



**St Ralph
Sherwin**
Catholic Multi Academy Trust

SJH Newsletter

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Friday 26 April 2024



Headteacher's Introduction

Dear Readers,
Another week flies by! Welcome to the latest edition of our Newsletter, our weekly information sharing resource for you to stay informed of what is going in our school.

The exam season is now well and truly upon us, as our Year 11s have now completed their MFL Oral exams and are 'looking forward' to their formal GCSEs beginning on Thursday 9 May. Year 10 began their first experience of exams yesterday in the Gym as they began their first Mock Exam period. Please keep all of Year 11 and 10 in your prayers at this time.

Huge thanks to our Year 7 parents and carers who joined us for their first experience of a Parents' Evening here in school on Wednesday evening.

Important upcoming dates

Bank holiday – 6 May 2024

GCSE exams begin – 9 May 2024

The evening felt so positive and it was wonderful to hear so many positive experiences of our Year 7 students, who have settled so well with us this year.

This week, we have also been delighted to welcome Miss Burrows (Behaviour Support) and Mrs Myles (Teaching Assistant) to our school community. They are both settling in well and appear to be enjoying being with us!

Finally, please do take the opportunity to join us on 05 May for our annual Beauvale Pilgrimage. Bishop Patrick will be saying Mass at 3:30pm if you are able to join us.

With my sincere thanks for your ongoing support for our school, we are always here if you need us. More next week.

Garde ta Foi! Guard your Faith!

Mr S Brogan - Headteacher

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School Uniform reminder:

A reminder that as part of our school uniform, black socks are the only colour socks permitted to be worn with school uniform. Socks are also **not** permitted to be worn over tights. Please see below link to the school uniform policy:

<https://www.stjohnhoughtonilkeston.srscmat.co.uk/parents/dress-code-and-equipment/>

Non uniform day – Tuesday 7 May 2024

Following back holiday Monday on 6 May, the PTA will be holding a non-uniform day on Tuesday 7 May 2024 for a voluntary contribution of £1. Please ensure students dress appropriately for the weather conditions, vest tops, crop tops and hot pant shorts are not permitted to be worn.

Year 7 Inter Tutor Netball:

Well done to 7H who were the winners of the Year 7 competition:



Year 8 Inter Tutor Netball:

The winners of the Year 8 Inter Tutor Netball tournament were 8S, beating 8H in the final. Well done to all students who took part and represented their tutor group in the tournament.



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Derbyshire School's Golf Championship:

On Monday 22nd April three of our students competed in the Derbyshire School's Golf Championship.

St John Houghton came 2nd out of 21 School's in the team event. This was an excellent achievement.

Liam, Austino and Olly all played amazing considering the weather, the course was very tricky and the green's were playing very quick

In the individual event:

Austino (year 9) came 32nd, shot 89 Gross

Liam (Year 8) came 38th shot 91 Gross

Olly (Year 9) came 16th shot 81 Gross

Overall a great day for St John Houghton and the three boys were a great credit to the school.



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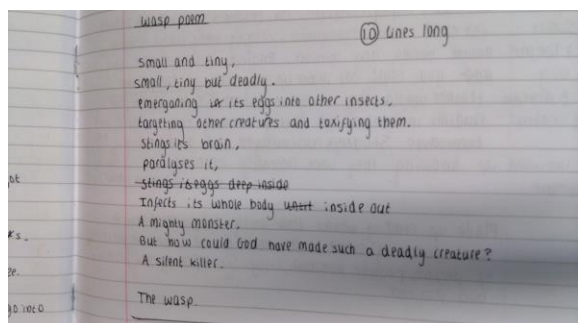
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Year 7s – Romantic Poets

Here are two drafts of poems inspired by the William Blake's 'The Tyger'. Students were exploring God's design of a creature.

