possible. They did fantastically and beat last year's record, staying behind over break to make sure they smashed it! Well done everyone. Great teamwork.

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## Chaplaincy:

### **Lent:**

Lent is a time of journeying with Jesus Christ. This week we have spent time thinking about our Lent journey so far and what we want to do with the journey ahead.

The Word of the Week next week is Passion. Our RE Department will lead our Acts of Worship and Fr Paul will speak to the whole school community via the SJH YouTube Link with an Easter message for all. The passion of Jesus Christ is the story of his suffering and death. As School Chaplain, I totally believe hope can be taught, and the passion teaches us and gives us hope to carry on during difficult times.



### **Beauvale Junior Membership Society:**

Please can you support by joining? Annual membership fee £2.00, pay by cash, please contact Rachel if you would like the bank details. Rachel will present the membership card.

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.

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## Chaplaincy:

### **Faith in Action:**

Many students are taking part in the Faith in Action Award Scheme, everyone in SJH was given the opportunity in school and in the parish to gain this Award, and I would like to give the following students a 'shout out' for their total commitment and hard work. The FiA is equivalent to The Duke of Edinburgh Award. Please can you pray for all in our Parish and School Family who are Growing In Faith Together.

**Alfie I, Ava L**, many thanks for taking donations to the local Charity Shop and sorting the Shareware donations.

**Lucy S**, many thanks for returning the key ring and all the hours of service you have completed - we are very proud of you.

**Oliver H**, thank you for taking the service so seriously and for returning the form signed and sharing this award with others.

**Isabella O and Sasha E**, thank you for all the service you do in the Parish and for being an inspiration when it comes to spending time getting to know God our Father.

**Sophie S**, our SJH School Captain, is not only revising hard but is the only SJH Student, and we think the only Student in the Diocese going for **GOLD**. Thank you for taking your faith seriously.

**Eleanor A and Danielle M**, thank you for reflecting on your final piece and really taking, 'A new Saint. A new Friend', to heart - I think this will develop into J&P Work.

Good Luck with your Final Piece and planning The Afternoon Tea in the Eco Garden later in the year.

### **Acts of Worship:**

Many thanks to Evie B, Aaron V and Charlie B for reading in Act of Worship on Wednesday. What a fabulous week of Acts of Worship, a special 'shout out' to Mr Harris and Mr Timms for their outstanding effort, for sharing such inspirational stories connected to our Word of the Week: JOURNEY. Thank you both very much!



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### **Saint Anne's Knitting Group**

We are asking for donations of hats and gloves for children to go to an orphanage in Ukraine and we have a safe and trusted driver who will be delivering Easter Eggs to the orphanage. All donations welcome until Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> please leave in Reception for the attention of Rachel.



### **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](mailto:rrose@sjh.srscmat.co.uk) Closing Date: Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2024.



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## Chaplaincy:

Chaplaincy has a new member!

I am delighted to introduce the latest member of Team Chaplaincy. Meet Chance - don't we all deserve a Second Chance?!? This 13 year old Yorkshire Terrier needed a new home and has settled in extremely well with Rachel and family. Here he is before and after his Extreme Spa Day. Chance has been along to 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion Sessions in the Parish, to Saint Anne's Knitting Club, he is very gently and calm. Please let me know your thoughts about having Chance in Chaplaincy in SJH on some occasions. If you have any spare donations of toys, bedding, for Chance they will be gratefully received. Chance was an unexpected gift, he has seen the vet, he loves playing ball and sleeping!



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## Chaplaincy:

### *Spring Fair*

The Fundies at Our Lady & St Thomas Church are pleased to present a wonderful event on:

Saturday 13th April 2024

11am ~ 2pm

- Variety of stalls
- Craft corner
- Raffle
- Egg Hunt
- Homemade sweet and savoury treats & refreshments
- Easter Bonnet Parade at 12pm (bonnets to be made at home and/or school).

*We can't wait to see you all there!*

Our Lady & St Thomas Church Hall, Regent St, Ilkeston, Derbyshire, DE7 5RF

### *Spring Fair*

The Fundies at Our Lady and St Thomas Church hall are hosting their Spring Fair

Saturday 13th April 2024 11am—2pm

If you are interested in having a stall with us please email [St.Thomas.Fundraising@outlook.com](mailto:St.Thomas.Fundraising@outlook.com) with you name and items you wish to sell.

Tables are being kept at last years prices of £10.

### *Easter Bonnet Competition*

*At St Thomas Church Hall Spring Fair*

*13th April 2024, 12pm.*

*All Bonnets to be made at home or school.*

*1st, 2nd & 3rd Prize*

*Free To Enter!*

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## Chaplaincy:

### **Walsingham Pilgrimage:**

Please can Rachel have 2 volunteers to attend the Walsingham Pilgrimage on Saturday June 15<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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

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:  
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## 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

**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>	Joseph F	Magdalena A	Charlie B-M	Raivo K	Toby G
<b>English</b>	Charlie A	Toluwanimi O	Harry B	Toby D	Jack P
<b>Science</b>	Nataniel S	Cindy C	Cole B	Daniel F	Millie-May D
<b>Religious Education</b>	Ava-May H	Ava F	Maisie L	Oliver E	Ruby-Ann B
<b>Geography</b>	Dominika P	Mollie W	Weluchi O	David O	Erin L
<b>History</b>	Jacob S	Natasha G	Olly S	George J	Ellie T
<b>Computing &amp; Business</b>	Elloise J	Jacob F	Harvey B	Lewis L Business: Eliza F IMedia: Crystal W	Fabian M Business: Bailey S IMedia: Rory B
<b>Music</b>	Amelia-May O	Oliver J	Kyra-Anne B	Teresa W	Sophie S
<b>French</b>	Sienna H	Matilda C	Ronnie A	George H-W	Julia J
<b>Spanish</b>	William C	Connor C	Bethany D-R	Millie A	Georgia G
<b>PE &amp; Health &amp; Social Care</b>	Kaiden J	Lucy S	Millie G	Olivia S GCSE: Rhys & Chloe P Sports Studies: H&S care: Leah E	Sam M GCSE: Paige G
<b>Design</b>	Cara J	Peyton W	Henry B	DT: Marcel W Engineering: Nyle C Food: Delilah S Art: Isali F	Engineering: Chukwusimdi O Food: Niamh C Art: Georgina B

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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:**

Esme Rose C for her mature attitude in lessons.

### **Year 8 – Ms Andrews:**

Tatiana C for working hard in lessons this week.

### **Year 9 – Mr Thomson:**

Charlie B-M for his excellent attitude to learning.

### **Year 10 – Mr Ritchie:**

Isali F for having the most positive points in the year group this week .

### **Year 11 – Mrs Smith:**

Niall O'K for putting in effort to succeed.

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

Jamie M in year 9 has been nominated by staff for this week's St John Houghton Award, he has been nominated for his determination to succeed and commitment to his studies.

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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**

<b>Easter holidays</b>	<b>Friday 29 March – Friday 12 April 2024</b>
<b>May half term</b>	<b>Monday 27 – Friday 31 May 2024</b>
<b>Inset Day</b>	<b>Friday 5 July 2024</b>
<b>Last day of term</b>	<b>Tuesday 23 July 2024</b>

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<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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