



**St Ralph  
Sherwin**  
Catholic Multi Academy Trust

# SJH Newsletter

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



## Headteacher's Introduction

Dear Readers,

A very warm welcome to the last newsletter of the academic year. While the England boys never quite managed to 'Bring Football Home,' we have had a terrific time in school in the last few weeks regardless. Our Year 10s and 11s continue their trip in Borneo and I am assured that they are having a great time. Meanwhile, Year 8 are thoroughly enjoying their Activity Week. I am so grateful to our staff who give so freely their time to support our students on these visits. On Monday, our students will enjoy what has become a great day in school, our PTA Inflatable Day. Again, I am so grateful to our dedicated PTA members who support our school and give our students this opportunity.

## Important upcoming dates

**Tuesday 23 July 2024** - last day of term, finish at 1.30pm

**Thursday 05 September** - All students return to school (08:40)

This week, we welcomed Mr Wilson to our school and to the Science department. He is settling in well and is getting to grips with our school. Mr Wilson, you are very welcome indeed. At the end of the year, we will say goodbye and thank you to Mr Anto, who has been with us for some time now. He will be missed and we wish him every success for the future.

We have made a slight change to the school day from September onwards, as we will now have 4 periods before lunch and just 1 period after the lunch break. This has been communicated to our students over the past two weeks and will support with the afternoon, reducing negative behaviours. We look forward to seeing our students on 5 September (08:40) after a good rest. More to come in September...  
Garde ta Foi! Guard your Faith!  
**Mr S Brogan** - Headteacher

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## End of term arrangements:

Monday 22 July 2024 - The PTA have arranged a fun day for all students which include inflatables on the school field, they will need to wear their school PE kit, **they must wear leggings or jogging bottoms for this event, leggings or jogging bottoms should preferably be black, shorts cannot be worn. Trainers must also be worn and no crocs.**

Tuesday 23 July 2024 - Non uniform, please ensure students dress appropriately, no hot pants, crop tops, vest tops or crocs. A reminder that school will be closing at 1.30pm.

We kindly ask for a voluntary contribution towards the PTA of £1.

## New timings for the school day from Thursday 5 September 2024:

Please see below new timings for the school day from September, there will be no change to the start or end of the day:

<b>Registration/Act of Worship</b>	<b>8.45am-9.10am</b>
<b>Period 1</b>	9.10am-10.10am
<b>Period 2</b>	10.10am-11.10am
<b>Break</b>	11.10am-11.30am
<b>Period 3</b>	11.30am-12.30pm
<b>Period 4</b>	12.30pm-1.30pm
<b>Lunch</b>	1.30pm-2.15pm
<b>Period 5</b>	2.15pm-3.15pm

## Change to school uniform from September 2024:

From Thursday 5 September 2024, the optional V neck jumpers that can be worn must be black, rather than grey. **Blazers must still be worn.** This has been updated on the school website, the link to the school uniform policy is below:

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

## New school reporting system:

From September 2024, we shall be moving to a new school system called Arbor, further information will follow, initial information can be found about the new system, using the following link on our website:

<https://www.stjohnhoughtonilkeston.srscmat.co.uk/information/arbor/>

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## **Year 6 Open Evening – Thursday 26 September 2024 - early closure:**

We shall be holding our annual Year 6 Open Evening on Thursday 26 September 2024 from 3.30pm, therefore, school will be **closing early on this day**, the early closing time will be communicated at the beginning of September when we return to school.

## **Thank you to the Sound and Light crew:**

Thank you to the Sound and Light crew for their help during The Priory year5/6 play rehearsals and performance last week. Also, a thank you to 3 Year 7s, Donald C, Ethan C and Josh M for all their help during rehearsals and the play too.

## **Maths Department News – UKMT Maths Challenge**

This year many of our talented mathematicians took part in the UKMT Maths Challenge at both Junior and Intermediate levels. Our students performed extremely well, gaining a huge number of certificates, and two students; Daisy P and Aaron E going on to compete in the follow on rounds. Well done to all the students who took part and congratulations to all those who managed to gain a certificate.