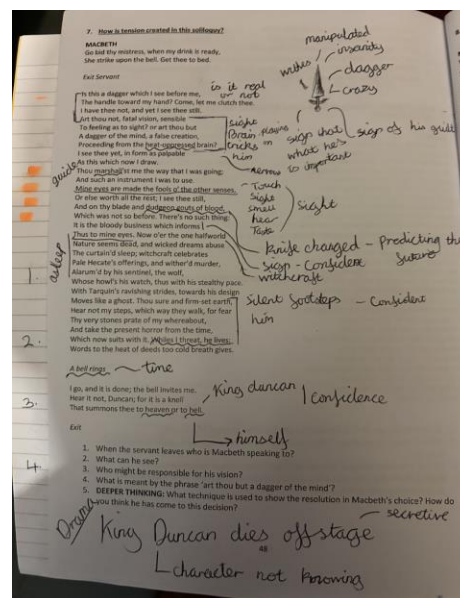


Year 9 – Travel Writing

Year 9 have finished their travel writing and here's an example of the quality of their writing.

Year 8 – Macbeth

Our Year 8s are currently working on Shakespeare's Macbeth. Here's an example of the quality of the analysis they are working on.



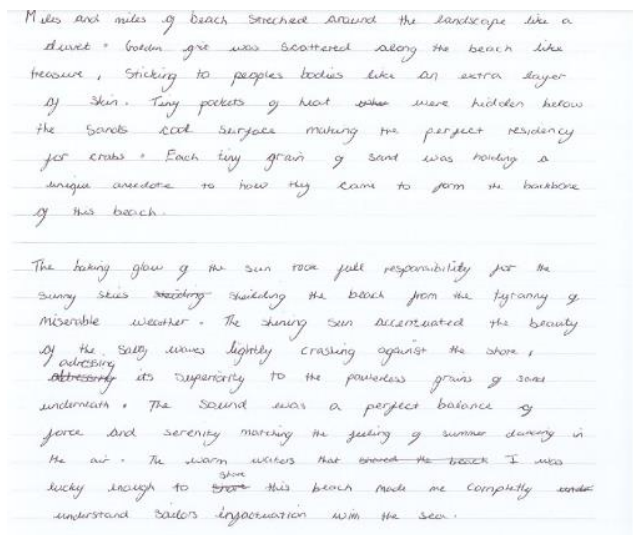
Venice in the morning light was a sight for sore eyes. A motile of baby blue and white embellished the newborn sky. Golden threads of sunlight aptata with grace, and reflected off the brightly coloured buildings below. It dripped ~~through~~ over the city like maple syrup on porridge. Genures of design and sculpture fashioned this floating city.

But, I wasn't in the mood to explore, I was in the mood to sleep. To flop down into a comfy bed and rest. It was common here. Exhausted. Drowsy. Each mummy-dressed tourist held the same can't-be-bothered expression on ~~there~~ their face. The idea of this holiday was to enjoy a new aspect of life, not to mull about in my overused sandals.

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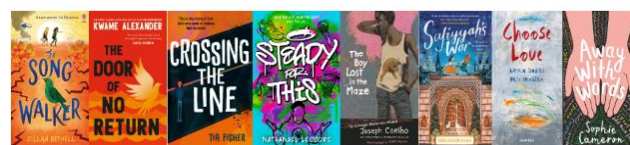


News from the English Department



Yoto Carnegie Book Awards

We are looking for students to join our Carnegie shadowing group. We are going to read all the books on the shortlist over the next term to see if we agree with the final winner.



Year 10 – Preparing for the mock exam

Our Year 10s have been busy preparing for their mock exams. Over half the year group attended an online revision session this week where the English Department gave last minute tips and ideas on how to approach the paper. We wish them good luck as they show off their skills and knowledge learnt.

Year 11 – GCSE Exams

We are proud of our Year 11s. On average over 40 students attend an online revision session every week.

We'd also like to praise the Year 11s for their work on Carousell. In one week, they have answered over 1000 questions for revision. This is an amazing amount for one week.

