



**St Ralph
Sherwin**
Catholic Multi Academy Trust

SJH Newsletter

Compassion – Aspiration – Respect – Excellence – Determination – Faithfulness – Optimism – Reconciliation
Friday 17 May 2024



Headteacher's Introduction

Dear Readers,

Welcome to the penultimate Newsletter of the half term and thank you for coming back to read it again. We have had another busy week in school and Year 11 are well and truly 'in the thick' of their exams now. It is amazing to think that this time next week they will be half way through.

On Thursday, several of our students represented the school at the English Schools Track and Field Event they represented our school superbly, and despite the weather, performed extremely well! We are so proud of the achievements of our students in the sporting arena and we are grateful to them for representing our school.

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

In other news, our Year 8 students this week have been cooking recipes in the language they are studying – as a teacher of French, I assure you this is no mean feat!

We were also visited this week by Will from Nottingham College, who spoke to our Year 9 and 10 students about the options available to them post-16 and it is important that they begin to bear this in their minds. We could see the cogs turning in their heads as they were told about the range of Options available to them and the vast number of courses the college offers.

I look forward to writing to you at the end of next week, our final week of the half term.

Garde ta Foi! Guard your Faith!

Mr S Brogan - Headteacher

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School vacancy:

We are seeking to appoint a part time, fixed term Administration Assistant to join the school office team, please click on the link below for further information:

[https://www.srscmat.co.uk/work-with-us/vacancies-single/?Category=Administration%2520\(School%2520based\)&Advert=qxba7GUAQf5FXKoR3Vqtcw%3D%3D&Region=SaintJohnHoughtonCatholicVoluntaryAcademy](https://www.srscmat.co.uk/work-with-us/vacancies-single/?Category=Administration%2520(School%2520based)&Advert=qxba7GUAQf5FXKoR3Vqtcw%3D%3D&Region=SaintJohnHoughtonCatholicVoluntaryAcademy)

Careers update:

SJH Careers Survey 2023-2024

Over the past two weeks, students have been completing a survey on their Careers education here at SJH. 390 students responded and it was fantastic to see such a wide range of ambitions for the future amongst our students.

The survey aimed to provide us with feedback on what the students feel happy with within their Careers education, but also to highlight gaps in their knowledge in relation to the careers advice which is available to them in school.

In registers this week, students will receive a response to this survey which provides them with information on the areas they felt that they were less informed about.

Please ask the students to share this with you as it may prompt some good conversations about their future education and career pathways.

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News from the Maths Department

We have a busy time recently in the Maths department. We welcomed a new teacher to the school; Mrs Eyres as well as some new students too.

Our year 7 and 8 students completed the UKMT Junior Maths Challenge last month, we are extremely proud of how well they did, their results, along with the results for the Intermediate Maths Challenge are below. Certificates will be given out shortly.

Angel	C	58	Bronze	7
James	E	58	Bronze	7
Remy	K	59	Bronze	7
Santiago	R	59	Bronze	7
Matilda	H	64	Bronze	7
Sonny	L	64	Bronze	7
Jacob	L	66	Bronze	7
Matthew	S	75	Silver Best in Year JMC	7
Joseph	R	64	Bronze	8
Millie	W	64	Bronze	8
Isaac	T	78	Silver	8
Lois-Skye	J	79	Silver	8
Nathan	A	91	Gold	8
Aaron	E	109	Gold Best in School JMC	8
Shantelle	T	49	Bronze	9
Nancy	W	49	Bronze	9
Hugo	M	50	Bronze	9
Sonny	K	69	Silver Best in Year IMC	9
Wiktorija	P	47	Bronze	10
Alfie	H	49	Bronze	10
Fifi	H-W	51	Bronze	10
George	J	52	Bronze	10

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News from the Maths Department continued:

Oliver	E	53	Bronze	10
Isabella	H	57	Bronze	10
Rebecca	J	57	Bronze	10
Layla-Grace	C-F	58	Bronze	10
Amy	Q	58	Bronze	10
Cheirsh	R	59	Bronze	10
Niamh	W	66	Silver	10
Ila	F	67	Silver	10
Nathan	H	67	Silver	10
Liam	F	68	Silver	10
Eliza	F	69	Silver	10
Taner	G	71	Silver	10
Amber	W	71	Silver	10
Casey	M	77	Gold	10
Lewis	L	81	Gold	10
Jacob	S	83	Gold	10
Daisy	P	99	Gold Best in School IMC	10

A particular shout out to Aaron E and Daisy P for being awarded Best in School for their category. Daisy went on to complete in the follow on round and gained a Merit, Aaron will be competing in the follow on round next month and we wish him the best of luck.

