



**St Ralph  
Sherwin**  
Catholic Multi Academy Trust

# SJH Newsletter

Compassion – Aspiration – Respect – Excellence – Determination – Faithfulness – Optimism – Reconciliation  
Friday 20 September 2024



## Headteacher's Introduction

Dear Readers,

Welcome to another Friday/end of the week and another Newsletter. Thank you as always for your support in what has been another terrific week in school.

Last Friday we had the privilege of welcoming Father Joby and Trainee Deacon Lee in school for our Start of Year 7 Mass, which was a beautiful, respectful liturgy. The students behaved impeccably and I am grateful to all of the staff who played their part in making it such a lovely celebration of the Eucharist. The word 'Eucharist' comes from the Greek for 'Thanksgiving' and we give thanks for our Year 7s who have made an excellent start with us.

## Important upcoming dates

Thursday 26 September 2024 - Open Evening,  
school closing at 1.30pm  
Friday 27 September 2024 - Inset Day

This week I also met with the Headteachers of the other Secondary Schools in Ilkeston, and we discussed how we can support each other to make secondary education even better for the children of Ilkeston and the surrounding areas.

Next week, we are looking forward to our Open Evening, which is an opportunity for us to showcase the best parts of the work we are doing in our school, and I am so grateful to the students who have signed up to be tour guides and to support the evening – Our students are always the best advert for our school community! A reminder that on Thursday, school will close at 1:30pm so that we are able to prepare for the evening. Next Friday, as a reminder, is also an INSET day, as the staff will be completing important training. More next week...

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

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## Nut Allergies:

We have several students within school who have severe nut allergies. We aim to be a nut free school and kindly remind parents/carers and students that nuts and food containing nuts must not be brought into school.

## 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 at 1.30pm. Lunch will be 12.30-1.15pm.**

The school buses have been informed and will collect students at 1.30pm. Students who use the number 11 bus that is shared with Kirk Hallam Academy will need to make alternative arrangements to get home on this day, apologies for any inconvenience caused.



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# OPEN EVENING

*Thursday, September 26th 2024*  
**3.30pm-7pm**

Headteacher's talks at 4pm, 5pm and 6pm  
No booking required



Scan the QR code to visit our website

 Abbot Road, Kirk Hallam, Ilkeston, DE7 4HX



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## Inset day – Friday 27 September 2024:

School will be closed on Friday 27 September 2024 to all students and will reopen on Monday 30 September 2024.

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## **School vacancy:**

We are currently recruiting for a Cover Supervisor to join our school, further details about the post are on the below link:

<https://www.srscmat.co.uk/work-with-us/vacancies-single/?Category=Cover%2520Supervisor&Advert=2WID1nnOEU5FXKoR3Vqtcw%3D%3D&Region=SaintJohnHoughtonCatholicVoluntaryAcademy>

## **After school and lunchtime clubs:**

### **Sports clubs:**

Year 7 boys football, Friday 20 September, this will then move to Mondays – 3.15-4.15pm

Girls football all years – Mondays – 3.15-4.15pm

Girls netball all years – Tuesdays – 3.15-4.15pm

Year 8/9 boys football – Tuesdays – 3.15-4.15pm

Year 10 boys football – Tuesdays – 3.15-4.15pm

Girls basketball all years – Thursdays - 3.15-4.15pm

Year 11 boys football – Thursdays - 3.15-4.15pm

**Homework club:** Mondays and Thursdays 3.15-4pm in Emmaus

**Lunchtime craft club:** Thursday lunchtimes – 1.30-2pm in Emmaus – everyone welcome and bring your lunch.

## **Book donations:**

The English department are creating a mini library in each classroom, if parents/carers have any suitable aged reading books you would like to donate, please hand them into reception.

## **Student planners:**

All students have now been given a school planner.

If they are lost or need replacing, they can be replaced at a cost of £5, please contact the school office – [schooloffice@sjh.srscmat.co.uk](mailto:schooloffice@sjh.srscmat.co.uk)

## **Parking near school:**

We kindly request that parents/carers do not park in the school car park when dropping off or collecting students from school. This can block access for the school buses and make it difficult for students to cross the car park.

We also ask that parking in considerate around school and that neighbours driveways are not blocked. We recommend that if you are picking your child up, you arrange to meet a short walk away from school to help ease congestion.

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## **Year 7 individual and tutor group photographs:**

Individual photographs have been given to Year 7 students and a link to the tutor group photograph was emailed to parents/carers yesterday.

## **Lost property:**

We have several unclaimed coats in reception, if your child has lost their coat in school, please ask them to check with reception.

