



**St Ralph
Sherwin**
Catholic Multi Academy Trust

SJH Newsletter

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Friday 22 November 2024



Headteacher's Introduction

Dear Readers,

Welcome to the latest edition of our Newsletter after what I am sure you will agree has been a challenging week. My decision to close the school on Tuesday because of the weather was always a difficult one. Thank you for your support and I am hopeful that there will not be too many days like that over the coming months. The weather looks warmer for the week ahead, so fingers crossed!

It's hard to believe there are only 19 school days now (20 for the staff with the INSET Day next Friday – 29 November!) until the Christmas holiday. This term and the academic year, really are flying by.

Important upcoming dates

Inset day – Friday 29 November 2024

Our Year 11 students have completed their GCSE MFL Speaking Mocks this week and they have gone really well.

Yesterday (Thursday), a group of Year 10 students visited the Good Food Show as part of their GCSE Food work. They had a great time and represented our school superbly well. Thank you to the staff who accompanied them.

Thank you also to Rachel, who led a Bereavement Retreat for our students who have lost parents and other close family members. Rachel's work really is 'outstanding' and we are delighted that she has been able to support these students.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend when it comes. With my very best wishes, 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.

Inset day – Friday 29 November 2024:

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

Early Closure – Friday 20 December 2024:

School will be closing at 2.15pm on the last day of term, the school buses will collect students at 2.15pm. The number 11 bus will not be running that week.

Number 11 bus users:

Kirk Hallam Community Academy are closed Monday 16 to Friday 20 December 2024, therefore the number 11 bus will not be running that week, parents/carers will need to make alternative travel arrangements, apologies for any inconvenience caused.

2025-2026 Term Dates and Inset Days:

The Inset Days for 2025-2026 have now been confirmed, they are on the last page of the newsletter.

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

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2024 GCSE Mock Exams:

All Year 11 students will be sitting their first set of GCSE Mock Exams this term - **Monday 2nd December to Friday 13th 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 20th 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.

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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 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.



Bishop Patrick:

Bishop Patrick is inviting all Young Adults across the diocese to 6.00pm Mass at Saint Barnabas Cathedral on Sunday 24th November. He will then join us for some social time afterwards. If you would like to support the Mass in some way – Altar Serving, Music, Welcome, etc, then please contact charles.archer@dioceseofnottingham.uk

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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**

Contact –

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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 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:

Inset day 1	Thursday 4 September 2025
Year 7 only in school	Friday 5 September 2025
All years return to school	Monday 8 September 2025
Inset day 2	Friday 26 September 2025
October half term	Monday 27 - Friday 31 October 2025
Inset day 3	Monday 8 December 2025
Christmas holidays	Monday 22 December 2025 – Friday 2 January 2026
February half term	Monday 16 – Friday 20 February 2026
Inset Day (Trust) 4	Monday 23 February 2026
Easter holidays	Monday 30 March – Friday 10 April 2026
May half term	Monday 25 – Friday 29 May 2026
Inset Day 5	Friday 3 July 2026
Last day of term	Thursday 23 July 2026

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