



**St Ralph
Sherwin**
Catholic Multi Academy Trust

SJH Newsletter

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Friday 14 June 2024



Headteacher's Introduction

Dear Readers,
Welcome to the latest edition of our Newsletter and thank you, as always for reading and for your support. For many of our Year 11s, today is the day of their last exam and their last day with us. They will be missed, and we wish them well for their future.

I am delighted that this week, Mr Yuen has joined us as a Teaching Assistant on a permanent basis. He is very much already 'part of the furniture' as he has been with us for several months already.

In another staff update, Mrs Smith will be moving into a new role as Curriculum Leader of Maths. We have faced real challenges in the Maths department this year and I am

Important upcoming dates Friday 5 July 2024 – Inset day

delighted to say that Mrs Smith will be taking up the challenge of running the department. This now means that from September, the staffing of the whole department is now 'set in stone' after several turbulent months.

Earlier this week, the police were in school talking to students about cyber bullying and their digital footprint (Year 7 & 8) and hate crime (Years 9 & 10). I would ask you as parents to be alert to the challenges young people face online and their own conduct. Please check their phones regularly and do question them about their online activity. Young people in 2024 face pressures and challenges many of us never when we were growing up!

As always, if we can support in any way, please do get in touch. We are here to serve you, our families. More next week.
Garde ta Foi! Guard your Faith!

Mr S Brogan - Headteacher

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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.

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.

Track and Field Cup:

On Monday 10th June the Year 10 boys competed in the Midlands B finals of the Track and Field cup. There was some excellent performances on the day. The Year 10 boys finished 5th with 275 points. The next time the boys will be in action will be at the Erewash District Athletics later on in the term.

Competing boys - Matteo C, Oliver E, George J, Oscar M, Adryan M, Sean O, James P, Rhys P, Billy S, Nik T, Jack W, Archie Y, Andre O, Daniel F, Nathan H
Well done, Mr Ritchie

It's Gold for SJH!

On Saturday 8th June, three students represented Erewash at the Derbyshire Schools Athletics competition. All three students competed and progressed to the finals. Both Hallie B and Sasha F took part in 200m and long jump. Special mention to Rory B, he won gold in the high jump with his winning jump being 1.75m. Rory will represent Erewash in the next round of competition. Well done to all students, and a massive good luck to Rory!

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Duke of Edinburgh Award:

15 Year 10 students completed their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award Expedition last week. After going through two days training, the students were divided into 3 groups and began the two days walking on a drizzly Saturday morning at Darley Bridge near Matlock.

The students had to carry all their clothes and food for the weekend as well as dividing up tents and cooking equipment between them to pack in their rucksacks.

To complete the award, the students were required to walk for at least 6 hours each day. There also had to set up their tents and cook their evening meal and breakfast the following day.

The assessors all passed the students and were very complimentary about the attitude and effort of the group.

A big thankyou to Mrs Davies, Miss Garrod, Mr Timms and Mr Ritchie who supported the weekend by camping with the students.



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Chaplaincy:

Daily Prayers

Here in SJH we pray three times a day. As part of their Faith in Action Silver Award Alfie and Ava have prepared our Grace Before Meals and End of Day Prayers. These prayers 'pop up' on all computers at the relevant times for our school community. Thank you, Ava and Alfie, for your support and for leading prayers in school. Our hope is that students leave SJH with a pattern to prayer life which they will continue for their whole life. Why not try and say Grace Before Meals as a family today?



Prayers in SJH in Tutor Time

In SJH we have Christ at the centre of our day, and we understand the liturgical calendar so if we have a Feast Day, we celebrate this in Tutor Time and in our Acts of Worship. We would like to thank Eleanor, Danielle and Elena for providing our school community with prayers for the Feast 'The Most Secret Heart of Jesus' on Friday 7th June 2024. Well done, Eleanor, Danielle and Elena for completing the silver Faith in Action Award, your service is very much appreciated.



Act of Worship in SJH

Well done and thank you to members of Year 7 s who volunteered to lead a whole school Act of Worship. Year 7 are determined to protect our school Eco Garden. Well done! Watch out for our new praise postcards which will be arriving to your home any day now!



