



**St Ralph
Sherwin**
Catholic Multi Academy Trust

SJH Newsletter

Compassion – Aspiration – Respect – Excellence – Determination – Faithfulness – Optimism – Reconciliation
Friday 10 May 2024



Headteacher's Introduction

Dear Readers,
Welcome to the latest edition of our newsletter and to the end of our shortened week, which has been dominated by our Year 11 students.

Our week began with our non-uniform day, which provides our PTA with valuable funds to support our school initiatives. Thank you to all who were able to contribute to this and if you are able to make a donation to our school, please do get in touch.

On Wednesday we celebrated our Year 11 students and their time with us here at Saint John Houghton. Shirt-signing, pizza, tears and laughter were all present as they enjoyed their final day with us before their GCSE exams began on Thursday.

Important upcoming dates
May half term – 27-31 May 2024

The day culminated with the beautiful celebration of the Mass, concelebrated by our Parish Priest Father Paul Newman, who is a former student and a tremendous supporter of our school. Thank you, Father Paul, for all that you do to support our school community.

To our Year 11 students and their families, we are so very proud of you! Thank you for all that you have brought to our school over the past 5 years and for all that you have done to make our school such a special place. As I said to you on Wednesday, 'Every day you have a choice. To be the best version of yourself, or not.' Choose to give your best, in all that you do! You will remain in our prayers over the coming weeks, and we wish you every success in your exams.

Garde ta Foi! Guard your Faith!

Mr S Brogan - Headteacher

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Chaplaincy:

The Feast of The English Martyrs

We have the privilege to be in Catholic Education and Father Paul celebrated a whole school Mass last Friday for the Feast of The English Martyrs. Well done and thank you to all who made this possible. Fr Paul reminded us to rise up, to be kind and to wear our uniform with pride.



Mission Day in St Thomas

SJH students went to St Thomas to lead a Mission Day to Year 4. A full write up will be on our Website and letters of thanks will be in the post. SJH students were amazing! How lucky we are to have families who support us, I am sure, like us, you are very proud of your children. Well done year 8 Team Chaplaincy!



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SJH put the trainers on and train for Beauvale Pilgrimage

Many congratulations to Honey and Ellis who have gone above and beyond with supporting The Beauvale Pilgrimage. Thank you.

The Beauvale Society needed funds to make the 2024 Pilgrimage happen so I decided to run the Edinburgh Marathon. Starting at less than 1 mile last year I managed to progress to 20 miles and many of you have followed this progress on 'X' (Twitter). Due to parish and evening work I was unable to find the time to make the long runs in the week so my wonderful son, Martin, former SJH students, said he would run for me and I am delighted to say he completed the Manchester marathon in 3:34:15. As an Academy we said we would encourage parishioners to cheer, then walk, then run Park Run Long Eaton and I am grateful to Honey and Sasha who came along every Saturday morning and completed the challenge and joined the pilgrimage planning evening meetings and joined the actual pilgrimage Mass on May 5th. We raised £10.00 for the Beauvale Society and you can still join the Junior Beauvale Society, simply pay £2.00 cash to Rachel and you will receive a membership card, two newsletters a year and a Christmas Card. Thank you.



Word of the Week

The Word of the Week has been 'Example' and our Mission was to 'Set a good example' we would love to hear if any SJH pupils have set a good example at home and will happily award positive points, simply email Rachel or Tutor.

Altar Servers

Calling all Altar Servers. Rachel is planning a celebration for the work you do in the Parish. Make certain you email Rachel with your name so you can be included in this special occasion. Thank you for all you do and for setting a good example.

In the weeks where we remember John Houghton who stood tall for his faith - we say a special thank you for 'guarding your faith.'



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We are in the 6th week of Easter. Easter is 50 days long so we hope you are still feasting and celebrating after all the Lent fasting. On Sunday 12th we will enter the 7th week of Easter and Pentecost is on the 19th May 2024.



Chaplaincy dog, Chance, is settling really well into his role as 'Guard Dog'. He has enjoyed coming along to the First Holy Communion preparation meetings, Saint Anne's Knitting Group, The Warm Space and Film Night. He is making sure he has time to rest and enjoy the day. Are you?



WE ARE A MISSION CHURCH

Why not follow this great example and keep a 'Blessing Bag' in your car so you have it handy if you see someone in need? If you would like to donate a blessing bag please leave in Reception for the attention of Rachel, or give to your Tutor. Is this something you could do as a Tutor Group or a Friendship Group?

