



**St Ralph
Sherwin**
Catholic Multi Academy Trust

SJH Newsletter

Compassion – Aspiration – Respect – Excellence – Determination – Faithfulness – Optimism – Reconciliation
Friday 8 March 2024



Headteacher's Introduction

Dear Readers,

Welcome to the latest edition of our newsletter and thank you for reading. We are hurtling towards Easter at a pace the weeks seem to be flying by!

Year 11 have done brilliantly in their MFL speaking mock exams this week and we are looking forward to seeing their parents at their last ever(!) Parents' Evening next week. Thank you to you all at this crucial time for your support, as we enter the final lap of their time with us.

Last Friday was CAFOD Fast Day and our Year 8 students celebrated Mass on Friday afternoon with Father Paul, our Parish Priest. It was a beautiful

Important upcoming dates
13 March 2024 - Year 11 parents evening

celebration of the Mass and the students were impeccably behaved, respectful and prayerful.

Next Friday (15 March) we have our Friends of Saint John Houghton coffee morning at 11:30am to 12:30pm. You would be more than welcome to join us for a coffee and a chat if you have the time.

Finally, we have had some great fun and successes for our sports teams this week. Please do have a look at the following pages for photos of our World Book Day celebrations and do have a read about our football and netball teams. Both of these things remind us that being part of a school is much more than the academic grades we leave with. More next week.

Garde ta Foi! Guard your Faith!

Mr S Brogan - Headteacher

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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>

Netball Result:



Congratulations to the Yr 10 netball team who beat Ormiston Ilkeston 18-0

The team was: -

Molly P-E

Niamh W

Amy Q

Libby McC

Olivia S

Daisy P

Lexie-Mae H

Well done to all of the team who played fantastic
Mrs Joslin

Year 5/6 netball event:

Thank you to Daisy P and Olivia S in year 10 for supporting the year 5/6 netball event for our local primary schools. They both did a fantastic job!

Year 9 Football match:

The year 9's on Thursday 7th March played Wilsthorpe in the quarter final of the County Cup. The game started with Wilsthorpe on the front foot. But against the run of play Farren put us 1v0 up. They went on to score two quick goals to make it 2v1 to Wilsthorpe. We then settled in to the game and scored two goal in succession. One goal from James G and the other from Tom G. At half time it was 3v2 to SJH. We started the 2nd half strong. Harvey B scored a goal followed by two further goals from Tom G. Tom G ended up on a hat-rick. SJH ended up 6v2 comfortable winners. We will play QEGS or West park in the semi finals

Squad

Ethan G, Connor H, Issac L, Samson M, Jack M, John G, David B, Tom G, Lewis P, Farren S, James G, Harvey B, Stan S

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World Book Day:

Thank you to all the year 7's and staff who dressed up for world book day!



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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.

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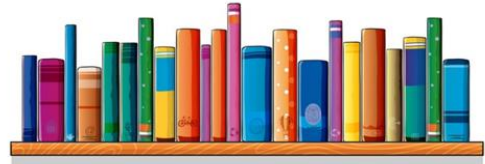
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Reading at Saint John Houghton CVA



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.

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Careers update:

A life in Fashion - Fazane Fox

On the 16th February, we welcomed former student Fazane Fox into school, to speak with our students about her life and career as an Entrepreneur in the Fashion Industry. It was a real honour to hear her story, from the ups and downs she has had to navigate throughout her career, to the amazing successes that she has achieved through her hard work and dedication. I hope that this has inspired our students to strive for their career goals and showed that it is possible for any St John student to achieve their dream career.

Visit from Born to Perform Academy

On the 15th February we welcomed Born to Perform Academy into school to speak to our students about Post-16 options in the area of performing arts. If any student would like any further information on what they heard on the day, please speak to Mr Riley.

Current Apprenticeship vacancies

Please see the Careers Noticeboard for weekly, up-to-date lists of local apprenticeship vacancies for September starts. If any parents would like to view the list, please email criley@sjh.srscmat.co.uk

The Big Think Competition from the University of Oxford

We have received notification of this competition from the University of Oxford - open to Year 11 students.

THE BIG THINK COMPETITION

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD | St Edmund Hall

ANSWER ONE OF OUR BIG QUESTIONS TO WIN CASH PRIZES

IS SHAKESPEARE BETTER THAN TAYLOR SWIFT?

DO OUR GENES DEFINE WHO WE ARE?

WHY DON'T PEOPLE DO WHAT THEY KNOW THEY SHOULD?

CAN DEVELOPMENT EVER BE SUSTAINABLE?

YEARS 11-13 | ENTER BY WED 1 MAY

@SEHACCESS | SEH.AC/BIGTHINK

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Careers update:

Derby college upcoming taster sessions:

We will be delivering taster sessions in the following areas;

- Public Services
- Esports
- Retail
- Music (Vocational)
- Performing arts

These sessions can be delivered by our teams at College or in school. The number of sessions available is limited and will be offered on a first come first served basis.

FIND OUT MORE: In the first instance, please express your interest by emailing the relevant subject contact below. It would be helpful if you could include in your email approximately how many students you would like to attend and where you would like the session to be held.

