



**St Ralph  
Sherwin**  
Catholic Multi Academy Trust

# SJH Newsletter

Compassion – Aspiration – Respect – Excellence – Determination – Faithfulness – Optimism – Reconciliation  
Friday 10 January 2025



## Headteacher's Introduction

Dear Readers,

Thank you so much for joining us for the latest edition of our Newsletter after what has been a tremendous week in school. Welcome back and a very Happy New Year to you all.

On Tuesday we were joined by Bishop Patrick, who spent time with us as a school to celebrate our 60th Anniversary as a school. He met with a group of Year 9 students, led us in our solemn liturgy of the Mass and stayed for tea and cake afterwards. We are so grateful that Bishop Patrick, accompanied by Father Simon his Secretary, was able to take time out of his busy schedule to spend time with us. It was a tremendous celebration for us as a school to celebrate 60 years of Catholic education in Ilkeston.

## Important upcoming dates

**Year 11 photographs – Monday 13 January 2025**

**Year 9 parent/carers consultation meeting – Wednesday 22 January 2025**

Earlier in the day, we had been joined by 5 people who were students or staff members on the very first day the school opened in 1965 – We were even joined by the first Head Boy and Head Girl of the school! It was such a memorable day and there are so many lovely memories from it. Our students were superb, as they always are and they represented us so well.

On Thursday, several members of our School Council attended a visit to the Houses of Parliament and on Friday, we were joined by our MP Adam Thompson. These experiences are geared towards our School Improvement objective of increasing Student Leadership across the school. Our students had a great time in both events and again, represented us beautifully. 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 11 photographs:**

Year 11 will have their individual and whole year group photographs on Monday 13 January 2025, please ensure year 11 students are in full school uniform.

## **Donations of PE equipment**

We would be grateful for any donations of PE equipment to support our students, please contact the school office if you have anything you are able to donate.

## **School uniform**

Please see below link our School Uniform Policy, there have been a small numbers of students who have returned to school this week with inappropriate footwear (trainers) and some students have been wearing false nails. From Monday 13 January 2025, these students will be sanctioned as per the School policy if they are continue to be worn:

<https://www.stjohnhoughtonilkeston.srscmat.co.uk/parents/dress-code-and-equipment/>

## **Safeguarding - Student Wellbeing**

**Kooth** is a website providing free, safe and anonymous mental health support for young people. No costs, no barriers, no waiting lists and no thresholds. [A Guide to Kooth for Families - Explore Kooth](#)

In February they are hosting a **KoothTalks** webinar for parents, carers and families about the role of Kooth and Qwell in the care pathway for young people with an eating difficulty. Please follow this link to sign up. [KoothTalks Webinar Form](#)

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## **Careers updates:**

As we enter into the New Year, it is important that Year 11 are still considering their options for Post-16 and are starting to put plans in place. There is still plenty of time to make choices but it is advised to continue to attend any Open Days happening at Post-16 providers. Applications can be put in now, and more than one application per student is advised to keep options open. Most students have now had a 1-2-1 meeting with our Careers Advisor, and any students who haven't, will do over the next weeks. Any students who feel they need one urgently can ask Mr Riley to bring their appointment forward.

Derby College Joseph Wright Open Day - 5<sup>th</sup> Feb.

West Nottinghamshire College are holding an A Level Open event on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 5:30pm-7:30pm at the Mansfield and Ashfield Sixth form College in Mansfield, NG19 7BB. We will now also be holding another college open event on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2025, 5:30pm-7:30pm. This will be held at the Derby Road Campus in Mansfield, NG18 5BH.

Please see the links here if you would like to share with you students:

- <https://www.wnc.ac.uk/Open-evenings-and-events/Event.aspx?id=700>
- <https://www.wnc.ac.uk/Open-evenings-and-events/Event.aspx?id=715>

A final reminder that the deadline for Allestree Woodlands Sixth Form applications is Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January. The link to the application form is: [Sixth Form Application for 2025 Entry](#)

If anybody has any issues with anything at all they can email [sixthform@woodlands.derby.sch.uk](mailto:sixthform@woodlands.derby.sch.uk)

## **Dry ski slope visit:**

On the 16<sup>th</sup> December, 28 students and 3 staff went to the dry ski slope in Swadlincote. The purpose of the trip was to prepare the students for their Ski Trip to Quebec, Canada in February, so they have had some experience of skiing, prior to this.

It was a fantastic evening, and the students bravely 'threw' themselves into different activities and improved their confidence as the evening progressed. They all had a great time and are now that little more prepared for their overseas adventure, later on in this term.





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## SJHCVA 60<sup>th</sup> Celebrations

Dear parents and carers,

We know you will enjoy a trip down memory lane as you enjoy these photographs, please do ask you children about our Act of Worship with Mr Brogan and the past staff and students from the day Blessed John Houghton opened, the Act of Worship was inspirational! We heard about the 'Saint John Houghton Red' blazers, how students came having failed their 11plus and achieved in SJH and followed their dreams. The photographs include our last 3 Heads, the first Head Boy and Head Girl, and teachers who taught in the late 60's and early 70's.