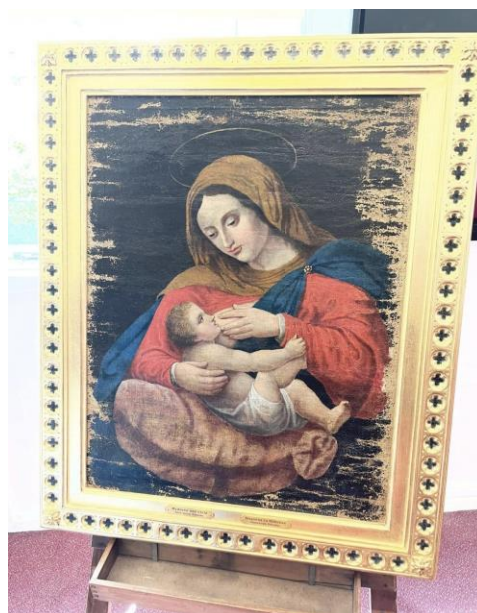
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Friends of SJH Coffee Morning

SJH was delighted to welcome Maria Kirk, from Eastwood Parish, who was our Guest Speaker at our latest Friends of SJH Coffee Morning. Well done and thank you to our Parish Ambassadors for all your support for making this a very special occasion. Maria, spoke so well about the history of her painting and how it was rescued, saved and one day will be returned to it's original home. This was an emotional story and the power will stay with us for a long time. Thank you to SJH Team for pulling together to make these Coffee Mornings possible. We are a small school with limited space and a big heart and we know we are meeting the SYNOD Challenge to 'open our doors' and we are all the better for it!



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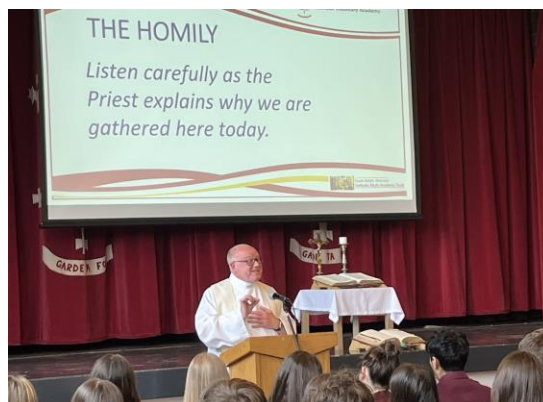
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Year 11 Mass

On Wednesday Fr Paul celebrated Mass in SJH for our Year 11 Leaver's Mass. This was a wonderful celebration.



Year 11 Parents and Carers.

Thank you so, so much for all the support you have given to Chaplaincy over the years. It was wonderful to see so many of you at our Mass on Wednesday. Thank you for allowing us to be part of your child's faith journey. Please know when you leave SJH you do not have to part for God and Mr Brogan and Rachel are happy to continue supporting you with growing in faith.



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SJH CAFOD GROUP

We gather in HU3 on Monday. Lunch 12.30pm - 12.45pm and meeting time 12.45pm - 1.05pm. This marvelous group of young people are working with Rachel and Mr Brogan to lead us into a 'Live Simply Academy'. We are preparing to visit local residents and we are keeping an eye on the CAFOD Twitter account and have invited a CAFOD Guest Speaker into join us. You are welcome to join. Email Rachel or pop into her office at break time or ask your Tutor to pass on a message.



Chaplaincy Lunchtime clubs

You are welcome to learn a new skill on Friday lunchtime in HU3. If you intend to visit the local community and travel with voluntary work you need to have practice conversation and know how to play a few games to pass the time. Be brave and come along.



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Beauvale Pilgrimage

Student voice write:

'We really enjoyed being part of this special Pilgrimage. I have been going for years with my family and I will be there next year. It is a family tradition. I've got to know the Parishioners and I help set up the tent on Saturday, mum makes cakes and we all go back for bacon cobs after the hard work. It was a good Pilgrimage this year because the weather was kind to us and lots of people made the effort to attend. The sound system was working well and I enjoyed the music. it was good to see the Bishop and hear the homily by a Priest who actually went to Priory and SJH. Our Mission is to think about what we put our heart into this week. '

Rachel would like to thank the families, staff and students who attended the Beauvale Pilgrimage. Thank you for serving the school, giving your time and making this Pilgrimage a very special occasion.

Full news will be on Website for you to read at your leisure.