Students were awarded with their certificates last week, and both Daisy and Aaron received a Maths Medal for having qualified and competed in the next stage of the Challenge.

For anyone who would like to read more about the Challenges or even have a go at completing a practise round please visit [www.ukmt.org.uk](http://www.ukmt.org.uk).



### Best in Year Students

Matthew S

Aaron E

Sonny K

Daisy P

## **Nottingham Diocese vacancy:**

The Nottingham Diocese are currently recruiting for a Governance Manager for the Diocesan Education Service, please click on the below link for further information:

<https://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/careers/governance-manager-diocesan-education-service>

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## Why Talking Fixes:

St John Houghton were delighted to be asked by the Why Talking Fixes charity to support them in making a well for the local West Hallam well dressings, which took place over the weekend.

We work closely with the charity and the charity are very supportive of the school.

We have been provided with a wellbeing library by the charity.

We would like to thank Mrs Taddeo and Mr Thomson for taking 8 students out of school to produce the well dressing.

We would also like to thank the students for agreeing to help, they were Aimee M, Lucas M, Ethan P, Oscar R, Libby H, Arlo C, Abi H and Marianna L.

As you can see they did a great job.



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## Chaplaincy:

We are in the Year of Prayer and in December 2024 we will become 'Pilgrims of Hope' in our Jubilee Year



Students and parishioners in SJH have suggested we read Jenny Colgan's new read: 'Close Knit' over the summer holiday and gather in October 2024 to discuss the book. Perhaps this could be the beginnings of an SJH and Parish Book Club? Take a look at the bicycle on the book cover – we have a marvellous bicycle to 'yarn bomb' which could travel around SJH, St Thomas, The Priory and the parish during the Jubilee Year, collecting thoughts, reflections and prayers from our local community. Over the summer could you make a decoration to add to our, 'Pilgrim of Hope Bicycle'? Please give all donations to Rachel, School Chaplain.

### Close Knit

A Novel

By Jenny Colgan

On Sale: August 6, 2024



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## Chaplaincy:

### **Faith In Action Award:**

It is my pleasure to announce Team Chaplaincy 7S and Team Chaplaincy 8S have gained their Bronze Faith in Action Award along with 12 members of Team Chaplaincy 9A. Mrs Boddice and Ms Leverton have also gained their Bronze Faith in Action Award along with Oliver H from our Sound and Light Crew.

More congratulations to Lucy, Alfie, Ava, Danielle, Eleanor, Elena and Olivia who have gained their Silver Faith in Action Award.

Huge congratulations to our previous School Captain, Sophie, who has gained her Gold Level Faith in Action Award.

Mr Brogan will present each student with a badge, certificate and letter of praise from Nottingham diocese.

More celebrations must go to Year 6 pupils at Priory and St Thomas who have worked hard to gain their Pin Level Faith in Action Award and Parishioners who have also gained Bronze, Silver and Gold. Watch out for presentations and celebration in your Parish Newsletter.



### **SJH Eco Garden:**

On behalf of Saint John Houghton may I take this opportunity to thank all the marvellous people who made Friday's Blessing of the SJH Eco Garden possible. Canon Paul blessed our garden and doated a statue of Saint Francis, our choir sang beautifully and SJH staff and students served our Governing body, parents and parishioners cream teas prepared by our wonderful catering team, and a lovely cake made by Lucy. A special shout out to Mr Carr and his Eco Team who work hard all year round to keep our garden tidy and ready to bloom.



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## Friends of Saint John Houghton Catholic Voluntary Academy:

### 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 **20.09.24,**  
**18.10.24, 6.12.24, 24.01.25, 2.05.25.**

**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](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**

**Last day of term**

**Tuesday 23 July 2024 - closing at 1.30pm**

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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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