



# SJH Newsletter

Compassion – Aspiration – Respect – Excellence – Determination – Faithfulness – Optimism – Reconciliation  
Friday 7 June 2024



## Headteacher's Introduction

Dear Readers,

Welcome back to the last half term of the academic year! It is hard to believe there are now only six weeks left of the year. Recently, the time really has been flying by.

Earlier this week, I met with all of the students of the school in Years 7-10 to discuss the latest evolution in the Saint John Houghton Way, our programme that sets the culture of our school and what it means to be a member of our school community. The significant changes this term are that, in an attempt to minimise low-level disruption in the classroom, we have removed two levels of sanctions in the classroom. Student will now be given one warning before they are removed from a lesson.

## Important upcoming dates

Friday 5 July 2024 – Inset day

We will be making some other minor changes to procedures and systems in school in the coming weeks, but nothing too drastic. As I said to the students on Monday and Tuesday, we have spent 4 years building systems in our school and it feels as though we are 'nearly there' in the work we have been trying to do. There will always be new challenges, but lots of this work has now been done.

As a result, I am feeling incredibly positive about the half term ahead and the direction of our school. It really has felt safe, calm and orderly this week – a little sunshine and the chance to get out on the field always helps!

Please continue to think of our Year 11s who are working so hard for their exams and are now well over half way.

Enjoy your weekend as a family. More next week.

Garde ta Foi! Guard your Faith!

**Mr S Brogan** - Headteacher

# School News



## **Last day of term – Tuesday 23 July 2024**

School will be closing at 1.30pm on the last day of term, the school buses have been informed. For those students who use the number 11 bus to get home, they will need to make alternative arrangements, apologies for any inconvenience caused.

## **Athletics club:**

Athletics club is now running on Tuesdays after school.

## **Donation of school ties from year 11**

We would be very grateful if any year 11's who have any spare ties could donate them to school when they leave us, please hand them into reception.

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## Queen Bees Mixed Charity Tournament

Our local netball club (Queen Bees) who are raising money for cancer research on 22<sup>nd</sup> June. SJH are pleased to support the club by hosting the Charity Mixed Netball Tournament for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year running. The club are asking for raffle/tombola prizes and if possible any food/drink stalls that would be happy to attend the event. Please can you contact Mrs Davies or Miss Turgoose if you can help.



**MIXED CHARITY TOURNAMENT**

RAFFLE  
TOMBOLA  
STALLS

FAMILY  
FUN

WE'RE HOLDING  
ANOTHER FUN MIXED NETBALL  
CHARITY TOURNAMENT

**SATURDAY 9AM - 4PM, 22ND JUNE 2024**  
ST JOHN HOUGHTON CVA, KIRK HALLAM, DERBYSHIRE, DE7 4HX

OVER 18S - MIXED TEAMS COMPRISING OF  
3 MALES (POSITIONS WILL BE C, GK, GS)  
4 FEMALES (POSITIONS WILL BE GA, WA, WD, GO)  
ALL PROCEEDS GOING TO CANCER RESEARCH UK

THERE WILL BE LIGHT REFRESHMENTS, RAFFLE, TOMBOLA AND STALLS

**"Unbeelievable fun"**

PLEASE CONTACT: - [QUEENBEESNETBALLCLUB@ICLOUD.COM](mailto:QUEENBEESNETBALLCLUB@ICLOUD.COM)  
FOR AN ENTRY FORM AND DETAILS  
FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT LAURA ON 07900 688781



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## Careers updates - 04/06/2024

### Careers survey – Parents/Carers

Students have recently completed a survey on Careers at SJH. Please [click here](#) to complete the parent/carers survey.

### Careers opportunities



## CALLING ALL SCHOOL LEAVERS

Our **Pre-Apprenticeships** are an excellent opportunity for young people to **kickstart their professional journeys**.