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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 **14th June**
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	Maisie J	Aaron E	Tymoteusz G	Taner G	Sophie B
English	Amelie H	Aaron V	Joshua F	Liberty M	Jack B
Science	William C	Mollie W	Evie H	Harry G	Ruby H
Religious Education	Jessica P	Joseph R	Summer P	Oliver H	Niamh C
Geography	Grace J	Evie B	Shantelle T	Elekuru-Adeboye A	Mikhail C
History	Ava M	Kornelia O	Alfie S	Sasha F	Aimee M
Computing & Business	Felix H	Summer S	Georgia C-S	Alfie H Business: Amber W IMedia: Lilly-Mae W	Marcus A Business: Gabriel M IMedia:
Music	Caitlin K	Lois-Skye J	Lena M	Lily O	Isabelle A
French	Gabriella W	Ava J	Isaac L	Eleanor A	Holly H
Spanish	Eleanor S	Oscar R	Ethan G	Joseph P	Isabelle R
PE & Health & Social Care	Mila D	Joseph A	Hallie B	GCSE: Archie Y Sports Studies: H&S care: Rhodina K	GCSE: Paige G
Design	Finn L	Peyton W	Weluchi O	DT: William N Engineering: Esme G Food: Wiktoria P Art: Oliver A	Engineering: Harry A Food: Ruby-Ann B Art: Georgia G

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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:

Felix H for his calming and positive influence and contribution to school life.

Year .8 – Ms Andrews:

Maisey B for her attitude and effort in class achieving 7 positive points.

Year 9 – Mr Thomson:

Ronnie A for his excellent attitude to learning

Year 10 – Mr Ritchie:

Isala and Yenuli F for having an excellent attitude to learning and settling into SJH really well

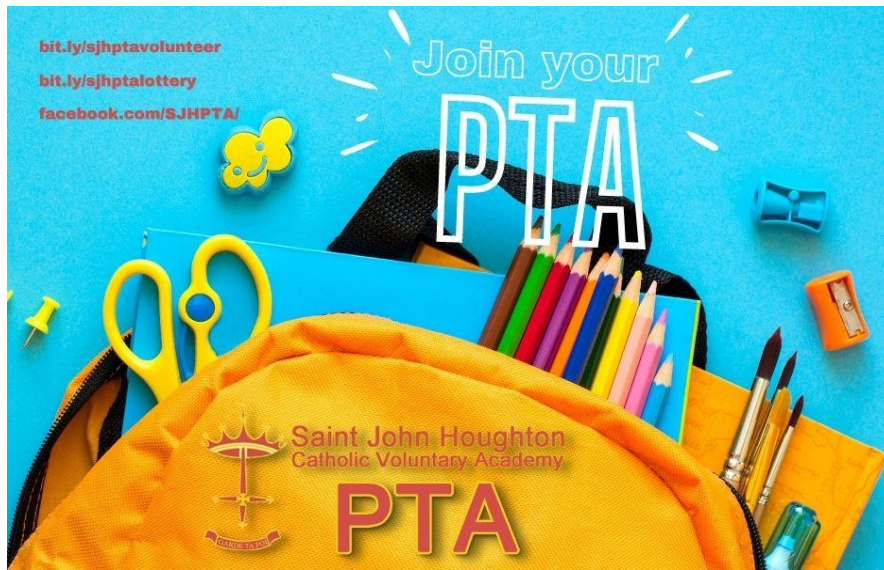
Year 11 – Mrs Smith:

Simdi O, Mikhail C & Sophie S for their reading in Mass on the Leavers Celebration afternoon. And the whole of Year 11 for their conduct throughout the day.

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PTA:



Three Reasons to Join the PTA Today Are you a parent who wants to make a positive difference in your child's school? Do you want to connect with other parents and teachers who share your goals and values? Do you want to enjoy some fun and rewarding activities while supporting your child's education? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then you should consider joining the Saint John Houghton Parent Teacher Association (PTA) today. Here are three reasons why:

1. Your PTA helps improve your child's learning experience. By joining the PTA, you can help raise funds for school improvement programmes , including new equipment, trips and treats, library books, and more. You can also help implement proven programmes that boost children's well-being, such as arts, healthy lifestyles and family engagement. The PTA also gives you a voice to advocate for your child's needs and interests at the school.
2. Your PTA helps you build relationships with other parents and teachers. By joining the PTA, you can meet other parents who care about your child's school and share your ideas and concerns. You also get to know the teachers and staff who work with your child every day and learn more about their goals and challenges. The PTA aims to foster a sense of community and collaboration among parents and teachers that benefits everyone.
3. Your PTA helps you have fun and feel good about yourself. By joining the PTA, you can enjoy quality time with your child and other families at various events and activities throughout the year. You can also apply your unique skills and talents to contribute to a worthwhile cause that makes a difference in your child's education.

As you can see, joining the SJH PTA has many benefits for you, your child and your school. So don't wait - get active in your PTA today! You'll be glad you did! **Here's how you can get active in your PTA:** Complete the form to get active in the SJH PTA <http://bit.ly/sjhptavolunteer>
Follow and share the Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/SJHPTA/>
Join the school lottery (WIN prizes - all funds raised go toward PTA projects) <http://bit.ly/sjhptalottery>

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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

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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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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