



**St Ralph
Sherwin**
Catholic Multi Academy Trust

SJH Newsletter

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Friday 17 January 2025



Headteacher's Introduction

Dear Readers,

Thank you for joining us for the latest edition of our Newsletter. This week we have entered 'Ordinary Time' in the Liturgical Year of the Church and it has felt like a very 'ordinary week' in school for many of us, apart from one or two things...

On Monday we were joined by Tempest Photography, as the final photo of Year 11's time with us was taken. This is always a poignant moment and another step for our Year 11 students as they look towards the end of their time with us. Many of us 'did our hair' especially for the event and we look forward to seeing the photograph when it is produced. Individual photos will also be available for parents.

Important upcoming dates

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

This week, Mr Beardsley has joined us as a permanent member of staff. We are absolutely delighted that he has joined us and that he has started his career in education with us here at Saint John Houghton. He is excited to be here and working with us here in school and we wish him every success in the coming weeks and beyond during his time with us.

Finally, I am delighted to announce that we have a new school prayer card to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the school. We amalgamated the designs of several students to create what is the perfect card for this year and the designs of the following students were used: Imogen-Grace and Elisia (Year 7) and Libby and Somto (Year 10). Thank you all so much for your beautiful designs!

Thank you for reading, 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.

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.

Year 11 photographs:

We are expecting the year 11 proof photographs in school shortly, these will be given to students in tutor time. Orders can then be made online through the tempest website.

Film club:

Film club will run on Friday lunchtimes at 1.35pm in E3.

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Student Council trip to the Houses of Parliament and meeting with Erewash MP:

A very early start in sub-zero temperatures saw 32 year 7-10 students and 3 staff members set off London bound by coach.

4 hours later we arrived at the Houses of Parliament. After passing airport style security, handing in phones, and being given audio packs we set off on our tour. Such a grand and foreboding building steeped in history was fascinating to see with its many stained glass windows, huge statues and great halls. Some of the students were hoping to see the Prime Minister or other famous politicians but alas it was not the day for Prime Ministers questions and so not to be.

This did not dampen the enthusiasm of the students as they fired lots of questions at our tour guide. The highlight of the tour had to be sitting in the public galleries of both the House of Commons with its green seats and the very grand House of Lords with its plush red seats and golden throne. In the galleries we got the opportunity to listen to questions being asked of cabinet ministers covering topics including transport, flooding and rugby union in Cornwall.

After the tour there was a workshop where the students learned about petitions, how and why they are created and how they are the starting point to getting a campaign for change off the ground. A surprise visitor – Adam Thompson MP for Erewash - arrived just in time to hear the students pitch their ideas for a petition. All too quickly it was time to get back on the coach to make the long journey back home to Kirk Hallam. A great day was had by all and the staff were really impressed by the knowledge, curiosity and engagement of the students.

The next day Adam visited the students in school and they hosted their own 'question time,' raising lots of issues such as the lack of pitches for grass-roots girls football, road safety outside school and the environment. We definitely have some budding MPs in our midst. Look out for petitions and campaigns coming soon!



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Chaplaincy

'Shout out from Chaplaincy'

The following students have been noticed for serving others, standing tall for their faith and being the best version of themselves. Thank you: George J, Lexi May H, Amber F, Weluchi O, Casey E, Kayla N, Isabella O, Joseph F, George W, Gabriella W, LucyS, Caitlin K, Donald C, Josh M, Sam A, Archie T. More thanks to SJH School Choir - it was lovely to be with you on Tuesday and many thanks for your service in the Mass.

SJH Sound and Light Crew. Thank you for your service and support. Your Teamwork and talent has not gone unnoticed.

Peace Sunday 19th January 2025:

All are invited to join 11.00am Mass in Our Lady of Good Counsel RC Church, 280 Nottingham Rd, Eastwood, Nottingham NG16 2AQ

Weluchi, David, Lucy, Honey and Sasha will be representing SJHCVA at FLAME 2025 on March 15th. We felt it was important to meet and 'have a spark to fan into a flame before the event.'

As a group we have chosen the name: **John 3:16** because it is possibly the most famous Bible verse in the world. *'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone that believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.'*

If you would like to join our meetings to focus on bringing Peace into our broken world you are most welcome! Please make a note of the date: 7.02.25 and 7.03.25 in our Chapel at 9.00am - 9.15am. Please join us at Mass this Sunday and please wear your SJH Uniform or hoodie.