For young people **aged 16-18**  
(up to 25 with an EHCP)

**VOCATIONAL PATHWAYS**

**WORKSKILLS**

**GCSE RESITS**  
→ Maths & English

**Next intake: 5th August**

Juniper Training, Office 1-5, Ground Floor, Prosperity House, Gower Street, Derby, DE1 1SB

[sarah.garlick@junipertraining.co.uk](mailto:sarah.garlick@junipertraining.co.uk)

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## SIEMENS

Siemens  
Apprenticeships.  
Great minds think differently.

What better time to consider your future? We have a very exciting event coming soon for students, parents and influencers to explore apprenticeships at Siemens and how to apply.

Early careers with Siemens & how to apply [Register](#)

A career breakfast for students  
Tuesday 11th June | 8.45am - 9.15am

Ready to create your own journey? [APPLY NOW](#)



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### Careers opportunities

3 FREE LIVE SESSIONS

## SUMMER SERIES 2024

Virtual Careers Talks  
Careers Lead and Influencers

**THURSDAY 13TH JUNE 6PM**

Shaping Students Early Career Pathways with Business Engagement.  
Join our webinar to find out how employers can support your school and students.

[Register](#)

 Alex Blandford, UTC

**WEDNESDAY 26TH JUNE 6PM**

Busting the Myths around Apprenticeships  
Discover Opportunities with UCAS and Virgin Media O2

[Register](#)

 Stephen Williams  
UCAS

**THURSDAY 18TH JULY 6PM**

Careers in STEM  
Join Virgin Media O2 to Understand More

[Register](#)

 Ashton Maesey  
VM02

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH

 UTC  UCAS



High-visibility careers


## Join our Careers Webinar

### Sustainability careers at Bellway


Thinking of careers for the future, think sustainability. All organisations consider the role they play in ensuring our world is sustainable. Join us to find out more about the team at Bellway.

*Wednesday 5th June  
11:00am - 11:30am*


Guest Speakers


 Neil Beamsley  
Group Head of Biodiversity

 Simon Park  
Group Head of Sustainability



*Register your place here, click or scan!*







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## National Scientific Thinking Challenge 2024

During last term Saint John Houghton year 10 triple scientists took part in the National Scientific Thinking Challenge 2024, and we have now had the results. Well done to everyone who took part, but a particular congratulations to the following students:

Bronze award: Eleanor B, Oliver E, Ayooluwa E-A, Liam F, Ila F, Oliver H, Rebecca J, Casey M and Amber W.

Silver award: Nyle C, Taner G, Alfie H and Lewis L

Gold award (in the top 10% of all students across the UK that took part): Casper F, Nathan H, George J, Daisy P and Niamh W.

An even bigger well done to Daisy P who got top marks in our school! What a brilliant effort!



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## School Captains for year 10 students:

### Potential School Captains



**Have you made a positive contribution to school life and participated in activities over the last two years?**

**After half term we will be launching the campaign to appoint our new year 11 school captains.**

**We want dynamic leaders who can make a difference!**

In return for your contribution to the improvement of our school community you will gain:

- An excellent school reference
- Experience that supports college, university and job applications
- Privileges
  - 1 free McDonald's lunch each term
  - A free prom ticket
  - Private workspace – a School Captain's office

#### **And develop skills in:**

- Leadership
- Public speaking
- Problem solving
- Time management
- Teamworking

Applications will be via letter addressed to Mr Brogan  
– more details to follow.

**For further information or to register your interest, speak to Mrs Boddice or Mr Ritchie.**

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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 **14<sup>th</sup> June**  
**2024**

**11.30am-12.30am**

This is taking place at **Saint John  
Houghton Catholic Academy, Abbot  
Road, Kirk Hallam, Ilkeston DE7 4HX**

Contact –  
**[schooloffice@sjh.srscmat.co.uk](mailto:schooloffice@sjh.srscmat.co.uk)**



**St Ralph  
Sherwin**  
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## Chaplaincy:

Time spent well with family and friends.

