



**St Ralph
Sherwin**
Catholic Multi Academy Trust

SJH Newsletter

Compassion – Aspiration – Respect – Excellence – Determination – Faithfulness – Optimism – Reconciliation
Friday 19 April 2024



Headteacher's Introduction

Dear Readers,
Welcome to the latest edition of our Newsletter and thank you for joining us once again.

Year 11 are not well and truly 'in the throes' of their GCSE examinations, as MFL Speaking Exams have started and will conclude next week. We are so proud of our Year 11 students and how they are coping with what life is challenging them with at this time.

Earlier this week, we were delighted to welcome Mrs Eyres who joined us earlier this week as a Maths teacher. In a conversation with her this morning she informed me that she has had a 'great' week – Mrs Eyres, we were delighted to welcome you and we look forward to working with you for years to come!

Important upcoming dates Year 7 parents evening – 24 April 2024

Earlier this week (Tuesday), we were joined by two visitors, who completed a Behaviour Audit on behalf of the Saint Ralph Sherwin CMAT. The feedback was extremely positive and while there were some recommendations for improvement, Behaviour systems and procedures in school are strong. Many thanks to all who have contributed to the improvements in behaviour we are seeing across the school.

If you are able, please do join us for our next coffee morning (Friends of Saint John Houghton) in school on 26 April. We would be really pleased to see you.

I would remind you that we are still in the season of Eastertide and that great celebration of the Church's Year when we remember the Resurrection of Jesus. I wonder if the Easter Eggs are still in the house or have they all gone? More next week.

Garde ta Foi! Guard your Faith!

Mr S Brogan - Headteacher

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Mobile phone use in school:

We have seen an increase in the number of students contacting home directly if they are feeling unwell and not informing reception. If a student feels unwell, they must come to reception, where we have a team of first aiders who will assess them and decide if a call home is needed. We kindly ask that parents/carers remind students of the correct procedure.

Water bottles:

As the weather becomes warmer, please ensure students have a water bottle with them in school, there are several water refill points around school.

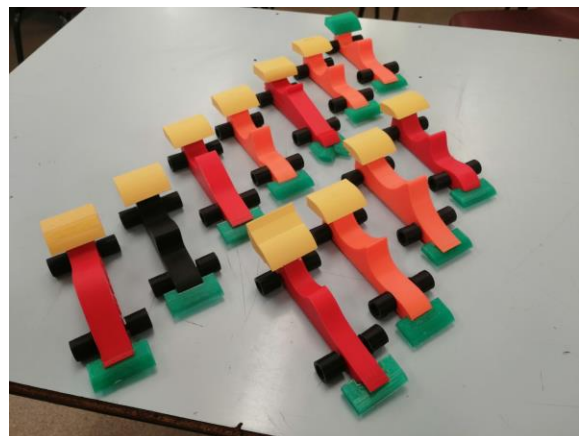
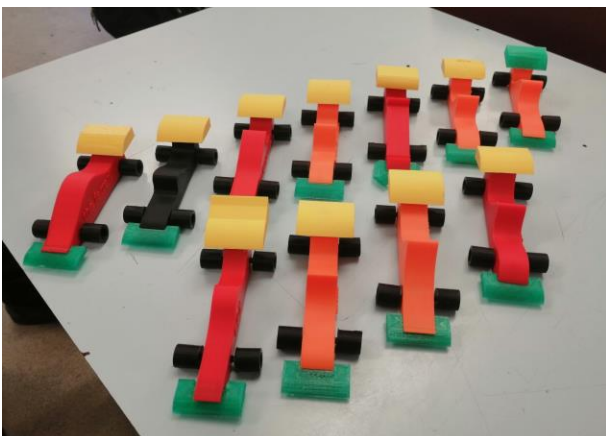
Erewash Community Update – April 2024

Please see below link to the Erewash Community update which gives useful information and support for young people and their families:

<https://s3.eu-west-2.amazonaws.com/crstl-assets/health-wellbeing/files/Community-Updates-Apr-2024/Derbyshire-Wide-Community-Update-April-2024.pdf>

Design and Technology/Engineering Club:

Students in the 3D printing club spent the past few weeks designing and making F1 cars. The cars were designed on Autodesk 123D and 3D printed in various colours on the AnyCubic 3D printers. The students are now creating their own designs on 123D and 3D printing these. The club will end at the end of this term and will resume again in February 2025 and will be open to all students in KS3.



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Celebration Event

30 students from each year group had a fantastic afternoon enjoying themselves up at Ilkeston bowling as a reward for their good behaviour in school. There were some very competitive games, and the students represented the school brilliantly with exemplary behaviour both during the bowling and on the arcade games. We can't wait for the next celebration event!

