



**St Ralph  
Sherwin**  
Catholic Multi Academy Trust

# SJH Newsletter

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Friday 4 October 2024



## Headteacher's Introduction

Dear Readers,

A very warm welcome to the latest edition of our newsletter and thank you for taking time out of your busy lives to read it. It's been another busy, but productive week in school. There is a real calmness about school at the minute and we have had a lovely orderly and purposeful start to the new academic year. On break duty yesterday, I was talking to two members of staff who were telling that they felt that our Year 10 and 11 students were in a really good place and that they had returned from the Summer holidays focussed and determined to succeed. This was so good to hear and we are seeing this every day.

We had a terrific 'Meet the Tutor' evening on Wednesday and thank you to those of you who were able to join us.

## Important upcoming dates

Post 16 options fair – 8 Oct 2024 for Years 10 & 11

Half term holiday: 28 Oct – 1 Nov 2024

That relationship between the child, tutor and the family is so crucial to the success of the individual child. If you have any concerns about your child/children, please do not hesitate to contact the tutor in the first instance.

This week, we have also had some significant sporting success as our Year 11 Netball Team became Erewash District Champions. Congratulations girls! - We are so very proud of you. (See Page 3).

Finally, a new student leadership initiative is being launched today for our Year 10 students, a great opportunity to take a leadership role in our school. We are hoping for several applicants and look forward to seeing them contribute to the wider school community. Have a great weekend, 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.

## **School vacancy:**

We are currently recruiting for an Admin/Cover Assistant to join our school on a permanent basis, further details about the post are on the below link:

[https://www.srscmat.co.uk/work-with-us/vacancies-single/?Category=Administration%2520\(School%2520based\)&Advert=FI8k-MVWLrBFXKoR3Vqtcw%3D%3D&Region=SaintJohnHoughtonCatholicVoluntaryAcademy](https://www.srscmat.co.uk/work-with-us/vacancies-single/?Category=Administration%2520(School%2520based)&Advert=FI8k-MVWLrBFXKoR3Vqtcw%3D%3D&Region=SaintJohnHoughtonCatholicVoluntaryAcademy)

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

### **Sports clubs:**

Year 7 boys football - 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.

**Games club:** Monday lunchtimes in HU2

## **Carousel in English:**

This week we have released our Carousel Study Packs in Year 7,8,9,10 and 11. They contain all the key knowledge tested in English throughout the year. Every student has received an email with their link and document explaining how to use the study packs.

The Carousel Study Packs allows students to create their own quizzes and flashcards on a topic. This can help them to revise effectively for tests and assessments, but also help them to work on that knowledge throughout the year.

Students often struggle with revision. Carousel is a tool we use in every lesson in English. Students can, therefore, study the things we work on in lesson and work on previous areas of weakness.

We advise students to use Carousel at least once a week. We will be monitoring their use of it and informing you throughout the year about their progress with it.

Please speak to your child about the Carousel Study Packs and remind them to use them weekly.  
The English Department

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## **Erewash District Netball Tournament:**

This took place on Wednesday 2 Oct at Wilsthorpe School. The Year 11 team played their final tournament. They were all fantastic and finished winners

Scores

SJH v OIEA won 5-0

SJH v Kirk Hallam won 9-0

SJH v Wilsthorpe – draw 4-4

Well done to the girls

Mrs Joslin



## **U13s School Cup**

On Thursday, year 7 students made their debut in a SJH football shirt and played against Queen Elizabeth Grammar School in the Under 13s School Cup. Despite the efforts of all players, unfortunately we walked away with a loss. Massive congratulations to all students for representing the school in a football fixture, and displaying excellent sportsmanship throughout. Betsy B was named player of the match for making a number of amazing saves in the game. Credit to all students! Next game in the County Cup will be played on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October at home against Heanor Gate. All support welcome.



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## **Arbor:**

Your child should have received instructions on how to access Arbor. They will need to access Arbor to view their homework.

If your child can successfully log into Arbor, please ignore this message.

If your child has not yet been able to login to Arbor, please ask them to follow the instructions below.

Please note, there is no student Arbor App, so they will need to log into Arbor using a normal web browser such as Google Chrome or MS Edge.

Go to <https://login.arbor.sc>

Click **Forgot your password**

Enter your school email address and click **Reset Password**.

Log into your school email and then follow the instructions on the email. (Students can login to their email using [Microsoft 365 email](#) - If they are unable to login to their email, they need to speak to their form tutor).

Once you have set your password, you need to use your school email address and the new password to login to [Arbor](#).

