



SJH Newsletter

Compassion – Aspiration – Respect – Excellence – Determination – Faithfulness – Optimism – Reconciliation
Friday 9 February 2024



Headteacher's Introduction

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the latest edition of our newsletter. We were delighted to welcome our Year 8 Students and their parents/carers into school this week for their annual parents evening. It was such a positive evening and we are so grateful to them for their support.

Year 11 are today, half way through their final set of mock exams and we wish them well for the remainder of their exams and in their preparation for the 'real thing' which is getting closer and closer.

This week, I also met with the parish planning committee for our 60th Anniversary (Diamond Jubilee), which will take place next year. It was

Important upcoming dates

2-16 February 2024 – Year 11 mock exams

19-23 February 2024 – Half term break

26 February 2024 – Inset day

wonderful to hear some stories of the 'old days' and begin to look ahead to the celebration of the history of our wonderful school. I heard this week that our school was very close to being closed during the 1980s. The fight of the staff, parents and parishioners of that time led to the Local Authority reconsidering its position and thanks be to God, the school remained open. Here in 2024, the school is still here, thriving and is now accommodates more students (700) and staff than ever before!

Wishing you a restful weekend with your children and as always, if you need us, we are always here. Please use the contact details at the bottom of the page, with any concerns or queries you may have and we will make sure the right person deals with your query.

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.

Year 11 Leavers celebration

The confirmed date for the Year 11 leavers celebration is Thursday 27 June 2024 and will be held at Horsley Lodge Golf Club. Further details to follow.

Year 11 Leavers hoodies

Year 11 parents/carers were emailed on Friday 2 February 2024 regarding ordering leavers hoodies, orders must be made before Monday 25 March 2024.

Year 11 Photograph orders

Parents/carers have up until Wednesday 14 February 2024 to order the year 11 individual and year group photograph.

Year 7 Dicso:

The year 7 disco will be going ahead on Tuesday 13 February 2024. Tickets can still be purchased.

Year 7
Valentine Disco
Tuesday
13th February 2024
6pm to 8pm
Ticket only
(no door sales)
Tickets sold by Mrs N Smith £3
Tuck Shop Available

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Staff afternoon tea:

It was great to see year 10 students getting involved in catering and showcasing their culinary skills while also fostering a sense of community within the school. It's a win-win situation for everyone involved – the students gain valuable experience, and the staff get to enjoy some delicious treats.

Thank you to everyone who helped.

Mrs Drury



U12s National Cup Exit

On Tuesday 6 February 2024, the U12's girls football team played their national cup game against Chellaston. Chellaston were physical from the off but SJH managed to hold them off for a 0-0 at half time. SJH started second half well, but unfortunately a through ball gave Chellaston an opportunity on goal and they snapped it up. SJH continued to battle but unfortunately could not produce a chance in front of goal due to the physicality presented from the opposition. The final score was 3-0 to Chellaston, but it is fair to say that every single player on that pitch did not give up until the final whistle. Each demonstrated sportsmanship towards one and other and the opposition. Roles models of SJH through and through!



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Careers update:

Happy National Apprenticeships Week to all the SJH newsletter readers!
Please see the following opportunities we have received for local apprenticeships.

Female Apprentice Open Evening – Rolls Royce



Rolls-Royce Nuclear Skills Academy, Derby
Tuesday 13 February, 5-6pm and 6-7pm

Come to our Female Apprentice Open Evening

Too often, women don't believe engineering or technical roles are open to them or that they'll fit in at an engineering company. That's why we're inviting students, along with their parents and carers, to come and meet some of our employees, see what they do, try some hands-on activities and discover more about our Level 3 (post GCSE or equivalent) and higher and degree apprenticeships in engineering and business. Of course we welcome applications from all, but we want to create a space for female students who may not even have considered a role in engineering to get their questions answered.

Are you the kind of person who:

-  Likes to know how things work
-  Is great at problem solving
-  Loves to learn and works well in a team?

COME AND DISCOVER WHERE THOSE TALENTS CAN TAKE YOU.
[Book now](#) to attend our Open Evening.

5-6pm 

6-7pm 

careers.rolls-royce.com 

Barratt Developments Virtual careers talk

Barratt Developments are offering apprenticeships this year for Degree and the Aspire program. Take a look at the poster and/or join our live event to find out more.

[CLICK HERE](#) to register for the live virtual careers talk.

Wednesday 6th March, 7pm

Please share with your students who are thinking about an apprenticeship within construction and higher degree roles.

Any queries email- Barrattdevelopments@school-outreach.com

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Careers update:

Siemens Apprenticeships

5-11 FEBRUARY 2024 #NAW2024

SIEMENS

Siemens
Apprenticeships.
Great minds think differently.

FIND OUT MORE

This *National Apprenticeship Week*, what better time to consider your future? We have two very exciting events coming soon for students, parents and influencers to explore apprenticeships at Siemens and how to apply.

Why Siemens? Why Apprenticeships?	Early careers with Siemens & how to apply
A live event for parents and influencers Tuesday 5th March 6.30pm - 7.30pm	A career breakfast for students Tuesday 11th June 8.45am - 9.15am
Register	Register

Nottingham College Apprenticeships Open Day

NOTTINGHAM COLLEGE

Come to our apprenticeship Open Evening!

**UPSKILL
YOUR
FUTURE**

National Apprenticeship Week - 5-11 Feb 2024

Interested in going to Oxford or Cambridge in the future?

If you missed the Derby Scholars launch event and are interested, please see the link to the recorded event:

[Derby Scholars Online Launch Event-20240131_185717-Meeting Recording.mp4](#)

Careers feedback

If you have any feedback on the opportunities listed in previous newsletters, please email criley@sjh.srscmat.co.uk This will ensure the opportunities listed are relevant and useful to our students.

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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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Chaplaincy:

Shrove Tuesday 13.02.24

With thanks to Mrs Moore and Team for preparing pancakes at lunchtime - thank you for supporting this tradition.

Ash Wednesday

We will not be serving meat on Wednesday, and you may want to go without a treat in your lunch as we begin the Season of Lent.

CAFOD Family Fast Day

SJH community will be fasting on Friday March 1st. A simple meal will be served and a donation to CAFOD. Team Chaplaincy Year 7 (7S) will be taking part in The Big Lent Walk on Friday 1st March 2024. More details to follow but keep these dates in your diary.

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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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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