



**St Ralph  
Sherwin**  
Catholic Multi Academy Trust

# SJH Newsletter

Compassion – Aspiration – Respect – Excellence – Determination – Faithfulness – Optimism – Reconciliation  
Friday 15 November 2024



## Headteacher's Introduction

Dear Readers,  
Welcome to the latest edition of our newsletter and thank you for reading once again.

It has been another busy week in school, which started with us remembering those who have fallen in wars, defending our liberty. We marked this with a 2-minute silence at 11:00am, as is the tradition of our school. We will remember them.

We have also been reflecting this week on Anti-bullying and Mrs Boddice led us in our Acts of Worship reflecting on what it means to show respect to others and that we are all worthy of respect, no matter who we are.

Year 7 left us on Monday for their residential visit to the Briars, the

## Important upcoming dates

**Inset day – Friday 29 November 2024**

diocesan Catholic Retreat Centre in Crich. They had a fabulous time and returned having built stronger relationships and having grown in virtue and in character.

Next week our year 11 Art students are going to Kirk Hallam Community Academy for an Art taster day, we are sure they will gain a great deal from this.

Our year 10 Food and Nutrition students are also attending the Good Food Show at the NEC in Birmingham next week, we look forward to hearing all about it when they return!

It was an important week this week for our Year 11 students also, as the GCSE exams began with GCSE Food and Nutrition practical's. These have gone really well, and students should be very proud of what they have achieved.

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.

## **Inset day – Friday 29 November 2024:**

School will be closed to all students on this day, they will return on Monday 2 December 2024.

## **Updated PE after school sports clubs, 3.15-4.15pm:**

Monday – Years 7-9 Badminton Club

Monday - Year 7 Boys Football

Tuesday - Netball Practice (All years)

Tuesday - Years 8/9/10 Boys Football

Thursday - Girls Basketball (All years)

Thursday - Fitness Suite (All years)

Thursday – Years 7-9 Rugby

## **2024 GCSE Mock Exams:**

All Year 11 students will be sitting their first set of GCSE Mock Exams this term - **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December to Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December**. Please can we ask for your support with student attendance during this period of time and to avoid taking your child out of school for any reason as 'catch up' mock exams are very difficult to arrange and we want all our students to have the best possible exam experience.

All exams will take place in the gym, unless a student has specific exam access arrangements. Daily updates will be available for students on the exams notice board in school and individual exam timetables will be given out to all students this week. A link to the school website with a copy of the exam timetable is below:

<https://www.stjohnhoughtonilkeston.srscmat.co.uk/curriculum/gcse-exams/>

On Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November all students will have an exams briefing, to inform them of key rules and guidance regarding GCSE examinations. Any exams queries please email - [schooloffice@sjh.srscmat.co.uk](mailto:schooloffice@sjh.srscmat.co.uk).

## **School vacancy:**

We are currently recruiting for a Cover Supervisor 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=Cover%2520Supervisor&Advert=K\\_fgHTtut-FFXKoR3Vqtcw%3D%3D&Region=SaintJohnHoughtonCatholicVoluntaryAcademy](https://www.srscmat.co.uk/work-with-us/vacancies-single/?Category=Cover%2520Supervisor&Advert=K_fgHTtut-FFXKoR3Vqtcw%3D%3D&Region=SaintJohnHoughtonCatholicVoluntaryAcademy)

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## **Erewash Schools Cross Country**

Congratulations to our students who were elected to represent the school in the Erewash Schools Cross country. There was a number of students who finished in the top 12 which meant that they are automatically selected to represent the District in the Derbyshire Schools championships in January, they were

Oliver E - yr 11 3rd  
Luke C -yr 10 7th  
George J - yr 11 10th  
Niamh W - yr 11 - 6th  
Caoimhe C - yr 10 -9th  
Hallie B - yr 10 12th  
Seb R - yr 8 -9th  
Alex H - yr 8 10th  
Fraser H-G -yr 8 11th  
Joseph A -yr 9 12th  
Molly W - yr 9 6th  
Peyton W - yr 9 5th