We advise all students to use the study packs as part of their revision. If they spend ten minutes a day, then the revision will add up.

Students will try to read as many of the books as they can. Then, they will meet for one lesson to have cake, hot chocolate and discuss the book they think should win. If your child would like to join us shadowing the award, then they need to speak to Mr Curtis for a form.

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Careers update:

Year 11 Destinations - September 2024

Can parents encourage any Year 11 students who have not applied for anything in September, to see Mr Riley over the next weeks.

There are still a range of apprenticeship vacancies for Sept 2024, please see, or email, Mr Riley who will be able to forward any current options.

Toyota partnership apprenticeships

2024 PARTNER COMPANY APPRENTICESHIPS

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Toyota works in partnership with suppliers and local engineering firms to offer a unique apprenticeship experience.

Our partner company maintenance apprenticeships are 44 months long. For the first two years of the apprenticeship, you will be based at the Toyota Technical Skills Development Centre in Burnaston, training alongside Toyota maintenance apprentices, with some placement weeks at the partner company. In your final two years, you will be based at your partner company with some occasional training at Toyota.

During the programme you will work towards an industry recognised **Level 3 Advanced Manufacturing Engineering Diploma**. Upon successful completion of the apprenticeship, you will be employed by your partner company.

START DATE: SEPTEMBER 2024

(Please note that some partner companies will not be attending the Open Evening)

TO FIND OUT MORE OR TO APPLY PLEASE VISIT

<https://recruitment.toyotauk.com/apprenticeships/partner-company-maintenance-apprenticeships>

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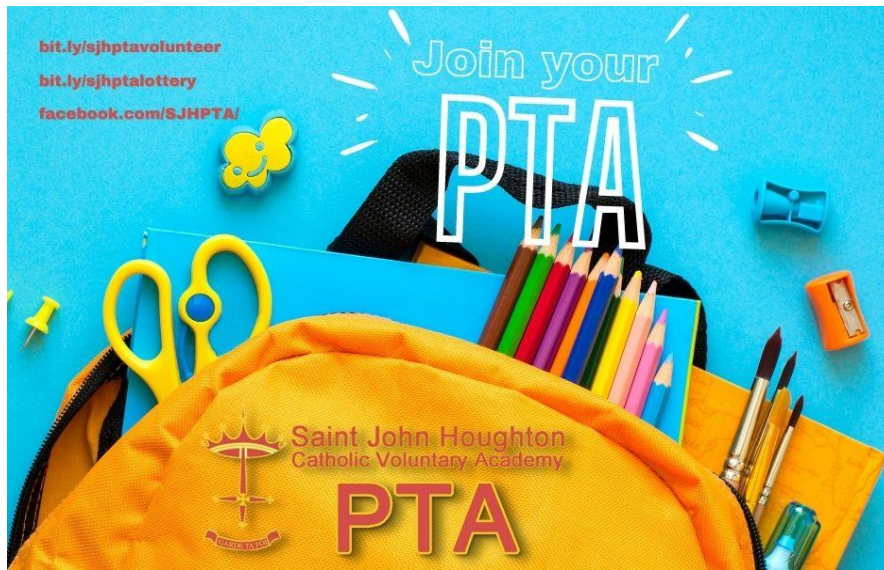
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PTA:



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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Chaplaincy:

Final Details for Beauvale Pilgrimage 2024.

Date: Sunday 5th May 2024

On Sunday 5th May 2024 people from all over the Diocese will be making the Pilgrimage to the remains of Beauvale Priory, where Saint John Houghton once lived. This is our annual pilgrimage, and I am writing to ask for your support. It is our tradition that the Oasis Team and Team Chaplaincy represent our Academy, and this is a wonderful opportunity to show your commitment when applying for the role of Prefect and Year 11 Leadership Team.

Year 7 students are invited because this is a wonderful opportunity to reunite with The Priory Academy staff and students and learn a little bit more about your school Saint.