## **Maths Homework Update:**

### Year 7-9

- Homework is set weekly on a Wednesday due in for the following Wednesday.
- Homework will be set on <https://sparxmaths.com/>
- Students must login using their Microsoft account (see image below)

### Year 10

- Students homework is set weekly on a Wednesday, due in for the following Tuesday or Wednesday depending on whether they have a lesson that day
- Homework will be to complete an AQA Topic test and 30 minutes Independent learning on <https://sparxmaths.com/>

### Year 11

- Students should complete one page of their "Focus" booklet per week, this will be set on a Wednesday due in for the following Wednesday. Students who would like help with their homework should stay after school on Monday for Maths Clinic in M1/M2.
- In addition, students should be spending a minimum of 30 minutes a week on <https://sparxmaths.com/> completing Independent Learning.



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## U14s girls football:

Through to the next round!

The U14s girls football team drew The De Ferrers Academy in the first round of the School Cup away. On Thursday, the team played a blinder and walked away with a win and are through to the next round of the School Cup. Goals from Amy-Leigh N, Katelyn P and Peyton W. Player of the match awarded to Remy K, who displayed a solid defensive performance. Well done to the whole squad for battling through and demonstrating excellence and sportsmanship.



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## Chaplaincy:

### **Briars:**

Here in SJH you may hear 'The Briars' and 'NDCYS' mentioned a lot and that is because we value and support the work of The Briars.

The Briars is a Catholic Retreat Center in Crich, Matlock and NDCYS stands for Nottingham Diocese Catholic Youth Service.

I am grateful to each Tutor Group who made 'Good Luck', 'Thank You' and 'Thinking of You' cards for the Team. 'The Team' are young people who have given a year to serve others by working at Briars in their 'gap year'. We are very proud that Molly, a former SJH student, is on Team this year and I would like to sew the seed that YOU think about, pray about and do a year at Briars - I promise you, you will not regret it. I am always happy to take you on a visit, talk to you about what this might look like and introduce you to The Team.

On September 30<sup>th</sup> I will be taking Lewis, Lennon and Alfie to the Briars for a walk and talk, and to deliver a basket of goodies to The Team - please can you donate a box of chocolates, a packet of biscuits, a shower gel, tooth paste, some hot chocolate? The young people would be delighted with a hamper!

I spent, amongst others, 4 months working in Poland, a year working in Taize France, and a year in County Durham and this time in a mixture of monasteries, orphanages, with Save The Children - I am always happy to share my faith journey with anyone. Thank you, Rachel



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## Chaplaincy:

### **Year 7 Welcome Mass:**

Student voice....

*'On Friday last week we went to our Welcome Mass, I haven't been to mass before and it was actually good. We had the choir singing and Mr Quenby played the guitar, and we had Fr Joby and Lee to do the mass.'*

*'I liked meeting the School Captains who were there and I saw Miss Turgoose and Teaching Assistants read i went for a blessing.'*

*'I liked Fr Joby and he told us we looked like a beautiful garden and we were blooming. I felt like a Saint John Houghton school member now and it was nice being all together to see my friends in a different Tutor Group.'*

*'I think it is good to have Mass, it was really different from Mass in St Thomas, it went much faster and we didn't dance but the words were the same and I still went for Holy Communion.'*

Here in SJH we gather and put Christ in the Center. Mass in the most beautiful way to welcome head and heart and ask God to walk with us on our journey in Catholic Education. Huge thanks to all who made this special occasion possible. if you would like support or have any questions, about our faith please contact me. Thank you, Rachel



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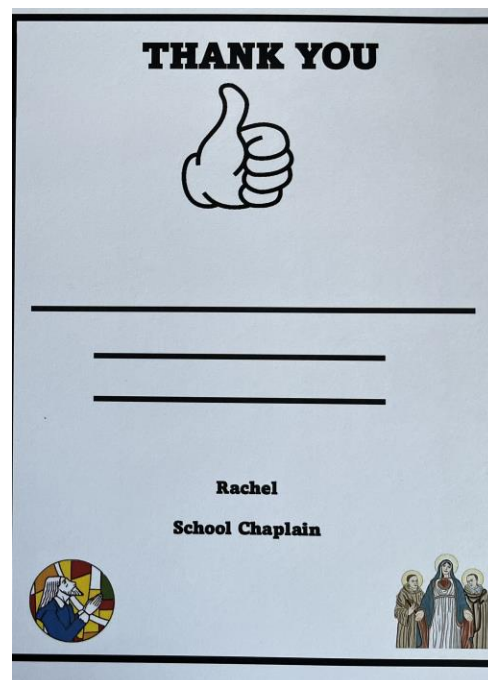
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## Chaplaincy:

### **Parish Ambassadors:**

Here in SJH we lead, value and support our local Parishes and one way we could do better is by caring for the young children coming through the doors. We celebrated the little ones who made their First Holy Communion in May and June this year and many of them are now in the choirs and serving on the Altar. We have several Senior Altar Servers in our Parish and I have made these little but effective thank you certificates for our SJH Parish Ambassadors, Altar Servers, Choir members, Meeters and Greeters...to give to the younger children and the volunteers who go the extra mile. This is an opportunity to put a name to a face, to start a conversation and to live our SYNOD promise to reach out and welcome all. You will see baskets with these certificates in the church (the room where the Altar Servers change) so all you have to do is help yourself, write the certificate and pass on all our thanks. Please let me know how this goes. Rachel



### **Chaplaincy Competition:**

I hope my photo makes you smile. Autumn, my favourite season. Could you be a winner?

Prizes will be given for:

- 1: Match this picture with a Psalm/Scripture Bible Verse.
- 2: Take your own Autumn photo and add a prayer/Psalm/ Bible Quote/Pope Quote

Prize: Rachel will take you to Beauvale Tea Room for a Hot Chocolate with all the trimmings (in school time).

You will need to print your name on your entry.

You will need to give Reception a hard copy and

hopefully email your entry to [rrose@sjh.srscmat.co.uk](mailto:rrose@sjh.srscmat.co.uk)

Meet the deadline: Monday 21st October 2024

Prize Day: Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2024





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## Chaplaincy:

### **Simply the Best!**

Thank you to these faith filled, optimistic young people who show great leadership qualities. We are blessed to have you in SJH. It was my privilege to lead you in prayer, to share conversation and refreshments, to laugh and learn from and with you. Thank you!

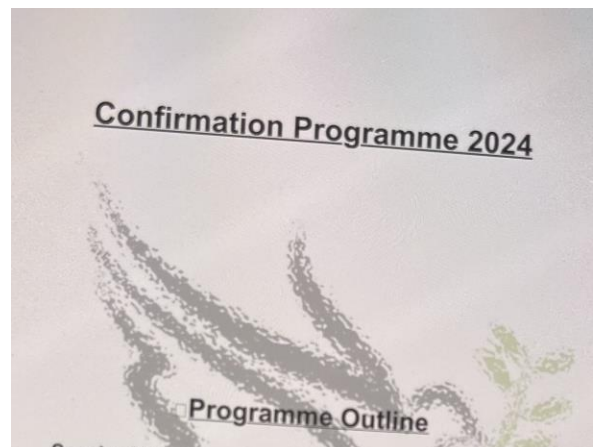


### **Action:**

This beautiful image was painted this week during a reflection time with Rachel - please do not just worry about the changing world we live in, you can join Rachel and share thoughts and ways we can protect Mother Earth. We will be planting seeds and herbs especially aimed to protect the butterflies. Thank you, Rachel OKA Madame Butterfly x

### **Confirmation Programme 2024:**

Rachel will be leading the Confirmation programme in the Parish. Please collect an application form. Open to year 9 and above. We will have 6 sessions and a day at Briars. It will be fun, interesting and just come along and try. You are welcome. Meet the deadline - more details in the Church newsletter.



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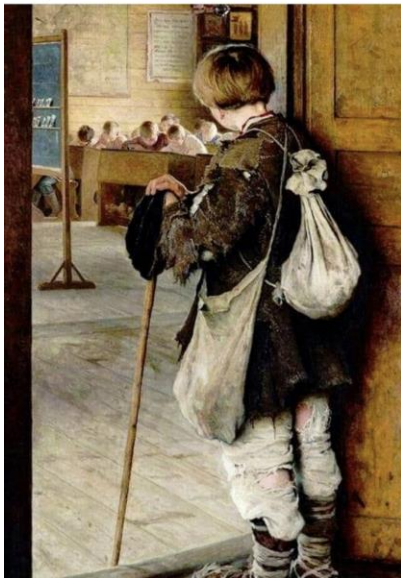
## Chaplaincy:

### **Flame 2024:**

Please look out for your Flame letters for years 9, 10 & 11! Follow SJH Chaplain on X - find the pattern and get knitting, ask all to join the SJH Big Knit.



At the School Door (1897) by Nikolai Bogdanov-Belsky



### **Are you ok?**

Please be brave and know we are here to help? If you are happy you are learning. Rachel can help you to learn how to be happy. Pop in at break time for a chat.

### **SJH Eco Garden**

I was delighted to take some home-grown fruit and veg into local community. Do you need food? Can you donate lavender, cooking apples, rhubarb...to Rachel who will make them into a meal, lavender bags for the local community?