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## SJHCVA 60<sup>th</sup> Celebrations

Here at SJHCVA we are teaching our wonderful students how to be future leaders. Thank you to all students who prepared for our 60<sup>th</sup> celebrations to make our day so very special. Well done all.



During the 60<sup>th</sup> celebrations our pupils had the opportunity to meet Bishop Partick; awards were given, jokes were shared and Bishop Partick led a Commissioning and Blessings Service.



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Bishop Partick, Fr Simon, Fr Paul and Fr Joby celebrated Mass in SJH on our Anniversary 07.01.2025. Bishop Partick reminded us to rise up to responsibility and to be Ambassadors of Hope.

On behalf of our Saint John Houghton family, may I take this opportunity to thank all who made our day a fantastic, relaxed and very respectful occasion. I heard that the Bishop loved it!



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## Chaplaincy:

Would you like the opportunity to join in the fun? SJHCVA are supported by Fr Paul, Fr Joby, Lee and a team of Parish Ambassadors, Governing Body and the Teams which support Parish Life. Rachel is always happy to introduce you to the teams and you would be given a warm welcome. How lovely that our Parish Ambassadors supported and led our 60<sup>th</sup> Celebrations!



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## Carousel in English

The English Department would like to praise the following students for their use of Carousel.

### Year 7

Position	Name	No. Questions Quizzed
1	Elisia T	868
2	Benjamin M	480
3	Amelia S	395
4	Ayo E	265
5	Hanna D	253
6	Oscar B	245
7	Ewan T	219
8	Amy-Grace W	162
9	Kobby A	158
10	Eiza Z	150
11	Myles S	134
12	Summer B	131
13	Farleigh S	120
14	Filip S	119
15	Jack E	109
16	Emma S	105
17	Caitlin C	85
18	Kulani T	75
19	Lily W	70
20	Oscar T	70
21	Ava G	60
22	Elsie S	60
23	Evie P	60
24	Charlie D	57
25	James A	55
26	Xander F	55
27	William P	54
28	Noah G	50
29	Honey P	41
30	Florence A	38

### Year 8

Position	Name	No. Questions Quizzed
1	Ernest Y	530
2	Gabriella W	469
3	Abigail W	451
4	Maisie J	280
5	Ethan C	271
6	Sonny L	242
7	Betsy R	222
8	Amelia-May O	219
9	James E	199
10	Felix H	172
11	Amelia C	160
12	Sienna H	143
13	Donald C	140
14	Amelia W	114
15	Charlie B	92
16	Zach I	79
17	Reggie R	71
18	Cara J	68
19	Eleanor S	50
20	Jacob L	50
21	George M	49
22	Matthew S	44
23	Sebastian D	39
24	Katelyn P	38
25	Mila D	37
26	Daisy W	36
27	George W	35
28	Jasmine-Joyce O	30
29	Joshua M	30
30	Maisie W	30

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### Year 9

Position	Name	No. Questions Quizzed
1	Kyrillos A	1030
2	Crimson S	775
3	Imogen K	306
4	Magdalena A	195
5	Aaron E	127
6	Jacob F	124
7	Finlay M	60
8	Jasmine T	60
9	Millie W	56
10	Cameron A	40
11	Aaron V	30
12	Cindy C	30
13	Toluwanimi O	25
14	Alfie S	20
15	Charlie B	20

### Year 10

Position	Name	No. Questions Quizzed
1	Natalia L	900
2	Mishel C	597
3	Paige B	360
4	Joshua F	328
5	Mary F	308
6	Danielle M	280
7	Millie G	240
8	Isabella O	151
9	Hollie Ann P	150
10	Stanley S	147
11	Nacy W	121
12	Scarlett L	121
13	Charlie B	116
14	Bethany D	115
15	Miley S	115
16	Isla F	111
17	Georgia C	110
18	Hugo M	101
19	Ellie-Mai R	101
20	Gabriella H	100
21	Harry B	100
22	Jamie M	100
23	Sophie A	90
24	Eleanor H	84
25	Lottie L	79
26	Rosemary S	63
27	Brianna M	62
28	Kayla N	62
29	Lucie B	55
30	Julia H	54

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### **Year 11**

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>No. Questions Quizzed</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Jayden H</b>	<b>2830</b>
<b>2</b>	Amber F	544
<b>3</b>	David O	532
<b>4</b>	Joanne S	493
<b>5</b>	Lewis L	479
<b>6</b>	Tia A	466
<b>7</b>	Esma S	401
<b>8</b>	Oliver E	337
<b>9</b>	Cherish R	336
<b>10</b>	Ruby C	320
<b>11</b>	Olivia B	291
<b>12</b>	Amelia L	285
<b>13</b>	Marianna L	253
<b>14</b>	William N	241
<b>15</b>	Niamh W	220
<b>16</b>	Delilah S	214
<b>17</b>	Maja W	210
<b>18</b>	Finley H	204
<b>19</b>	Amy Q	201
<b>20</b>	Alan S	200
<b>21</b>	Amber W	200
<b>22</b>	James P	200
<b>23</b>	Olivia S	188
<b>24</b>	Andre O	155
<b>25</b>	Lewis G	141
<b>26</b>	Aimee M	128
<b>27</b>	Eleanor A	120
<b>28</b>	Ellie-Lisa M	120
<b>29</b>	Raivo K	119
<b>30</b>	Ila F	116