If, like members of John 3:16 Eastwood is not your Parish, then please do wear your Uniform to Mass you attend knowing you are standing for Peace with 'Pax Christi' and our vision is of a world where people can live in peace, without fear of violence in any form.

Thank you to all who have bought the Peace Badge and BookMark from the John 3:16 Team.

Rachel

Chaplaincy walk the talk.

Lucy S was presented a 'Pilgrim of Hope' hoodie by Bishop Partick for the hard work and efforts as a Parish Ambassador.

Bishop Patrick also presented Weluchi O and David B a 'SRSCMAT Flame 2025' hoodie and wished them well as they fan the spark into a flame and make a noise for Peace with Christ at the Centre of all we do.

Well done Lucy, Weluchi and David, we are all extremely proud of you!

If you would like to order a hoodie please contact Rachel by email. Information has been sent out in the past, they range from £28-£33 and sizes S,M,L, XL and XXL are available.

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Chaplaincy Competition:

Well done to all to know the answer: Pax Christi means: *Peace of Christ*. I was delighted to add Positive Points and reward Fairtrade Chocolate Bars to you.

The first 5 to email me with the correct answer: What does the Pax Christi logo stand for will receive a Fairtrade Bar of Chocolate and Positive Points. What does 'Pax Vobis' translate to?

Peace Sunday is Sunday 19th January 2025! We will attend mass at Eastwood and pray for peace in our broken world.

God bless,

Rachel



John 3:16:

Thank you Honey, Sasha and Lucy for joining me for breakfast on Thursday. We reflected on God's 'Beautiful and Broken World' and the difference between Prayer and Thought For The Day. Please pray for this Team of pupils of who be joining Mr Brogan and Rachel at Flame 2025 on March 15th. Honey, Sash and Lucy, thank you for your hard work and commitment. Your outstanding support does not go unnoticed and here in SJH we are all most grateful for the support you give time and time again. We know you wanted an early meeting, so you do not miss teaching and learning time! More thanks to Mr and Mrs Shelbourne and Mr and Mrs Ellis for going the extra mile to be in SJH for a 8.15am start and the kitchen staff for providing a great breakfast!

Monday Lunchtime CAFOD CLUB:

We gather in our SJH Chapel on Monday lunchtime. All welcome.

Well done Kulani, Imogen and Hanna who are planning a visit to a local care home to cheer up the residents in January and February. If you would like to join us please pop in on Monday and add your name to the list of students attending. We shall be taking our chess and draughts boards with us and challenging the residents to a game and enjoying a sing-along so get practising, 'Here comes the Sun....'

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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,
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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
Maths	Emma S	Caitlin K	Alfie S	Maximilian P	Harriet F-D
English	Ewan T	Ernest Y	Aaron V	Harry B	Joanne S
Science	James A	Alexander H	Ava F	Archie S	Tia A
Theology Years 7 & 8 Religious Education Years 7,9 & 10	Farleigh S	Eva P	Joshua B	James G	Monica W
Geography	Una D	Isabel B	Caleb Y	Scarlett W	Daisy P
History	Bethany R	William H-A	Lily P	Paige B	Eliza F
Computing & Business	Amelie-Rose H	Emily D	Marley L	Business: Mya-Grace M iMedia: Hugo M	Rebecca J Business: Isali F iMedia: Amber F
Music	Imogen-Grace C	Betsy R	Grace Q	Bethany D-R	Eleanor A
French	Kulani T-G	Dominika P	Samual F	Georgia C-S	Casper F
Spanish	Bailey C	Rosa-May S-S	William B	Amelia A	Billy S
PE & Health & Social Care	Caitlin C	Sonny L	Tamzin R	Hallie B GCSE: Tymoteusz G H&S care: Lottie L	Taner G GCSE: Rhys P Sports Studies: Andre O
Design	Leah B	Jayden L	Kalma S-H	DT: Oscar H Engineering: Oscar W Food: Connor H	DT: Brooke C Engineering: Dhillon R Food: Lydia D

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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: Willow B for her continued positive start.

Year 8: Edan B for his fantastic effort this week.

Year 9: Riley G for his tremendous effort across all lessons.

Mr Ritchie:

Year 10: Nancy W for always living out the School Virtues

Year 11: Charlie B for consistently working hard in all lessons

The Saint John Houghton Award:

Lena M in year 10 has been nominated by staff for this week's St John Houghton Award, she has been nominated for her determination to succeed and her optimistic approach to school life.

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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:

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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