SJH is part of the SRSCMAT and we always put God in our friendships, so we put love in our friendships.

We are delighted to offer you the opportunity, on behalf of Bishop Partick, to attend the Rodsley Pilgrimage on June 30<sup>th</sup> 2024. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Partick at 3.00pm. This will be an outdoor Mass. Rodsley Pilgrimage is important to our SRSCMAT family because it is where Saint Ralph Sherwin lived.

Beauvale Pilgrimage was supported by SJH staff and pupils, parents and Parish Ambassadors.

Walsingham Pilgrimage will be attended by SJH staff and Parish Ambassadors.

Rodsley Pilgrimage is given as an opportunity for families to attend and our Lead Lay Chaplain, Jamie, will be leading this Pilgrimage so please do go along and support him and say, 'hello', to our Bishop.

This weekend we will begin the First Holy Communion Celebrations. Please remember Fr Paul and Fr Joby, in your prayers, they are working incredibly hard for us all. Please do pray for all the families involved. Rachel will be at all weekend Masses to support.



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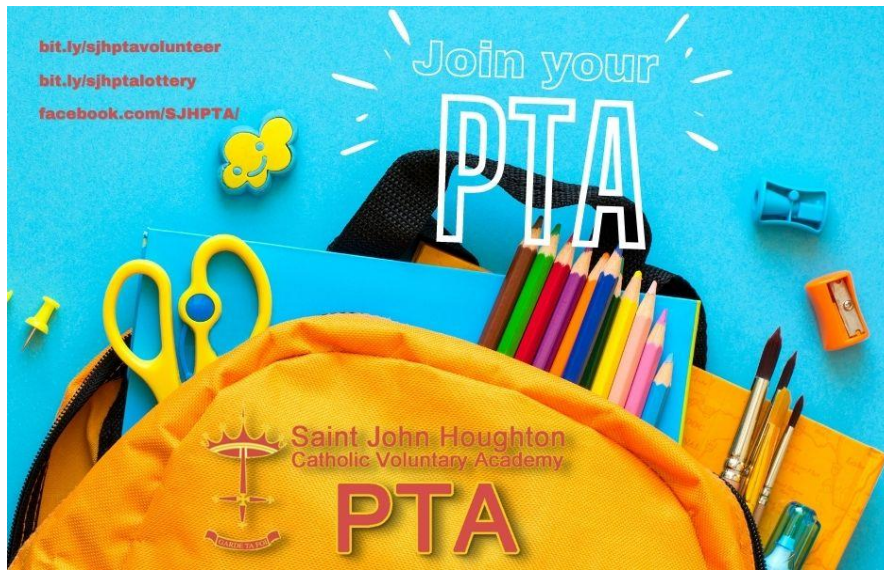
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## PTA:



**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](mailto: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**

<b>Inset Day</b>	<b>Friday 5 July 2024</b>
<b>Last day of term</b>	<b>Tuesday 23 July 2024</b>

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<b>Inset Day</b>	<b>Wednesday 4 September 2024</b>
<b>First day of term – all years return to school</b>	<b>Thursday 5 September 2024</b>
<b>Inset Day</b>	<b>Friday 27 September 2024</b>
<b>October half term</b>	<b>Monday 28 October 2024 – Friday 1 November 2024</b>
<b>Trust Inset Day</b>	<b>Friday 29 November 2024</b>
<b>Christmas holidays</b>	<b>Monday 23 December 2024 – Friday 3 January 2025</b>
<b>February half term</b>	<b>Monday 17 – Friday 21 February 2025</b>
<b>Trust Inset Day</b>	<b>Monday 24 February 2025</b>
<b>Easter holidays</b>	<b>Monday 7 – Monday 21 April 2025</b>
<b>May half term</b>	<b>Monday 26 – Friday 30 May 2025</b>
<b>Inset Day</b>	<b>Friday 4 July 2025</b>
<b>Last day of term</b>	<b>Thursday 24 July 2025</b>

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