



**St Ralph
Sherwin**
Catholic Multi Academy Trust

SJH Newsletter

Compassion – Aspiration – Respect – Excellence – Determination – Faithfulness – Optimism – Reconciliation
Friday 28 June 2024



Headteacher's Introduction

Dear Readers,

Many thanks for joining us once again for the latest edition of our Newsletter, on Sports Day nonetheless, one of the highlights of the academic year, where our gifted sporting students have an opportunity to shine.

Yesterday evening, we said our formal goodbyes to our Year 11 students. It was a wonderful celebration. I was speaking to members of staff about our Year 11s and there was a resounding feeling that they are a wonderful group of young people. It has been our privilege to serve them over the past 5 years and to celebrate with them last night. We wish them well for all the future holds.

Important upcoming dates Friday 5 July 2024 – Inset day

On Monday, the baton will be passed from our outgoing School Captains (Sophie, Mikey and Simdi) to the new. Our 8 candidates will give speeches on Monday morning and voting will take place at lunchtime. It truly is democracy in action in our school as the vote of the Headteacher holds the same value as that of the youngest Year 7 student. We are so proud of all of our students who have put themselves forward for this position and the way they have conducted themselves during the campaign.

Finally, let's hope for an improved performance from the England football team on Sunday evening at 5pm. The last three performances haven't been great, but we are still in with a chance. Maybe it really is coming home this time...

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 the 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.

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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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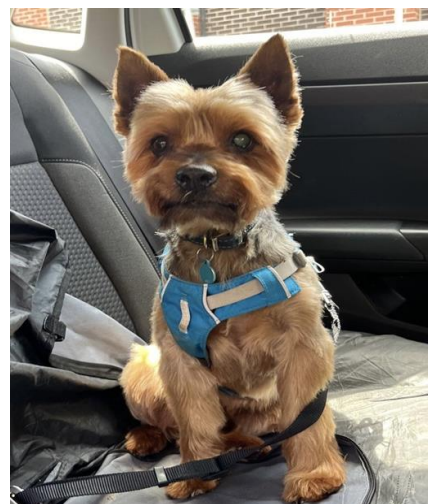


Chaplaincy:

On behalf of SJH may I take this opportunity to thank Jamie, our Lead Lay Chaplain, for leading a group of students in our Chapel last week. Jamie showed us how we can grow in faith by using art. We studied several pieces of artwork in silence and then read the Scripture they were matched to and had time to sit quietly with our thoughts as Jamie led us in prayer and worship. With thanks to all the wonderful students who were involved in the special meeting. If you would like to have time with Rachel and try this form of prayer and reflection, please email her and she would be delighted to support you. Thank you.



Dear all,
I am looking into bringing Chance into SJH with me from time to time and wonder if you could share your thoughts. There will be insurance and a risk Assessment in place, and nothing is decided yet.
Rachel



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Chaplaincy:

Rachel, Lucy and Sasha joined Our Lady and the Beauvale Martyrs and went on pilgrimage to Walsingham. On behalf of the SJH family may I take this opportunity to publicly thank Lucy and Sasha for their time and commitment. They were wonderful ambassadors for our school - no wonder a kind parishioner treated them to a bag of sweets for the journey home! This opportunity was open to all so well done Lucy and Sasha! More details have been shared on our Daily Prayers, please chat about Walsingham Pilgrimage as a family.



On behalf of SJH may I take this opportunity to thank Mr Flatley, one of our Governors, for speaking to our students last week. It was wonderful to hear his inspiring story and have time for questions. We enjoyed refreshments and appreciate the time we shared.



Date for your diary: FLAME 25 will be open to Year 10 & 11 and will be on March 15th 2025. Please start saving you deposit for this fabulous day - more information to follow.

The Sacrament of Confirmation: If you are in Year 9 and above and would like to be confirmed please contact Rachel, Fr Paul or Fr Joby.

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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:

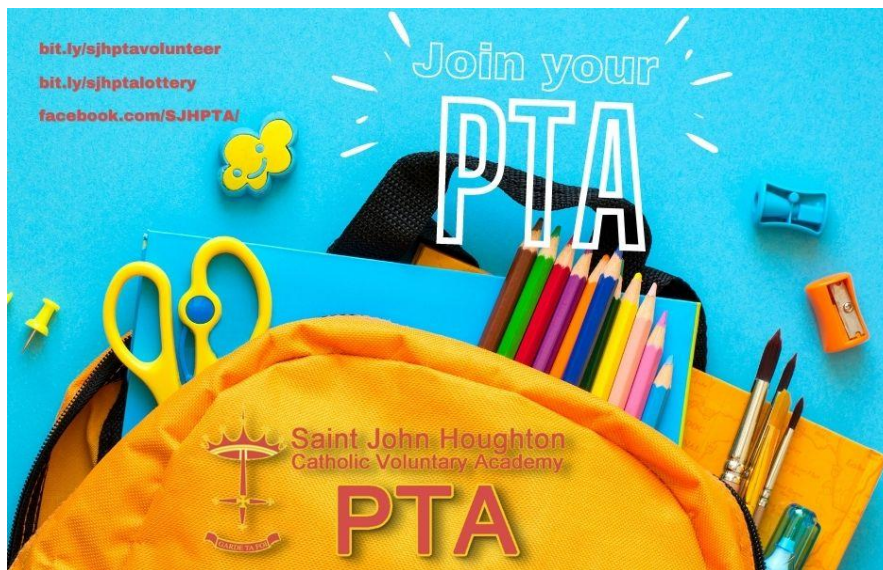
- 1) Your Name
- 2) Category Adult/Child?
- 3) Name of your cake!

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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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	Finn L	Joseph R	Rosemary S	George H-W
English	Victoria Z	Matilda C	Ethan G	Taner G
Science	Thomas C	Ellen T-B	Harry L	Tino M
Religious Education	Charlie A	Jack T	Mille G	Wiktor P
Geography	Charlie B	William J	Charlie B-M	Lydia D
History	Amelia-May O	Oliver J	Lena M	Wiktor P
Computing & Business	Eva P	Somtochukwu N	Hollie Ann P	David F Business: Emilia T I Media: Tia A
Music	Sonny L	Ethan P	Dawn M	Daisy S
French	Lily T	Thomas G	Robbie B	Harriet F-D
Spanish	Eleanor C	Olivia R	Sebastian F	Luyando H
PE & Health & Social Care	Jacob S	Lois-Skye J	Evie-Mai D	PE: Chrisphil- Ashley S GCSE: Billy S H&S care: Mia W
Design	Jasmine H	Aaron E	Freddie L	DT: Brooke C Engineering: Paul R Food: Tyler B Art: Eva M

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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:

Lily T for her mature attitude towards learning.

Year 8 – Mr Warden:

April C-F for her learning in lessons.

Year 9 – Mr Thomson:

Oliver J for his positive attitude in class and working hard.

Year 10 – Mr Ritchie:

Rhodina K and Ayooluwa E for their continued hard work in lessons and always being at the top of the school positive points charts

The Saint John Houghton Award:

Evie B in year 8 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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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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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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