If they are still not able to login, please ask them to speak to their form tutor or the school office.

## **Arbor update – Homework:**

As we introduce Arbor to the student body we are beginning to set homework on the platform. In Arbor all Homework tasks are called 'Assignments'. Teaching staff are also asking students to write any homework into their Student Diary to support those who have not logged into Arbor yet.

Currently, most Homework set on Arbor allows the teacher to manually mark when a student submits a task. Until the Teacher has marked the homework as being submitted, it will still show as outstanding on the student and parent/carer Arbor information page.

All staff are working hard to learn the new systems that Arbor has. No student will be sanctioned for outstanding homework, that may still be showing on Arbor, when their teacher knows that they have submitted the work.

Thank you for your ongoing support with Arbor - any queries please direct to: [schooloffice@sjh.srscmat.co.uk](mailto:schooloffice@sjh.srscmat.co.uk)

## **Arbor attendance marks:**

Please allow at least 24 hours before querying any discrepancies in attendance marks, if you have any queries regarding attendance marks, please email [studentabsence@sjh.srscmat.co.uk](mailto:studentabsence@sjh.srscmat.co.uk)





## Attendance update:

# Penalty Notice Fines for School Attendance are Changing!

With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes will come into force for Penalty Notice Fines issued after 19<sup>th</sup> August 2024.

### **Per Parent, Per Child**

Penalty Notice Fines will now be issued to each parent, for each child that was absent.

For example: 3 siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines.

### **5 consecutive days of term time leave**

Penalty Notice Fines will be issued for Term Time Leave of 5 or more consecutive days. Inset training days are school days and can be included in the 5 or more consecutive days where there was intent to be absent for term time leave.

### **10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period**

Penalty Notice Fines will be considered when there has been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10 week period.

### **First Offence**

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.

Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

### **Second Offence (within 3 years)**

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.

### **Third Offence and Any Further Offences (within 3 years)**

The third time an offence is committed for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued, and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates' Court. Magistrates' fines can be up to £2500 per parent, per child.

Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on the parent's future DBS certificate, due to 'failure to safeguard a child's education'.

## **Can my child take a holiday in term time?**

The simple answer is NO – pupils can only take leave of absence during term time if this is approved in advance by the school. Leave taken without permission may result in a penalty notice and or prosecution.



## The Law and School Attendance:

In September 2013 the government introduced new regulations making it clear that Headteachers must not give approval for any leave of absence during term time, including holidays, unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Any requests for term time leave should be made on a Request for Leave form available from the school office and handed in at least 12 days before the first date of the requested absence whenever possible. You must have received written authorisation before your child can be absent from school.

Parent/carers may be issued with a penalty notice fine or prosecution should leave of 5 days or more be taken which is not authorised by the Headteacher, or where repeated incidents of leave in term time for less than 5 days occur or where the unauthorised absence contributes to wider poor attendance that meets the legal threshold. Absence deemed for the reason of unauthorised leave in term time will be marked in the register with the Attendance code G.

### Absence during Term Time

The Headteacher will only grant an **exceptional leave of absence** to a pupil during term time if the request meets the specific circumstances.

The school considers each application for term-time absence individually, taking into account the specific facts, circumstances and relevant background context behind the request.

Matters **NOT** considered 'exceptional circumstances' include:

- The family cannot afford to go on holiday in school holiday time, or have a special holiday offer for term time.
- To visit family members abroad (unless they are severely ill which may be considered).
- To spend time with a family member who is visiting from abroad in term time.
- Because you or your partner cannot get time off work during school holiday time.
- You have a family tradition of going at a certain time of year.
- Going away for a birthday celebration (including the child's birthday)

### Home visits where pupils don't attend school

When a pupil is absent from school, and no reason for absence is received, the school will contact parents/carers by text message or phone call. In the event we are unable to make contact regarding the absence, the school may try other contacts held on a child's record and/or reserve the right to make an unannounced home visit.

### Penalty Notices

Leave of absence that has not been approved will therefore be unauthorised and may lead to a referral being made to the Local Authority for action. If unpaid this could lead to prosecution under section 444(1) of The Education Act 1996

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## Careers update:

### **IMPORTANT - YEAR 10 and YEAR 11**

Please see below information on our Post-16 Roadshow taking place in school next Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> Oct. 3.30 - 5.15pm. Our Careers Advisor, Amanda, will be present to answer all of your questions and there are 16+ different local providers to give information about what they offer. This is a great opportunity to chat with the representatives and collect brochures/leaflets about what they offer. Year 10 students - this may sound like way off in the future, but it is better to understand your options early, to make the best decision for yourself!