Congratulations to all who took part  
Mrs Joslin



## Chaplaincy:

**Come along and bring your friends to our...**

**Christmas**

**Coffee Morning**

**Saturday 7th December**

**11am-2pm**

**Our Lady and St Thomas of Hereford Church  
Hall, Regent Street, Ilkeston DE7 5RF**



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## Chaplaincy:

**Date for your diary!!! SJH will celebrate our 60th Anniversary on January 7th 2025:**

We are challenging out students to design a new image for our school prayer card.

What would you like to see on your school prayer card? Eg Saint John Houghton? What will you do with my heart? An image that makes you feel close to Christ? I can't wait to see what you come up with! Please send your entry to [rrose@sjh.srscmat.co.uk](mailto:rrose@sjh.srscmat.co.uk) or give a hard copy into reception. Closing date Monday 25 November 2024.

With thanks to our DT students who are preparing gifts for Bishop Patrick who will be celebrating with us.



### **Mass in SJH 8.00am:**

Here in SJH we are blessed to have Fr Paul as our Priest. He supported Confirmation on Wednesday evening, was bright and early for our 8.00am Mass and will be at the Confirmation Choir practice on Thursday evening and The Briars on Saturday and his busy day is Sunday! Perhaps you could email Fr Paul and offer a helping hand or simply say 'thank you and hello...'

More sincere thanks to Gabriella who has gone above and beyond this week for the Bereavement Team and The Catholic Life of the School. I am delighted to keep your Head of Year updated and the list for when we consider 'School Colours' so do keep up the hard work and effort Gabriella! Rachel

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## Chaplaincy:

### **Briars Year 7 2024:**

May I take this opportunity to say, 'thank you' to all who made it possible for this year's 7 Retreat to Briars to be possible. I was delighted to spend Tuesday evening with everyone. The atmosphere was great! Thank you, Rachel .



## **Faith in Action:**

Thank you to all you have signed up for the Faith in Action Award 2024-5. More details to follow.



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### **Saints:**

This week in SJH we have celebrated Saint Martin, please email Rachel your favourite Saint and why and gain some Virtue points!

Next week the Word of the Week is: Youth and our Mission is: Make an effort to have a positive and youthful attitude this week. Make certain you have a good rest, lots of sleep and a good diet and fresh air so you can meet your Mission. Our Acts of Worship will be led by Mr Thomson's and Mr Timm's Tutor Groups.



### **Confirmation:**

Please pray for our Confirmation candidates 2024. We will be on Retreat at Briars this Saturday and we will have the Mass of Commitment at 3.00pm. On Wednesday evening this week parents, guardians and sponsors had the opportunity to 'Meet The Team'. Thank you to all who attended. It was a perfect opportunity to reach out and offer a Celebration of the word so all can 'Encounter' Christ. If you would like to attend Mass and simply do not know where to start, please ask - it would be a privilege to support. Rachel



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## Chaplaincy:

### **Monday lunchtime club – Fairtrade:**

Why not join us at home and try some Fairtrade products? Imogen, Kulani and Hanna are the first students this Academic Year to be awarded the Fairtrade badge for their support and leadership. You are welcome to join us on Monday lunchtime in our school Chapel. Agenda for November: Plastic free, policy writing and pledge making.



