



**St Ralph
Sherwin**
Catholic Multi Academy Trust

SJH Newsletter

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Friday 3 May 2024



Headteacher's Introduction

Dear Readers,

Welcome to the latest edition of our newsletter. Today (Friday 03 May) we are celebrating the Feast Day of our patron Saint John Houghton here in school. We will have Mass this afternoon and we are looking forward to that great celebration. I'd also like to remind you that we have our annual pilgrimage to Beauvale on Sunday afternoon, and you are more than welcome to join us for Mass at 3:30pm.

We are delighted that we have two new members of staff who have joined us, Ms Leverton, a former student of our school who joins us as a Teaching Assistant and Miss Farrar who joins us permanently as a Cover Supervisor – You are both very welcome!

Important upcoming dates

Bank holiday – 6 May 2024

GCSE exams begin – 9 May 2024

Please do try and enjoy the long weekend as a family. Hopefully, the sun will shine for us and will give us a slightly longer weekend to rest and recuperate.

Next week, we are looking forward to our Year 11 Leavers' Mass as they formally begin their GCSE examinations. Please do keep them in your thoughts and prayers at this time and in the coming weeks and months.

Year 11 parents, you will by now, have received an exam and Booster Timetable for sessions to be held in school. Please do what you can to support your child as they navigate their way through this challenging time. For some students, removing the PlayStation Controller might be a good idea! More next week.

Garde ta Foi! Guard your Faith!

Mr S Brogan - Headteacher

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Bank Holiday Monday – Monday 6 May 2024:

School will be closed on Bank Holiday Monday and will reopen to all students on Tuesday 7 May 2024.

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.

If students have PE on this day, they must still bring their PE kit with them.

Water bottles:

Please ensure that your child has a water bottle in school every day. There are various water refill stations around school so they can be topped up during the day.

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Careers update:

The National Saturday Club

The National Saturday Club and the University of Derby are offering the chance for students to take part in a variety of arts-based activities with companies and community groups such as Derby Theatre, Baby People, ArtCore and Derby County Community Trust. This will culminate in an exhibition hosted at Somerset House in London, in which participating students will attend on a fully funded day trip.

The National Saturday Club programme is open to 13–16-year-olds of all abilities (Years 8, 9, 10 & 11) and in particular works to engage those who may face additional barriers to success. It's a unique model and taking part can be a transformational opportunity. The Saturday club and all the trips are free and comes at no cost to the school or the learners.

Places are still available – students can register their interest via this link. Please feel free to share this with them: [University of Derby - National Saturday Club \(saturday-club.org\)](https://www.derby.ac.uk/national-saturday-club)

If you have any questions, you can contact the National Saturday Club organisers - Derbysatclub@derby.ac.uk

Army - April Soldier Newsletter

I have received an online copy of the Nottingham Army April Soldier Newsletter, aimed at students at secondary school level. If any students would like a copy of this, please contact Mr Riley.

RAF Virtual Event



Get ready to explore the world of engineering with the Royal Air Force. During the event we will showcase the latest innovations and technologies that power our skies. Whether you're an aspiring engineer or simply curious about aviation, this event is for you!

This is a great opportunity to discover the various career paths available within the Royal Air Force, as well as to gain insight into the lifestyle and travel prospects on offer.

- 🕒 Explore interactive 360° global operations, delving into the world of RAF support worldwide through informative videos and insights to help you find your ideal RAF career
- 🗨️ Jump into 10 different themed chat rooms to find out more about specific professions and topics.
- 👤 Connect with a friendly RAF recruiter directly online. Our experts will answer all your inquiries about career paths, RAF lifestyle, sports opportunities, benefits, and how to embark on your RAF journey.

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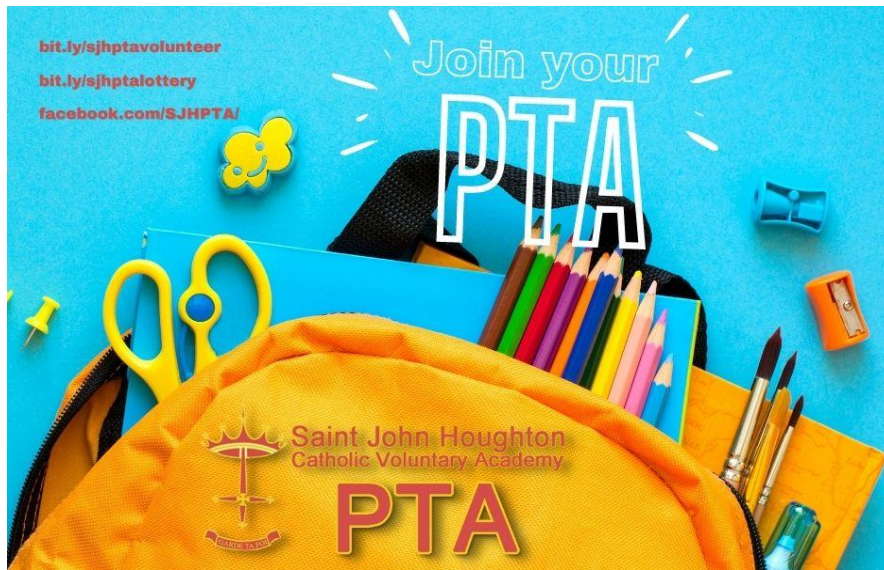
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PTA:



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, Moorgreen, 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, 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.

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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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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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