### **Upcoming local Open Days/Evenings**

High Pavement Sixth Form - 10<sup>th</sup> Oct

City Hub (Notts College) - 8<sup>th</sup> Oct - 5pm-7pm - **after our Post-16 event**

Bilborough - 5<sup>th</sup> Oct

UTC Pride Park - 12<sup>th</sup> Oct

JCB Academy - 15<sup>th</sup> Oct

Allestree Woodlands - 3 Oct

Landau Forte - 9<sup>th</sup> Oct

Heanor Gate - 10<sup>th</sup> Oct

Ecclesbourne - 3<sup>th</sup> Oct

QEGS - 8<sup>th</sup> Oct

Friesland - 10<sup>th</sup> Oct

Kirk Hallam - 7<sup>th</sup> Oct

Wilsthorne - 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct



## Careers update:

# Post-16 Options Fair

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October

3.15 – 5.15pm

YEAR 10 and YEAR 11 Students

*Parents/Guardians are invited to accompany their child from 3.30pm onwards.*

*Location: School Hall*

Our Post-16 Options Fair will provide Year 10 and 11 students with the chance to chat with representatives from local colleges/training providers.

All of the following will be in attendance:

- Bilborough College
- Nottingham College
- Derby College
- Keele University
- St Benedict's Sixth Form
- The Kimberley School Sixth Form
- Born to Perform Academy
- Kirk Hallam School Sixth Form
- The Army
- Learning Curve Group
- George Spencer Sixth Form
- Aldercar High School
- G3A Football Academy
- Heanor Gate Sixth Form



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## Chaplaincy:

### **Eastwood Church Harvest Display:**

Would you like to join Rachel (taken from Our Lady and The Beauvale Martyrs Newsletter)

Coffee morning: Come and join us for coffee and cakes after 11am Mass next Sunday (6th

October) in the Social Centre. All money raised will help towards servicing the oven in the Social Centre.

CAFOD Harvest Lunch: all are welcome on Sunday 13th October after the 11am Mass to the Social Centre Eastwood for our Harvest Lunch. Tickets will be on sale at Mass this weekend & 6th

October. Adults £4 Children eat free. Please come and join us! Chaplaincy will pay for 3 pupils to attend.

Please note Rachel will be leading Confirmation in the Parish, if you would like to volunteer to support we have a Team of 12 volunteers who would be pleased to welcome you.

Confirmation 2024: Bishop Patrick will be celebrating Confirmation in our parish on Friday 6th December at 7pm. Details of the preparation programme will be sent to all parents of those who have registered. Please make sure the dates are in the diary. Candidates are expected to attend all sessions so that they are ready for their Confirmation



Chaplaincy are delighted to 'send out' local honey and homegrown lemons to the elderly in our local community. Part of Catholic Education is teaching 'to simply give'. 'I would not go empty handed for it has been drummed into me, 'Give anything but give.' We know parents and carers in SJH teach this at home and we would like to thank you because you are providing reassurance and giving purpose in the moments when some are lost and no matter how small the offering, or how fleeting the moment, there is beauty to be found in keeping others in your heart and mind. What you do at home we continue in school, thank you!

### **SJH Jubilee:**

SJH will be celebrating our 60<sup>th</sup> in January 2025, it was lovely to catch up with Sandra who laid the foundations and collected pennies to build SJH! Please do let Rachel know your thoughts and suggestions to make this a special occasion.



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## Chaplaincy:

Dear SJH Community,  
This is a wonderful opportunity to support our local Parish. If you would like Rachel and Team to collect a ball of yarn for you to knit for Ukraine please email Rachel asap. Closing date 1<sup>st</sup> December 2024



With thanks to Evie-Mae for her time and commitment. This beautiful scarf has been gifted to Fr Joby.

## **We are in The Year of Prayer:**

Rachel is offering an 'After School Club' on the following dates:

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October 24

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 24

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 24

Please email Rachel if you would like to attend so she can prepare the resources.

Time: 3.15pm - 4.15pm

Location: The Chapel

Target: Rachel will teach you how to make a 'prayer banner'. Choose the word 'prayer' in a different language, then sew the lettering onto cloth and this will be taken to join craftwork of the Eastwood Parishioners to make a 'Prayer Banner' in church. Rachel will provide resources, if you would like to prepare you won then please do bring what you have. No prior experience required.

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## Chaplaincy:

### **Chaplaincy Lunchtime club:**

Are you interested in going 'Plastic Free?' Come along and learn more on:

Monday lunchtimes - Monday 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> October

All lunchtime, you can pop in or stay a while.

