



**St Ralph
Sherwin**
Catholic Multi Academy Trust

SJH Newsletter

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Friday 8 November 2024



Headteacher's Introduction

Dear Readers,

Many thanks for joining us once again after what has been a busy, but positive week in school. I sincerely hope you enjoyed the half term break last week. This week our School Captains and Senior students were presented with their School Colours a new/old initiative in school, which recognises students who go above and beyond for our school and make a valuable contribution to the life of our school. Photos of the students can be seen further on in the Newsletter.

On Wednesday, our Year 11 Parents joined us for Parents' Evening, an incredibly positive evening. Our Year 11s are in a 'good place' seem to be really focussed as they prepare for their Mock Exams in December. Thank you to our parents who support us continuously.

Important upcoming dates

Inset day – Friday 29 November 2024

We wish Year 11 well for next week as the GCSE Food Practicals take place!

Today, we are sad to see Mr Bilby leave us. He was given a lovely send off by the students yesterday in our Student Briefing (KS3) and they really did let him know he will be missed! Since day one, he has gone above and beyond for our school and we wish him every success for the future.

Finally, our Year 7s will be visiting the Briars next week, our Diocesan Retreat Centre and they are very much looking forward to it. As always, I am so grateful to the staff who give up their own time to support residential visits, so that our children can have these experiences.

Wishing you all a lovely rest over the 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.

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.

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

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Above: Our new Senior Students, who received their school colours this week. The candidates went through a rigorous process to be appointed and they will support our younger students as they navigate through Years 7, 8 and 9.

Below: Our brilliant School Captains have received their School Colours and badges as they take up their roles. They will also lead the Student Council.



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Careers update 8/10/2024:

Year 10/11 - Derby College Presentation

On Weds 23rd October, we welcomed Derby College into school to give a presentation to Year 10 and 11 students. The representative from the college explored the wide range of different courses they offer, from A-Levels, to T-Levels and Apprenticeships. If this sparked interest, please go along to an Open Evening to find out more.

Upcoming Open Evenings

Please check if you need to sign up before attending

Derby College - Broomfield - 13th Nov

Notts College - High Pavement - 19th Nov

Notts College - City Hub - 13th Nov

Notts College - Adams Building - 14th Nov

Bilborough College - 9th Nov

Confetti College - 16th Nov

Lees Brook Skills Academy - 20th Nov

Rolls Royce Careers Events

1. Derby Apprentice Open Evening: Degree & Higher Apprenticeships

EVENT DETAILS

Date: Wednesday 4th December, 2024

Time: 5pm-8pm (1 hour slots – *we're also having the first hour as a neurodiverse-friendly slot, which will be geared at making the event more accessible to those who may need a less overstimulating environment to access the event*)

Location: Rolls-Royce Learning & Development Centre, Willmore Road, Derby, DE24 9BD

Target Year Group: Year 13 only- 2 tickets per family.

Signup links: [5pm](#) / [6pm](#) / [7pm](#)

2. Derby 'Future Females' Open Evening

Too often, young women don't think engineering or technical roles are open to them, or have a stereotypical view of what working in our industry would be like. We really want to change that. Help us show your female students that they too can thrive at Rolls-Royce. Our Future Females Open Evening is aimed at females and their parents/carers, and will provide an amazing opportunity to come and learn about our apprenticeships, meet other women doing similar roles, and find out what working at Rolls-Royce is really like.

EVENT DETAILS

Date: Wednesday 11th December, 2024

Time: 4-7pm (1hr slots)

Location: Rolls-Royce Nuclear Skills Academy, Infinity Park Way, Infinity Park, Derby, DE24 9FU

Target Year Group : Year 10 to 13.

Signup links: [4pm](#) / [5pm](#) / [6pm](#)

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Carousel

We are trying to promote independence in learning in English this year with Carousel. We appreciate that students find English tricky to revise at home so this year we have used Carousel to share the key knowledge students need to revise and learn.

We expect all students to use Carousel as part of their homework. Students can use it to revise or set themselves quizzes. So far over 6800 questions have been answered in the last month. 2873 of those questions were answered by Year 11 students.

We will be informing parents later of how many questions their child has answered at parents' evening. Below are the top students in every year group. Congratulations to all the students mentioned below.

Thank you,
The English department

Year 7		
Position	Name	Number of Questions Quizzed
1	Hanna D	169
2	Benjamin M	164
3	Emma S	95
4	Ewan T	67
5	Amy-Grace W	55
6	Farleigh S	55
7	Oscar T	50
8	Amelia S	45
9	Oscar B	42
10	Elsie S-R	40
11	James A	40
12	Myles S	38
13	Florence A	31
14	Penelope S	20
15	Rylee-Scott G	20
16	Willow B	20
17	Filip S	16
18	Caitlin C	15
19	Violet D	13
20	Kobby A-B	12
21	Lily C	11
22	Summer B	11
23	Dylan L-J	10
24	Emilio S	10
25	Finlay W	10
26	Imogen-Grace C	10
27	Jasper M	10
28	Lauren M	10
29	Lily W	10
30	Charlie D	10

Year 8		
Position	Name	Number of Questions Quizzed
1	Abigail W	260
2	Ernest Y	255
3	Gabriella W	249
4	Amelia C	100
5	Charlie B-B	92
6	Amelia W	54
7	Ethan C	38
8	Mila D	33
9	Joshua M	30
10	Maisie J	28
11	Betsy R	27
12	Evan D	25
13	Finlay M	25
14	Jacob L	25
15	Felix H	24
16	James E	21
17	Eleanor S	20
18	Isabella T	20
19	William S	20
20	George M	16
21	Phoebe S	16
22	Aleksandra S	15
23	Daisy W	15
24	Valentina H	15
25	Jessica H	12
26	Macy P	12
27	Matthew S	12
28	Cara J	10
29	Jasmine-Joyce O	10
30	Jessica P	10

