



SJH Newsletter

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Friday 21 June 2024



Headteacher's Introduction

Dear Readers,

Welcome to the latest edition of our newsletter and thank you for reading. In spite of the dismal performance of the England team last night, it has been a lovely week in school. As stated by Mr Carr in his Act of Worship on Wednesday, the sunshine and light really do help us and the mood in school this week has been reflective of the weather.

The sun has arrived just in time for Year 11 to enjoy it, now that all of the GCSEs have been completed. Our students have been magnificent and the exams have passed without any incident, a testament to our young people and their maturity and where we are heading as a school!

Important upcoming dates

Friday 28 June 2024 – Sports Day

Friday 5 July 2024 – Inset day

I would like to thank Mrs Morris and her team of invigilators, who have also done a tremendous job during this busy time. We are extremely grateful to them for all of their efforts.

This week in school, we had our two-year promotional photoshoot in school and it was interesting that Years 7 and 8 were desperate and ran towards the camera, whereas Year 9 appeared to run away from it! We look forward to seeing the photos and videos in all their glory when they are produced.

Also, this week, we have issued some slightly different routines at the start of the day and as always, our students have just gotten on with it! Huge thanks to them for their efforts as always. Wishing you a lovely weekend in the sunshine, 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.

No. 11 bus users

Kirk Hallam Community Academy have an inset day on Monday 1st July 2024, therefore the number 11 bus will not be running that day, Students who usually use this bus will need to make alternative arrangements, apologies for any inconvenience caused.

Donations of footballs:

We would be very grateful for any donations of full-size footballs that could be given to school for students to use at break and lunchtimes. Any donations can be given to the school office. Every day we have more than 250 students playing football and it really is great for the students to have to opportunity to play and to burn some energy during their free time.

School lunch accounts:

We are unfortunately seeing an increase in the number of students asking for a lend as they do not have sufficient money on their accounts, Derbyshire County Council's policy is that students can only be offered one lend. The school office will contact parents/carers to ask for their child account to be topped up. We kindly ask that parents/carers check their child's lunch account on a regular basis to ensure they have funds in their account.

Please be aware that we are always willing to support families who are experiencing financial hardship, please email us on schooloffice@sjh.srscmat.co.uk and we will always try to support.

Homework club:

There will be no Homework Club on Thursday 27 June 2024.

Sports day Friday 28 June 2024:

Sports day will be on Friday 28 June 2024, all students need to come to school in their PE kit. They will need a water bottle, suncream and a hat as the weather forecast is looking good.

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PTA year 6 & 7 disco:

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Year 6 & 7



9 July 2024 6PM to 8PM

Tuck Shop 50p - £1
Tickets £3 (No sales on the door)
Mrs N Smith (Pastoral Corridor)

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Careers updates - 18/06/2024

Many thanks for the feedback received via the recent parent/carer careers survey. Responses were positive and generally showed that parents/carer's know where to find information to support your child with their career choices. If, however, you were unsure about any of the questions, below is a response to help answer any areas of uncertainty.

Q2: I am aware of where to find information on the Careers education my child receives at St John Houghton

For full details on the careers education your child receives at St John Houghton, please see the SJHCVA Careers Programme 2023-2024, which can be found on the school website.

<https://www.stjohnhoughtonilkeston.srscmat.co.uk/curriculum/careers-education/>

Q3: I am aware of where to find information on how I can help my child to make informed choices about their options Post-16

Over and above the support your child receives in school, parents/carers also have the option of finding this information out on the school website, where you will find a range of useful websites and links to Post-16 options information.

Q4: I am aware of where to find information on local labour market information (LMI)

Students have recently had a presentation about this in tutor time, but this information can also be accessed on the school website.

Q5: I am aware of who to contact in school with any questions about Careers

Please contact Mr Riley for any questions related to careers.

Q6: I have had conversations with my child about their Post-16 options and future career choices

It was great to see that many parents/carers have regular conversations with their child about Post-16 options. If this is something that you need further support with, you can use the information on the school website as a catalyst to start conversations around this with your child.



Chaplaincy:

The Great Church Annual Bake Off

At Our Lady and St Thomas Church Ilkeston

Sunday 7th July 2024 after morning mass, in the church hall.

Two categories - adults and children 12 years and under.

All cakes will be sold after they have been judged, so bring your pennies along!

Please email francescamarson1986@gmail.com to register you cake along with the below information:

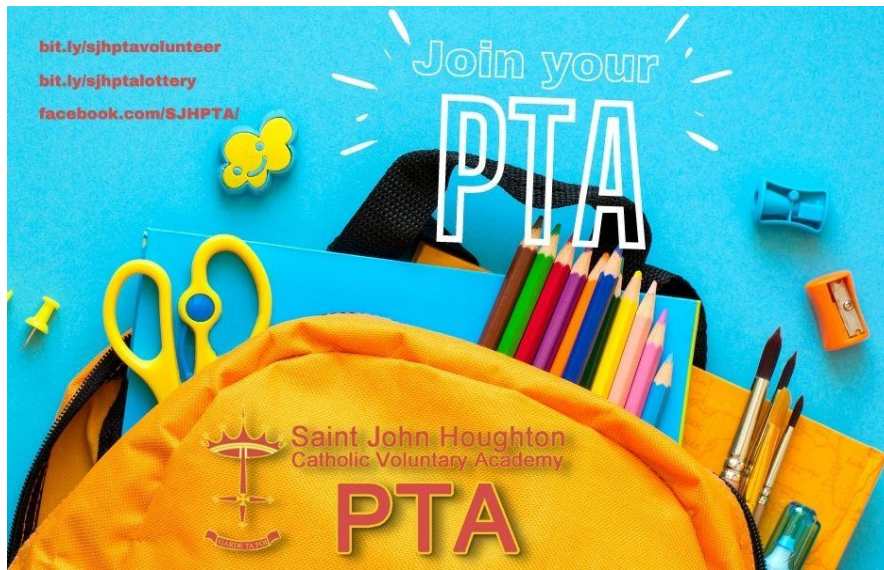
- 1) Your Name
- 2) Category Adult/Child?
- 3) Name of your cake!

Closing date 30th June 2024

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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

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

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| 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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