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News from the Maths Department continued:

Year 11 are into exam season now, they have been given plenty of resources to use however if they would like help with what to revise they can look at the following websites:

[GCSE Maths Revision Guides - \[Free\] - Third Space Learning](#)

[GCSE \(AQA\) | 1st Class Maths](#)

<https://corbettmaths.com/5-a-day/gcse/>

<https://www.goteachmaths.co.uk/> - go to revision/gcse/mark maximisers then choose the appropriate level.

<https://www.sparxmaths.uk/student/independentlearning>

If you would like past papers to complete, please collect from M1.

We wish you all the best in the coming weeks year 11!

Finally, can we remind everyone that students need to be bringing a scientific calculator to school every day. The one we recommend is Casio fx-83GT CW and is available in supermarkets or Amazon.



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Chaplaincy:

Rachel would like to thank Honey, Sash and Lucy who have volunteered to join the **Nottingham Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham** on Saturday 15th June 2024. I am sure this special pilgrimage will bring many blessings. Why not write a little prayer, ask for a blessing, a special intention and put it in a sealed envelope and on the envelope write 'Walsingham Intention' and Rachel will give this to the Religious in Walsingham who will pray for you and have mass said for you. You do not have to offer a donation.

Team Chaplaincy Year 7

A fabulous effort from Ava, Eva, Florence, Jack and Dominika who have planned and Act of Worship to deliver to the whole school this week. It has been a joy to work with these talented young people.

The Word of the Week has been: Communication. Our Mission: To tell somebody they are loved. We have had many discussions about how we communicate from a smile to AI - why not continue the conversation at home.

Faith in Action

If you are aiming for the Bronze level you do not need to worry about meeting the targets and deadlines. We have worked hard in school time and we are ready to complete the course and final piece in time.

I am however, concerned about a number of students who are aiming for the Silver Award. I have only received Lucy's journal, final piece and final write up.

The deadline to hand in your journal, final piece and write up is Thursday 6th June 2024 which give you the half term to complete your Faith in Action Award.

I can offer you one more session on Wednesday 22nd May 2024 in the Ilkeston Church House Our Lady and Saint Thomas, Nottingham Road, Ilkeston DE7 5RF (park in the car park and use the back gate and know at the back door) 7.00pm - 8.30pm please bring your journal and anything else you will need eg your 'Service Form'. Please email me rrose@sjh.srscmat.co.uk so I will know to expect you on the evening. Please do keep up the good work with this Award, you are so close to the end and anything worthwhile is hard work. I will have another adult with me who is on the Safeguarding parish team so parents/carers may want to drop off and collect and if you are busy with another activity I am happy to chat to parents and carers who will support you over the holiday to complete this Award.

We have one student who has completed every task for the Gold Award this year.

Visitor in School

On Thursday 13th June 2024 I have arranged for a local councillor to be in school to share his journey from school days to local council days. If you would like to join this gathering (during the school day) please email me your name and any questions you have. It will be interesting to hear how being a Catholic has formed his beliefs.

On Monday 17th June 2024 our Lead Lay Chaplain, Jamie, will be in SJH. Please email me if you would like to be part of this prayer group and take time to encounter Christ. This will be during the school day and it will be a gentle and beautiful time to pray, reflect on Scripture and pick up some tops tips to support your prayer life.

Rodsley Pilgrimage keep the date: Sunday June 30th 2024.

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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 **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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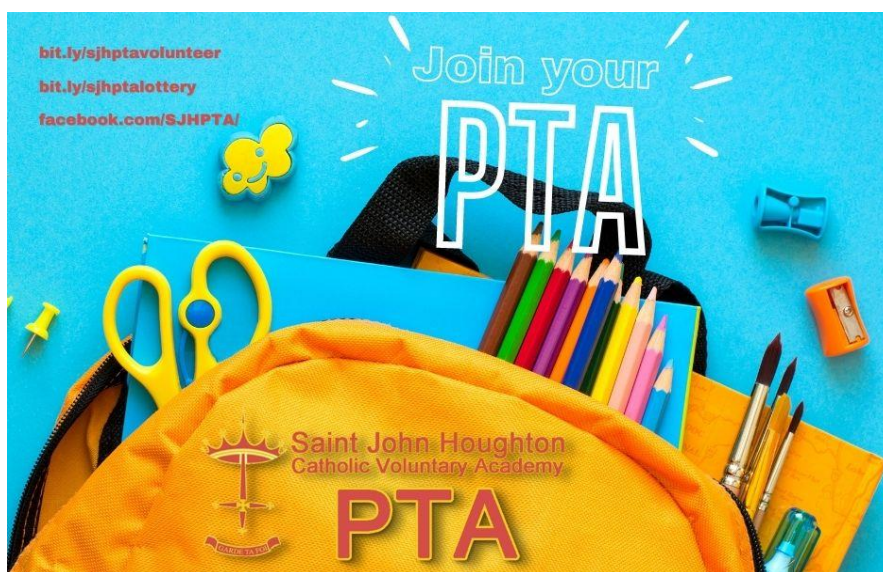
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PTA:



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/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

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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