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Carousel:

Year 9		
Position	Name	Number of Questions Quizzed
1	Jacob F	74
2	Finlay M	30
3	Jasmine T	30
4	Toluwanimi O	25
5	Millie W	20
6	Ava F	10
7	Cindy C	10
8	Jack T	4
9	Ryan P	4

Year 11		
Position	Name	Number of Questions Quizzed
1	Jayden H	716
2	Amber F	269
3	Lewis L	186
4	David O	152
5	Joanne S	151
6	Amelia L	93
7	Eleanor A	80
8	Niamh W	80
9	Marianna L	65
10	Ruby C	64
11	Cherish R	61
12	Amber W	60
13	Ryan M	53
14	Rebecca J	52
15	Harry G	48
16	Aimee M	46
17	Harriet F-D	45
18	Finley H	44
19	Delilah S	40
20	Dominic M	40
21	Ella M	35
22	Rhodina K	32
23	Amy Q	30
24	Oliver E	30
25	Olivia B	30
26	Daisy P	26
27	Alan Su	25
28	Ellie-Lisa M	20
29	Ila F	20
30	Lily F	20

Year 10		
Position	Name	Number of Questions Quizzed
1	Joshua F	170
2	Natalia L	120
3	Danielle M	85
4	Isla F	52
5	Hugo M	45
6	Paige B	45
7	James G	42
8	Hollie Ann P	40
9	Millie G	40
10	Kayla N	32
11	Nancy W	28
12	Gabriella H	27
13	Lottie L	27
14	Ellie-Mai R	25
15	Harry B	24
16	Scarlett L	24
17	Charlie B-M	21
18	Shantelle T	20
19	Miley S	15
20	Sonny K	15
21	Mishel C	12
22	Archie S	10
23	Casey E	10
24	Georgia C-S	10
25	Nieve C	10
26	Ronnie A	10
27	Samson M	10
28	Summer P	10
29	Violet R	10
30	Eleanor H	10

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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:

A huge well done and thank you to Jack and Mr Poland for accepting the challenge of a Sponsored Silence to raise money for the Chaplaincy Charity 2024-5 'Missio'. For our November fundraising Jack and team will lead Year 8 and on November 28th they will be sponsored to keep silent! We are asking Year 8 to donate cash. Please bring in any small change and your Tutor. This will be the main collection for Missio for Year 8 in 2024-5 so why not dig deep, appreciate the challenge Jack and Mr Poland are making because the money you raise will go towards sharing the love and compassion of Jesus with the whole world. Rachel

The following pupils have received a Praise Postcard this week from Chaplaincy: Harry L, Hanna D, Kulani G, Imogen-Grace C, Temi O, Jack M, Jess P, Lucie A, Evie W, Joshua R, Georgeia C & Orla B.



Well done and thank you to Hanna D for correct answers to the Chaplaincy challenges - I look forward to sharing rewards with you! Rachel

Confirmation: Thank you for your praying for our young people as they prepare for this Sacrament. Our gatherings are going well, Fr Paul, Lee and Jenny were our keynote speakers this week. If you would like support in your faith journey please reach out - simply email me or pick up the phone. Rachel

Please give and take good quality secondhand uniform which is in Reception.

It has been lovely to see all Year 11 students in Tutor Time this week. I do know the hard work and effort, Mr Thomson, Miss Sanderson, Mr Quenby, Mr Carr and Mr Riley give each day to our young people. Our young people are blessed to have a place in SJH. I have offered support to all Year 11, in their prayer lives, their faith journey and day to day celebrations and life.

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Chaplaincy:

On Thursday, during staff briefing, we prayed for our priests: Fr Paul and Fr Joby. Why not join our school prayers with your home prayers and simply pray: Father God, we thank you for the gift of our priests, Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments. Help our Priests to be strong in their vocation. Give them words they need to spread the Gospel and allow them to experience joy in their ministry. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

We are in 'The Year of Prayer' - with thanks to Mr Brogan and Mrs Ashely for taking the time to pray in our chapel this week. You are welcome to join us on 14.11.24 at our 8.00am Mass and 20.11.24 for our 8.00am prayer.

Faith in Action meeting: 14.11.24 5.00pm - 5.20pm This is to register if you are interested in gaining Bronze, Silver or Gold Faith in Action Award this year - all welcome. It would be helpful if you email before the meeting, so I can prepare paperwork, if you are intending to attend. Thank you. Rachel

Next week our Word of the Week is: Remembrance.

Remembrance is an important part of our faith. We remember the saints, those who have died, and the events of our history. Remembrance helps us to reflect on how those who've gone before us have shaped our and inspired our lives today.

Thank you to all who have donated the knitted poppies to make the profound display in our Reception and Hall.

You are all invited and welcome to add your family and friends to the list of names we are gathering which will be remembered in our Service for Our Dad and Mass for our Dead.



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Friends of Saint John Houghton Catholic Voluntary Academy:

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"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

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	TBC
Christmas holidays	Monday 22 December 2025 – Friday 2 January 2026
February half term	Monday 16 – Friday 20 February 2026
Trust Inset Day	TBC
Easter holidays	Monday 30 March – Friday 10 April 2026
May half term	Monday 25 – Friday 29 May 2026
Inset Day	TBC
Last day of term	Thursday 23 July 2026

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