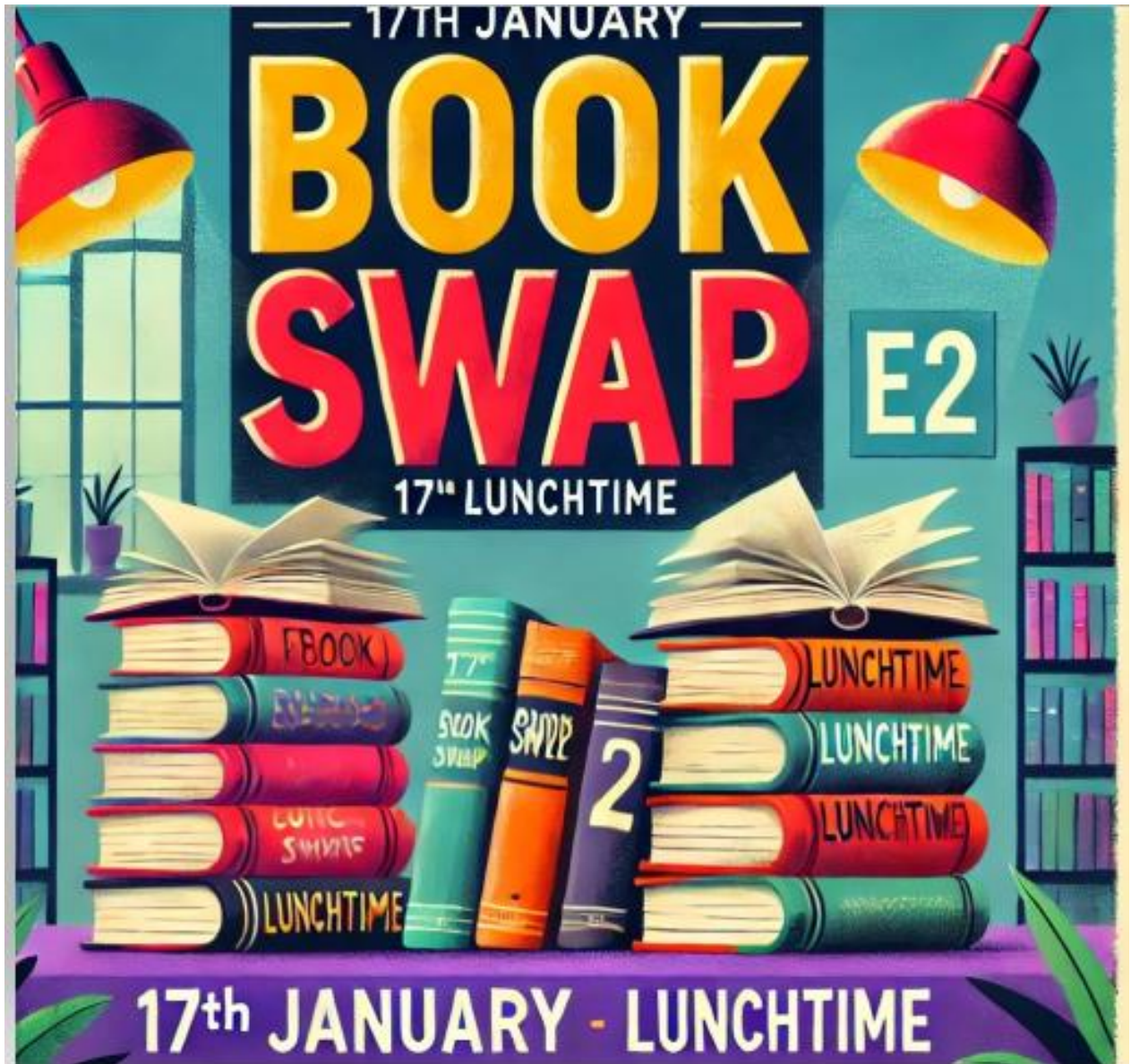


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## Book swap

Students are able to bring a book to E2 to swap for another at lunchtime on Friday 17 January 2025



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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

**Date: 24.01.25 Time: 11.30am-12.30pm**

**Date: 02.05.24 Year 11 Mass 11.30am**  
**Friends of SJH 1.00pm – 2.00pm**

*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](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:**

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 3</b>	<b>Monday 8 December 2025</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>Inset Day (Trust) 4</b>	<b>Monday 23 February 2026</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 5</b>	<b>Friday 3 July 2026</b>
<b>Last day of term</b>	<b>Thursday 23 July 2026</b>

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