We will gather at the Beauvale Site, in the Beauvale Grounds, New Road, Mooregreen, Nottingham, NG16 2AA. Please note Rachel will not be meeting at Our Lady of Good Counsel and walking to the Beauvale Site. Mr Brogan, Mr Warden and Rachel will meet you in the Beauvale Grounds at 3.00pm. We will walk to the Beauvale Stone by 3.15pm and Mass will start at 3.30pm. Mass will end about 4.30pm and there will be refreshments to follow.

Please wear suitable clothing for an outdoor Mass. Please wear your school uniform with suitable trousers and footwear, bring a coat/sunscreen, and a small amount of money to purchase refreshments after the celebration.

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, Mooregreen 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.

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Celebrant: Bishop Patrick McKinney
Homilist: Father Christopher McBride CFR

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Hamiltons Schoolwear & Embroidery:

Hamiltons are currently offering 20% off all uniform ordered online for 4 weeks from 22 April 2024.

HAMILTON'S

WHEN TO BUY FOR SUMMER?

THE BEST TIME TO BUY

March, April, May & June



We strongly recommend that you purchase your uniform nice and early before the summer holidays. Just be sure to purchase with room to grow so you're not coming back after the first day back! As long as your uniform hasn't been worn we can exchange sizes if there's a sudden summer growth spurt.

YOU'RE STILL OKAY!

July



July is still a good month to buy your uniform, there'll still be plenty of summer stock left to go around, however be mindful of much longer queues than usual. The average queue time for this time of the year is around an hour long! At this point still make sure you're buying with room to grow too.

IT'S TOO LATE

August & September



August and September are still incredibly busy months and all our stock will be spread thin. We only order a certain amount of uniform to last over the summer months and once it's gone, it's gone. Anything that needs to be ordered in at this point will definitely not arrive in time for school starting. Be prepared for much longer queues as everyone will be coming to pickup their uniform that's already ordered.

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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	Vincent L-W	Roman-Axel R	Isabella O	Lucie A	Isabelle P
English	Valentina H	Amy-Ligh N	Summer P	Cherish R	Thomas F
Science	Felix H	Millie W	Bethany D-R	Ayooluwa E-A	Kristupas P
Religious Education	Jacob L	Matthew M	Logan S	Mollie J	Toby G
Geography	George W	Isacc T	Casey E	Olivia S	Scarlett L-W
History	Dominika P	Tatiana C	Maximilian P	Evie W	Lillian G
Computing & Business	Jack M	Kyrillos A	Sophie A	George H-W Business: George H-W IMedia: Bobby S	Joshua L Business: Maxwell W IMedia: Mya C
Music	Nieve S	George Q	Orla B	Daisy S	Sophie B
French	Alexander H	Jennifer M	Grace B	Brooke C	Tania K
Spanish	Matthew S	Jordan T	Lexie C	Olivia B	Ethan H
PE & Health and Social Care	Katelyn P	Oliver J	Harry B	Nyle C Sports Studies: Layla-Grace C-F GCSE: Jack W H&S care: Sophia E	Imogen T GCSE: Cormac M-T
Design	James E	William B	Ronnie A	DT: Brooke L Engineering: Taner G Food: Ella M Art: Emily H	Engineering: Ivan T Food: Ameisha B Art: Olivia O

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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:

Sonny L for his mature attitude in school.

Year 8 – Ms Andrews:

Matilda C for an excellent week in lessons.

Year 9 – Mr Thomson:

Ronnie A for always working well and having an excellent attitude to learning.

Year 10 – Mr Ritchie:

Rhodina K for being the highest positive points scorer in the year group this term.

Year 11 – Mrs Smith:

Ellie C for working hard, demonstrating resilience and being focused on doing her very best.

The Saint John Houghton Award:

Ayooluwa E-A in year 10 has been nominated by staff for this week's St John Houghton Award, she has been nominated for her dedication to her studies and her contribution to school life.

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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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