Public Services: rob.butler@derby-college.ac.uk

Esports or Retail: neema.johal@derby-college.ac.uk

Music or Performing Arts: daniel.bochenski@derby-college.ac.uk

General enquiries: taylor.marcer-mccann@derby-college.ac.uk

Siemens careers events for parents and students:

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Siemens
Apprenticeships.
Great minds think differently.

We have two very exciting events coming soon for students, parents and influencers. Click to register for your chosen event.

Why Siemens?
Why Apprenticeships?

A live event for parents and influencers
Tuesday 5th March | 6.30pm - 7.15pm [Register](#)

Early careers with Siemens
& how to apply

A career breakfast for students
Tuesday 11th June | 8.45am - 9.15am [Register](#)

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Chaplaincy:

On behalf of SJH may I take this opportunity to thank you for supporting CAFOD and the Family Fast Day last Friday. Please keep CAFOD, their work and all who benefit from their hard work and effort in your prayers during Lent. Why not go a CAFOD Gap-Year when you are 18 years old? Please see Rachel for more information.



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.

Lunch Time clubs with SJH Chaplain

Can you beat our Chess Champion! HU3 Monday, Thursday and Friday lunchtime 12.45-1.05pm. You can collect an early lunch pass from Rachel. Mission: why following instructions are part of J&P.



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Chaplaincy:

Year 8 Mass. 1st March 2024:

Congratulations Year 8! 8S, Team Chaplaincy, took the lead and planned and led a beautiful Year Mass. A special thank you to Mr Quenby and the choir, to the Readers, to Josh, Alfie and Mr Carr who ran the PowerPoint, to the students who brought up the offertory gifts, to Mr Brogan, Mrs Gabriel and the parents, carers and family members who joined this celebration.

We are so blessed to have Fr Paul as our school Priest. Fr Paul encouraged us to be like Saint David, to be the best version of ourselves, to stand tall and be the person we were created to be. Year 8, you are loved by God, you have a wonderful future ahead of you!



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Chaplaincy:

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 stepping stone 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; ON THOSE LIVING IN THE LAND OF THE SHADOW OF DEATH A LIGHT HAS DAWNED - MATTHEW 4:16

28TH -31ST MARCH 2024

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

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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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Chaplaincy:

Friends of Saint John Houghton Catholic Academy

"Be still and know that I am God."

Psalms 46:10

We would love for you to join us for
coffee and conversation on **15th March**
2024 & 26th April 2024

11.30am-12.30pm

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

Contact –
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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	Aleksandra S	Tatinia C	Isla F	Isali F	Mikhail C
English	Jacob L	Lois-Skye J	Chantelle T	Rhys P	Marcus A
Science	Jasmine-Joyce O	William B	Mishel C	Rhodina K	Harry S
Religious Education	Jayden L	Evie B	Oliver S	Niamh W	Lucy H
Geography	Charlie A	Charlie B	Joshua F	Charlee B	Amelia B
History	Vincent L-W	Kyrillos A	Casey E	Liam F	Lucy M
Computing & Business	Amelia C	George Q	Tymoteusz G	Savannah P Business: Sasha F IMedia: Amber F	William S Business: Oliver W IMedia: Tallulah B
Music	Jemima A	Peyton W	Archie T	Lexie-Mae H	Jack P
French	Valentina H	Oliver J	Caoimhe C	Chloe P	Francesca M
Spanish	Maisie J	Callum B	Charlie B-M	Tia A	Scarlett M
PE & Health & Social Care	Jaycee C	Geavanah F-H	Ethan G	William N Sports Studies: Toby D H&S care: Ruby D	Isabelle P GCSE: Phoebe H
Design	Lucienne A	Abigail B	Lucas L	DT: Brooke C Engineering: Finley H Food: Skye H Art: Evie W	Engineering: Billy T Food: Desiree H-S Art: Scarlett L-W

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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:

Lily S for giving her time to help with new students in the year group.

Year 8 – Ms Andrews:

Alicia K for her amazing art work.

Year 9 – Mr Thomson:

Danielle M for her excellent attitude to learning.

Year 10 – Mr Ritchie:

Rhodina K for being the highest points scorer in the year group this week

Year 11 – Mrs Smith:

Tania K working consistently in all areas.

The Saint John Houghton Award:

Lucy S in year 8 has been nominated by staff for this week's St John Houghton Award, she has been nominated for her determination to succeed and respect she shows to others.

A night of live music from the 50s, 60s & 70s with...



Saturday 9th March, doors open 6.30pm.

At West Hallam Village Hall

West Hallam

DE7 6GR

Bring your own food & drink.



Fund raised will go towards Eleanor's World Challenge trip with St John Houghton School to Borneo, in July 2024. During this, Eleanor will be working alongside a local team to carry out environmental and community work that helps to conserve the turtle's fragile habitats. She will also get involved in tree planting and help out with maintaining the island's nature trail. Handmade crafts will also be available, so please bring cash!

Tickets:

£7.50 adult

£2.50 child

£15 for 2 adults & 2 children

To book, scan QR code or visit:

www.ticketsource.co.uk/attenborough



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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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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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