



**St Ralph  
Sherwin**  
Catholic Multi Academy Trust

# SJH Newsletter

Compassion – Aspiration – Respect – Excellence – Determination – Faithfulness – Optimism – Reconciliation  
Friday 5 July 2024



## Headteacher's Introduction

Dear Readers,

Welcome to the latest edition of our newsletter and thank you once again. I write this introduction as the events of yesterday's voting are unfolding and we are waking up to new political leadership in our school. This chimes beautifully with the election of our new School Captains (Amber, Lexie and George) which took place on Monday this week. I met with them for the first time yesterday and they have big plans for our student body and improvement of our school. I already have a list!

I would also like to pay special tribute to those students who put themselves forward but were not successful. As Tennyson wrote: *'It is better to have tried and failed than to*

## Important upcoming dates

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

*Live life wondering what would have happened if I had tried.'* I could not agree more and we are so proud of all of your efforts.

I am delighted to inform you that Mr Cudworth's permanent contract began with us this week. I know that he has already been very happy working with us and this will now continue on a permanent basis as a RE teacher.

Next week is an extremely busy week in school, so I look forward to writing to you next Friday. Please keep our community in your prayers, especially our Year 6 students who will be joining us.

One student told me yesterday that Jude Bellingham's overhead volley *'wasn't that good!'* I'm not sure he was watching the same game as me last week! Come on England, this weekend and hopefully in the semi-final too!

Garde ta Foi! Guard your Faith!  
**Mr S Brogan** - Headteacher

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## **Vacancies:**

We are currently recruiting for a Cover Supervisor to join our school, please use click on the below link for further information:

[https://www.srscmat.co.uk/work-with-us/vacancies-single/?Category=Cover%2520Supervisor&Advert=QBQnOVAXV\\_RFXKoR3Vqtcw%3D%3D&Region=SaintJohnHoughtonCatholicVoluntaryAcademy](https://www.srscmat.co.uk/work-with-us/vacancies-single/?Category=Cover%2520Supervisor&Advert=QBQnOVAXV_RFXKoR3Vqtcw%3D%3D&Region=SaintJohnHoughtonCatholicVoluntaryAcademy)

## **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.

## **Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) End of term update:**

In 2020, Relationships Education and Health Education became statutory for all secondary schools in England. As a Catholic school, our mission is to support the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of all of our pupils, rooted in the wisdom and teaching of the Church. Throughout all year groups, RSE is delivered through the resources used on Ten Ten. The programme is called Life to the Full. Ten Ten Resources is an award-winning Catholic educational organisation that is well-respected and very experienced in this field of work.

Ten Ten Resources have provided an Online Parent Portal which will be a tool we can use throughout the year to keep you informed and updated about the work we are doing in school. Please follow the link below to our School Website from where you can access the parent portal.

<https://www.stjohnhoughtonilkeston.srscmat.co.uk/curriculum/subjects/#1635955221907-4c6375de-7fbb>

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## **Careers updates:**

For the upcoming academic year, Derby College have the following Open Days/Events available to attend:

### **Joseph Wright Centre**

Wednesday 23rd October 2024 – 5pm – 7pm

Wednesday 5th February 2025 – 5pm – 7pm

Wednesday 19th March 2025 – 5pm – 7pm

### **Roundhouse**

Thursday 7th November 2024 – 5pm – 7pm

Thursday 13th February 2025 (during apprenticeship week 10th – 16th) 5pm – 7pm (all apprenticeship areas)

Thursday 27th March 2025 – 5pm – 7pm

Thursday 5th June 2025 (all-sites open evening) 5pm – 7pm

### **Broomfield Hall**

Wednesday 13th November 2024 – 5pm – 7pm

Wednesday 26th February 2025 – 5pm – 7pm

Wednesday 30th April 2025 – 5pm – 7pm

Saturday 7th June 2025 (all Broomfield areas open day including land-based, sports, public service, inclusion, and childcare) 9am – 12pm

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PTA year 6 & 7 disco:

# DISCO

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:

Saint John Houghton Academy and the Briars work well together, and it is always a privilege when we receive an invitation to join Team Exit. Rachel will be attending their final mass on July 25<sup>th</sup> in the evening. If you would like Rachel to pass on a card to the Team or if you would like to write to your Group Leader and wish them well, Rachel will pass on all cards and best wishes.

Please remember The Briars Team in your family prayers, take a moment to look at the website for the Luxury Cabins on NDCYS and keep talking to Rachel about joining the Team once you leave SJH.

## Saint John Houghton Catholic Voluntary Academy Blessing of our Eco Garden 2024



Thank you very much for all the support and care you have given to our school community this year.

You are invited to attend the Blessing of our Eco Garden on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2024 at 10.30am with refreshments to follow. Please RSVP to SJH School Chaplain: [rrose@sjh.srscmat.co.uk](mailto:rrose@sjh.srscmat.co.uk) by Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2024.

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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](mailto:francescamarson1986@gmail.com) to register you cake along with the below information:

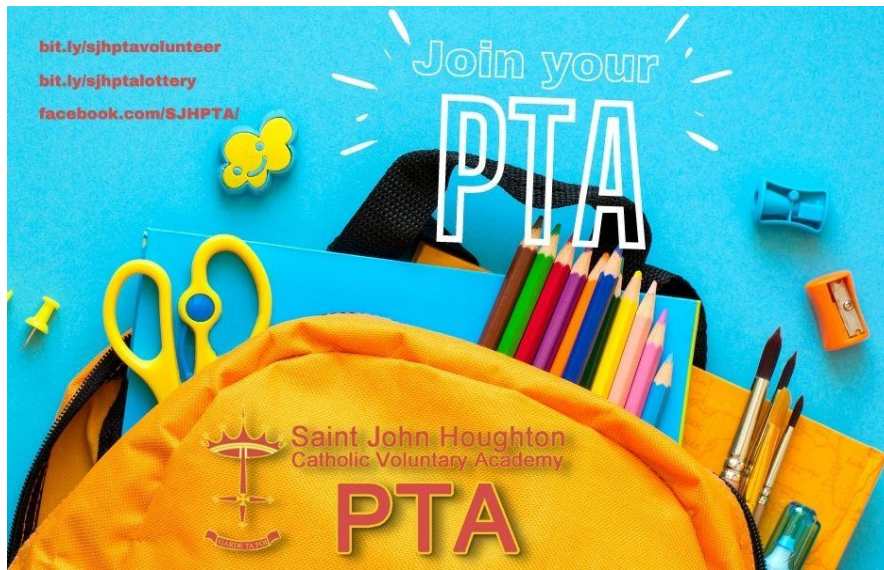
- 1) Your Name
- 2) Category Adult/Child?
- 3) Name of your cake!

**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](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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