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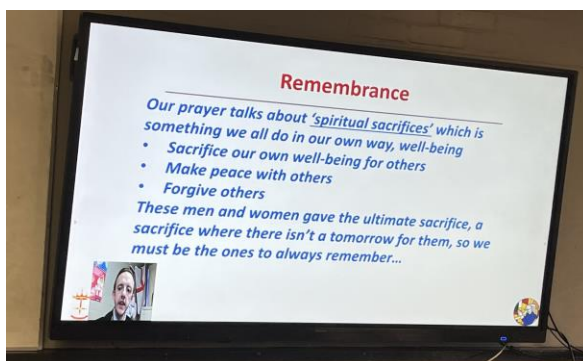


## Chaplaincy:

### **November: We Will Remember**

(Student Voice)

I am pleased I volunteered to be in The Bereavement Team because it's not really sad work and I'm already understanding loss loads better. It's good to be part of a team, we have jobs to do like: making certain our Book of Condolences is up to date, in our Bereavement Service we have chosen the music and one of the Team is a DJ so that is a help, we have written and will read the poems with the list of names and prepared the 8.00am Mass. We are looking forward to getting our badges and certificates.



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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>	Ayo E-A	Jacob L	Darcie C	Ruby M	Brooke C
<b>English</b>	Michal N	Aleksandra S	Ava J	Cole B	Eliza F
<b>Science</b>	Amelie-Rose H	Donald C	William J	Gabriella H	Billy S
<b>Theology Years 7 &amp; 8 Religious Education Years 7,9 &amp; 10</b>	James A	Charlie A	Matilda C	John G	Niamh W
<b>Geography</b>	Ben M	Christian H	Jenny M	Ifi T	Oli E
<b>History</b>	Summer B	Reggie R	Lois-Skye J	Bethany D-R	Liam F
<b>Computing &amp; Business</b>	Willow B	Amelia W	Aaron E	Business: Maisie L IMedia: Miley S	George H-W Business: Ayooluwa E-A IMedia: Aoife O'S
<b>Music</b>	Nelly K	Grace R	William B	Evie H	Maja W
<b>French</b>	Belle H	Krya W	Oliver J	David B	Nyle C
<b>Spanish</b>	Oscar T	Zofia S	Liam D	Sophia C	Charlee B
<b>PE &amp; Health &amp; Social Care</b>	William P-E	Abigail W	Joseph A	Caoimhe C GCSE: Hallie B H&S care: Millie G	George J GCSE: Jack W Sports Studies: David O H&S care: Rhodina K
<b>Design</b>	Elsie S-R	Jessica P	Imogen K	DT: Oscar W Engineering: Maximilian P Art: Ronnie A Food: Jack M	DT: Alfie L Engineering: Archie S-B Art: Alfie B Food: Chrisphil-Ashley S

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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: Jake A for being a helpful student at The Briars.

Year 8: Jessica S for her fantastic attitude around school.

Year 9: Jacob F for continually following the virtues of Saint John Houghton.

### **Mr Ritchie:**

Year 10: Amy May H for continued hard work and effort in all lessons.

Year 11: Yenuli F for continued hard work and effort in all lessons..

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

Joseph F in year 8 has been nominated by staff for this week's St John Houghton Award, he has been nominated for supporting the school community and the respect he shows others.



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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

**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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## **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:**

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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**SJH School holiday dates and inset days 2025-2026 – Additional inset days will be confirmed in due course:**

<b>Inset day 1</b>	<b>Thursday 4 September 2025</b>
<b>Year 7 only in school</b>	<b>Friday 5 September 2025</b>
<b>All years return to school</b>	<b>Monday 8 September 2025</b>
<b>Inset day 2</b>	<b>Friday 26 September 2025</b>
<b>October half term</b>	<b>Monday 27 - Friday 31 October 2025</b>
<b>Inset day</b>	<b>TBC</b>
<b>Christmas holidays</b>	<b>Monday 22 December 2025 – Friday 2 January 2026</b>
<b>February half term</b>	<b>Monday 16 – Friday 20 February 2026</b>
<b>Trust Inset Day</b>	<b>TBC</b>
<b>Easter holidays</b>	<b>Monday 30 March – Friday 10 April 2026</b>
<b>May half term</b>	<b>Monday 25 – Friday 29 May 2026</b>
<b>Inset Day</b>	<b>TBC</b>
<b>Last day of term</b>	<b>Thursday 23 July 2026</b>

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