Location: The Chapel - if the stairs are problematic we will move to a downstairs location.

Virtue Points will be earned and rewarded.

### **October Rosary Devotion:**

Pope Francis has asked us to pray and fast on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2024 for Peace.

SJH family have responded by:

Holy Rosary in our Chapel on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> 8.15am and 3.15pm, open to all.

Rachel is taking two pupils to The Briars Team and we will 'slow down' and take time to pray the Rosary in the Chapel at The Briars.

Year 8 Team Chaplaincy will offer Year 7 the opportunity for Year 7 to make a pledge and give a 'Jimmy Mizzen handprint.'

We will fast from: hurting words to kind words, from sadness to gratitude, from anger to patience, from pessimism to be filled with joy, from worries to trust in God, from complaints to contemplate simplicity, from pressure to be prayerful, from bitterness to having our hearts filled with joy, from selfishness to compassion, from grudges to reconciliation, from words and to be silent so we can listen.

CAFOD donation boxes will be in the staffroom and reception, why not give up your morning coffee or fast from chocolate on Monday and donate your small change?

We are doing this because Pope Francis has asked us to pray and fast for Peace on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2024



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## Chaplaincy:

### Harvest:

We would like to give you the opportunity to gather a Harvest which Rachel and Team will deliver to The Briars Team 2024-25, Cannon Trust and an elderly couple in our local community. Please can you donate a hamper, a box of chocolates, tea, coffee, biscuits, cake or smellies. With thanks to Team Chaplaincy Year 8 who have taken these photographs from our Eco Garden, we will make them into gift cards.



Rachel has served the new staff refreshments in SJH this week listening to 'I Am Son' 'Slow Down'.. With thanks to George J, Casey E and Robyn R for their company and conversation: 'Sit long, talk much.'



With thanks to Team Chaplaincy Year 7 for creating this display. Please can you donate any Harvest items, simply give to Reception staff or place in the basket. Thank you!

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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 **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**

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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.

	<b>Year 7</b>	<b>Year 8</b>	<b>Year 9</b>	<b>Year 10</b>	<b>Year 11</b>
<b>Maths</b>	Charlie D	George G	Mollie W	Ellie-Mai R	George H-W
<b>English</b>	Benjamin M	Charlie A	Imogen K	Connor H	Luyando H
<b>Science</b>	Willow B	Jemima A	Declan Z	Cole B	Rhodina K
<b>Religious Education</b>	Seth B	Thomas C	Joseph R	Mary F	Daniel F
<b>Geography</b>	William P-E	Reggie R	Aaron E	Archie S	David O
<b>History</b>	Ewan T	Elloise J	Aaron V	Shantelle T	Eliza F
<b>Computing &amp; Business</b>	Lily W	Billie-Mae J	Aleksander Z	Business: Paige B IMedia: Eva M	Andre O Business: Tinotenda M IMedia:
<b>Music</b>	Zeva-May T	Zain M	Maggie L	Isabella O	Eleanor A
<b>French</b>	Poppy B-M	Sienna H	Toluwanimi O	Isla F	Rebecca J
<b>Spanish</b>	Zakariya A-J	Amelie H	Jenson S	Sophie A	Tia A
<b>PE &amp; Health &amp; Social Care</b>	Betsy B	Louie J	Darcy W	Joshua F GCSE: Hallie B Sports studies: Oliver S H&S care: Sophia C	Billy S GCSE: Amy Q Sports Studies: Molly P-E H&S care: Amber W
<b>Design</b>	Amy-Grace W	Dominika P	Amelia S-J	DT: Sebastian F Engineering: Farren S Art: Savannah P	DT: Cherish R Engineering: Paul R Art: Libby H

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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: Aarna P for a brilliant start to year 7.

Year 8: Cara J for a good start in all subjects this year.

Year 9: Kyla K for a positive start to the year.

### **Mr Ritchie:**

Year 10: Luke A and Anton A for always working to the best of their ability.

Year 11: Amber F for hard work and having an excellent start to the Year.

## **The Saint John Houghton Award:**

Amelia W and Jessica P in year 8 have been nominated by staff for this week's St John Houghton Award, they have been nominated for the respect they show to others and representing the school community.

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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:**

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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## **Football Active Inclusive Sessions**

Join us for exciting and inclusive football sessions designed specifically for young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND).

**Saturdays at Bramcote College  
Playing Fields**

[www.footballactive.co](http://www.footballactive.co)