The Year Leaders



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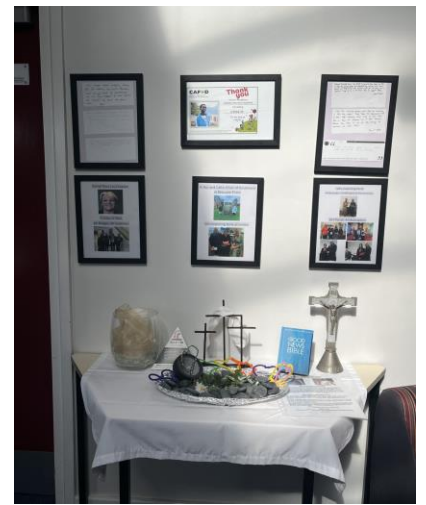
Chaplaincy:

Happy Easter and welcome back to our wonderful Academy.

Please take a look at some of the images in school and in our Eastwood Church. Students have gathered around the Easter Garden for prayer and worship. If you would like to join Rachel in prayer, just send an email and it would be a privileged to pray with you in The Year of Prayer. If you would like to attend Mass but need someone to guide you - here at SJH we are happy to welcome you, guide you and offer the next step on your faith journey.

Thank you,

Rachel, School Chaplain.



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Chaplaincy:

I am delighted to announce our Guest Speaker for our next Friends of SJH Coffee Morning on Friday 26 April 2024 at 11.30am will be: Maria Kirk.

When The Repair Shop began the new series on TV a few months ago, Maria Kirk, a parishioner of Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Eastwood, arrived at "the barn" with a painting in a very damaged state; as the story unfolded, the damage was explained

The Madonna and Child dates back to the 1890s and belonged to a Ukrainian Catholic priest, Father Joseph Bilinski, who was Maria's grandfather. The painting had been given to Fr Joseph by his father, who was also a priest, on the occasion of his ordination. It hung in Fr Joseph's parish Church, located in a small village in western Ukraine. Fr Joseph, his wife Halyna, and their children (Stefania, Roman, and Irena, who was Maria's mother), managed to survive the first world war and enforced famine. Fr Joseph died before the start of WWII, and as the war came closer the family decided to flee to Poland in order to escape the Russian army; before they left their home they took one special item with them.

Maria is bringing her famous picture to SJH and staff and students will have the opportunity to chat to Maria and hear her wonderful story. Please let us know if you will be joining us.

If you are at work or cannot attend the 26th then please know Maria will be at the Beauvale Pilgrimage on May 5th 2024 with her picture.



Catholic Social Teaching (CST)

I attended the CST Course on Tuesday this week, this was led by my English Teacher and Tutor (back in the day) Sister Judith. The course was well planned and well delivered. Please come along to CAFOD Club on Monday lunchtimes in HU3 to put CST into practice and make the world a better place, we have a duty and we are a school on a Mission. The information I gained on this course will support our work toward the CAFOD Live Simply Award. Thank you, Rachel



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Chaplaincy:

Take a 'Chance' on me.

I am delighted to say our latest member of Chaplaincy is settling in very well. Thank you all for the enquiries. Chance will be at Park Run on Saturday, so please do come along and take him for a little walk. (Chance is 13 so he has a little ride in the pram when the road gets tough). Maybe we could all learn a little something from Chance!



Gold Faith in Action award

Well done to our School Captain, Sophie, who has completed her Gold Faith in Action. This is a huge amount of hard work and the Final Piece will be going to the moderators next week. Here at SJH we wish you all the best and good luck. We certainly believe you deserve the Gold Level. It will be my pleasure and privilege to plan a great celebration when we get the results.



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Chaplaincy:

On behalf of the Saint John Houghton Community may we take this opportunity to welcome and congratulate Nigel, Gemma and Lucy who were welcomed into the Catholic faith over the Easter celebrations. You have God's love and ours. We will keep all the family in our prayers.



Students led Daily Prayers

Here in SJH we pray three times a day and hope all will continue this pattern and routine on holiday and when they leave SJH. We would like to thank Ava for confirming her faith and preparing the Grace Before Meals and End of Day prayer and taking the lead in the latest Knights of St Columba's competition.



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Chaplaincy:

Park Run

All Welcome

Meet time: 8.50am

Location: West Park, Long Eaton.