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Chaplaincy:

Parish Ambassadors

Thank you to all our Parish Ambassadors who join in celebrations, prayer and worship in Ilkeston, Eastwood and Stapleford and more! It is always great to see you at mass, serving, in the choir, reading, and meeting and greeting and taking the collection. Thank you for what you do. We have too many to mention individually but if you write your name on the list on Rachel's office door you will be included in our celebration of thanks in school before the end of term.

Olivia, Matteo and Oliver, thank you for 'guarding your faith' and you are in our prayers as you prepare to receive The Sacrament of Confirmation in your parish.

SJH Chaplain will be leading the Confirmation Programme and Bishop Patrick will be Confirming our young people in Advent so if you would like more information please write to Fr Paul and Fr Joby, Rachel is happy to pass on any letters for you.

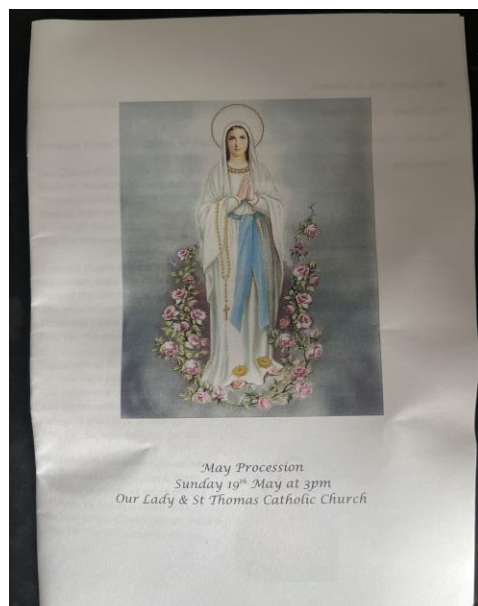
Thank you to Lucy and Sash for representing SJH this weekend at the Walsingham Pilgrimage. I am delighted you have completed your silver Faith in Action Award.

Rodsley Pilgrimage

Please note the change of detail...

Unfortunately, this year's pilgrimage is going to have to be re-venued to Our Lady of Lourdes parish church in Mickleover. Due to the recent weather, the usual field will not be fit for purpose by June 30th. Whilst this is a real shame, Fr Jonathan Whitby-Smith at Our Lady of Lourdes, has kindly said that Mass can be celebrated there. The pilgrimage will start at 2.45pm by saying a decade of the Rosary at the Marian shrine in the parish grounds, before processing into church where Bishop Patrick will celebrate Mass at 3pm. All welcome.

Here in SJH we teach and support you well. This year we have gone to Beauvale Pilgrimage as a School, to Walsingham Pilgrimage as Parish Ambassadors and we are asking you to go to Rodsley as a family. Last year SJH joined the Rodsley Pilgrimage at it was a beautiful outdoor mass and families said they wished they had known families could have attended so this year we are giving you the opportunity to support as a family. We need readers, servers, students to meet and greet so if you are able and willing please do email me and we will give you a role for this special mass. Thank you, Rachel



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Chaplaincy:

Faith in Action

I am delighted that so many pupils have kept me busy by completing their Faith in Action Award!

Congratulations to Year 6 The Priory and St Thomas pupils who have completed their PIN Level. To Parishioners in Ilkeston and Eastwood who have completed their Bronze, Silver and Gold Award. To Members of year 7,8,9, 10 and 11 in SJH who have completed their Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards and to SJH staff who have completed their Bronze Award. I was able to write a personal statement for each pupil, parishioners and member for staff and deliver their journals, final piece and 'creations' to the Briars for moderation. For the next steps we will wait for the Briars Team to read and pray over each piece and return them to me, hopefully with certificates and badges, and I will make certain they are returned to the right destinations. Why not plan a celebration as a family and Tutor Group and parish for when they are returned?

Well done everyone for growing in faith together.