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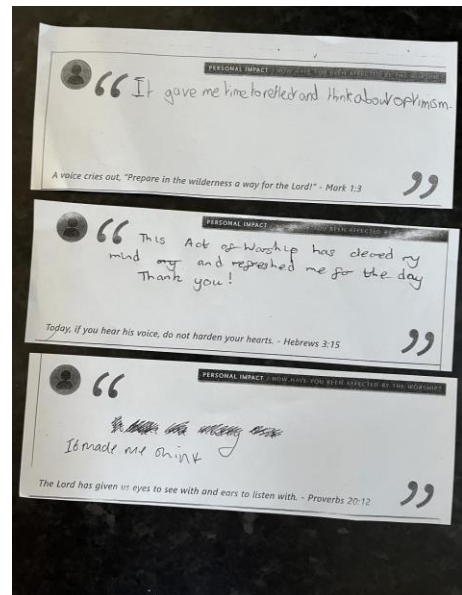
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## Chaplaincy:

### Daily Tutor Prayer

Please let Rachel know how your Daily Tutor Prayers are going? Thanks and have a great weekend!



Pray until you hear God not till He hears  
you. because He always does.

### Prayer

Prayer is simply talking and listening to God. Rachel is happy to pray with you, you cannot pray wrong! Why not email today and book an appointment? If Rachel is not the right prayer person for you, she will find another Chaplin who can support.

### FLAME 2025

SJH will be attending Flame and letters have been sent out to Years 9, 10 and 11. Save the date March 15<sup>th</sup> 2025.

**Briars Year 7** - we still have places available and Rachel is happy to support, encourage and help you to go. Please email Rachel if you would like to chat about attending Briars Year 7 2024. This is a wonderful opportunity!

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## Chaplaincy:

### **Team Work:**

Well done and thank you Jess, Grace and Maisie - you have been noticed for amazing Team Work! Thank you. The respect you show to others in our school community is awesome!



### **Poetry Winners:**

Congratulations to our Local Poets! Not only have you been noticed for your excellent work Rachel has noticed you are determined to shine and that needs to be celebrated! Well done for living our school virtue.



### **VOCATIONS:**

Rachel would like to thank the staff and students who 'slow down' and think what they are being 'called' to do. Please remember when God calls you he is not *shouting* at you it's more like the voice of a best friend calling you to join them in a mission.



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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



Pupils 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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## 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-12.30pm**

This is taking place at **Saint John  
Houghton Catholic Academy, Abbot  
Road, Kirk Hallam, Ilkeston DE7 4HX**

Contact –  
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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	Year 11
<b>Maths</b>	Farleigh S	Jenson D	Kyla K	Ethan G	Oliver A
<b>English</b>	Lauren M	Reggie R	Amelia S-J	Nancy W	Olivia B
<b>Science</b>	Jessica S	Charlie A	Ava F	Jamie M	Harry G
<b>Religious Education</b>	Kobby A-B	Bella B-H	Magdalena A	Danielle M	Ayooluwa E-A
<b>Geography</b>	Charlie L	Henry F	Solomon M	Lucas S	Eva M
<b>History</b>	Finlay W	Coleena S-S	Marley L	Gabriella H	Joanne S
<b>Computing &amp; Business</b>	Maisie S	Zofia S	Ruby D	Business: Ronnie A IMedia: Libby-Jayne S	George S Business: Ellie-Lisa M-B IMedia: Tia A
<b>Music</b>	Ava G	Megan H	Joseph R	Bethany D-R	Daisy S
<b>French</b>	Mylo L	Alexander H	Matilda C	Kyra-Anne B	Eleanor A
<b>Spanish</b>	Leila K	Aleksandra S	Cora G	Charlie B-M	Millie A
<b>PE &amp; Health &amp; Social Care</b>	Willow B	Kaiya C	Evie B	Isabella O GCSE: Casey E Sports Studies: H&S care: Dawn M	Niamh W GCSE: Sean O'S Sports Studies: Lexie-Mae H H&S care: Ruby D
<b>Design</b>	Lola T	Ethan C	Caleb Y	DT: Hollie Ann P Engineering: Nazim G Food: Lena M Art: Livvy-Jo S	DT: Brooke L Engineering: Taner G Food: Archie Y Art: Evie W

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## **Roll of honour from Year Leaders:**

The following students have been recognised by their KS3 or KS4 Leader. Well done to these students.

### **Miss Turgoose:**

Year 7: Florence A for a positive start to the year.

Year 8: Eleanor C for doing the right thing.

Year 9: Amelia S-J for a positive start to the year.

### **Mr Ritchie:**

Year 10: Oliver S for having an excellent start to the term.

Year 11: Lennon P for having an excellent start to the term.

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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 2024-2025:

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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