Task: Walking Park Run

Date: 20 04 24

Congratulations and thanks to the students, parishioners and staff who gathered last Saturday and cheered on the champions of Park Run. We are following Pope Francis' instructions to get our trainers on, have them laced up and ready to go! We are a school on a Mission, we are getting fit to walk to the Beauvale Ruins on May 5th 2024.

Extra thanks to Sasha and Honey for being inspirational parish Ambassadors and for putting their Faith into Action.



Beauvale Society

On behalf of the Beauvale Society I would like to thank Honey and Sasha for attending the evening planning meeting for the Beauvale pilgrimage on 5th May 2024. Thank you to Mr Ellis for his support and offers of help. All this support is very much appreciated and valued. Thank you for taking the news from our Parish Schools to Beeston and Long Eaton Parishes.

The ICT Team, Mr Reeks and Mr Filtness, have prepared some more membership cards so please bring in £2.00 cash and collect your Junior Membership Card

and you will be in time for the second Newsletter hot off the Press on Monday! Thank you Mr Reeks and Mr Filtness for your time and efforts.

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Beauvale Pilgrimage

On behalf of the Beauvale Society may I take this opportunity to thank Lucy S for attending, supporting and serving at the Beavale Parish coffee Morning overt the Easter holidays. A great way to earn a praise letter and email and positive points!

Lucy, Honey and Sasha are the latest members of the Beauvale Society, please can you show your support by joining the Beauvale Society and Guarding Your Faith.

BEAUVALE

PILGRIMAGE

Optional walking pilgrimage with Mass at Beauvale Priory
The pilgrimage will begin gathered around the Beauvale stone near the ruins to pray the Beauvale Martyrs prayer at 3.30pm




Sunday 5th May 2024 3.30PM
Beauvale Priory, Beauvale Abbey Farm,
New Road, Moorgreen NG16 2AA

There has been a regular pilgrimage to the ruins of Priory since the 1936, for many years people walked the "Holy Mile" either from Our Lady's Church at Eastwood, or from the bottom of the lane, reciting the rosary. In 1976 together with a few others Miss Pat Miller and her mother, began the Beauvale Society to promote the history of the martyr saints, and the society is still in existence. What do people say about this pilgrimage? "I love this pilgrimage it is wonderful to gather with people of different ages at this holy site where you can feel the prayers of those who have worshipped God here for centuries"

History of Beauvale Priory
In 1343 a Carthusian Priory was dedicated here set in the countryside of Nottinghamshire known as "the Beautiful Vale". Here they lived a silent life of prayer and work for 200 years until the dissolution of the Monasteries, when they refused to sign the oath of Supremacy. The two Priors Ss John Houghton and Robert Lawrence were sentenced to death by being hung, drawn and quartered, they became the first two martyrs of the reformation and were declared saints In 1970.

"I love this pilgrimage it is wonderful to gather with people of different ages at this holy site where you can feel the prayers of those who have worshipped God here for centuries"

Celebrant: Bishop Patrick McKinney
Homilist: Father Christopher McBride CFR



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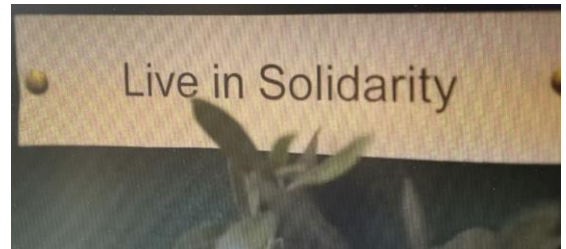
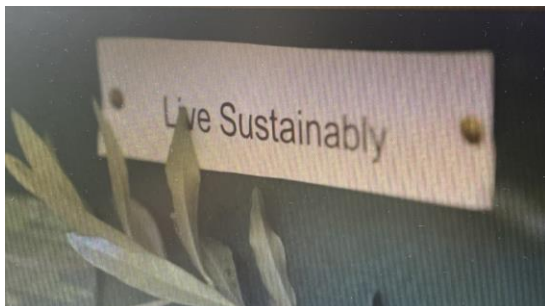
Chaplaincy:

Celebrating Student Leadership

Come along to CAFOD Club Monday 12.45pm - 1.05pm HU3 and join these amazing students in our next project.

I am delighted when students knock on my door at break time and ask me to support them with a visit to a home for the elderly.

We not only plan to visit and take some goodies, but we will dig deeper to see why care workers are paid the living wage when it is a privilege and honour to support the elderly in our community and we can ask if any members are Catholic and would like Holy Communion bringing to them. Here at SJH we have not forgotten we are bringing the SYNOD alive and opening our doors and enlarging our tent. Thank you for being in SJH and pushing for change.



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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

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

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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