Love,
Rachel

The Tablet:

I was delighted to see in, 'The Tablet', this article which mentions SRSCMAT and celebrates that we 'ensure that all paper waste is recycled or reused, food waste is composted, and produce from school vegetable gardens is on the lunch menu'. What a great example for Catholic Social Teaching and a reminder to all in SJH this is how we live so please continue to recycle, reduce and smile.



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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
Maths	Jeejesh D	Jordan T	Mary F	Isali F
English	Evie-Mae M	Charlie B	Luke C	Lydia D
Science	Dominika P	Alice C	Mishel C	Oliver E
Religious Education	Amelia-May O	Sami S	Hollie Ann P	Selene P
Geography	Isla T	Chevin G	Amy-May H	Taner G
History	Matthew S	Lois-Skye J	Joshua F	Archie H
Computing & Business	Maisie W	Callum B	Isla F	Chidera N Business: Sophia E I Media: David O
Music	Fraser H-G	Natasha G	Georgia C-S	Eleanor A
French	Bella B-H	Aaron V	Samson M	Chloe P
Spanish	Remy K	Jack B	Scarlett L	Chloe-Mae G
PE & Health & Social Care	Jesse W	Joseph R	Evie H	GCSE: Ava L Sports Studies: Libby McC H&S care: Olivia S
Design	Theo W	Evie B	Anton C	DT: Cherish R Engineering: Harry V Food: Leo D Art: Evie W

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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:

Thayonita R for her effort in lessons.

Year 8 – Mr Warden:

Joseph R for working hard in lessons and achieving a number of positive points

Year 9 – Mr Thomson:

Ashlie L for always working hard and giving 100%.

Year 10 – Mr Ritchie:

Paul R for having an excellent attitude to learning this term.

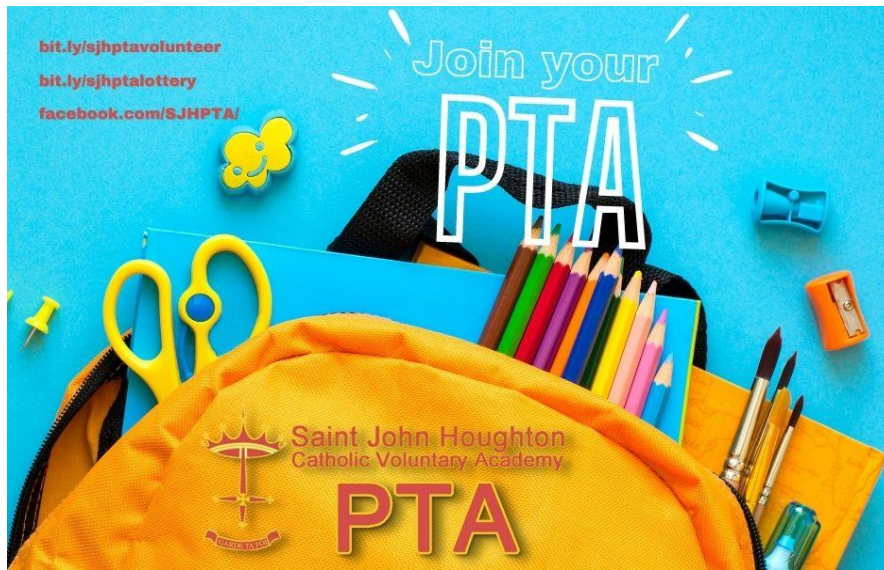
The Saint John Houghton Award:

Grace R in year 7 has been nominated by staff for this week's St John Houghton Award, she has been nominated for her determination to succeed and respect she shows to others.

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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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Queen Bees Mixed Charity Tournament

Our local netball club (Queen Bees) who are raising money for cancer research on 22nd June. SJH are pleased to support the club by hosting the Charity Mixed Netball Tournament for the 3rd 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.



CANCER RESEARCH UK



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 100 - 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

"Unbee-lievable fun"

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



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Other useful links:

Safeguarding concerns: please email safeguarding@sjh.srscmat.co.uk

Homework : <https://www.stjohnhoughtonilkeston.srscmat.co.uk/curriculum/home-work/>

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

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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