



# SJH Newsletter

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Friday 14 February 2025



## Headteacher's Introduction

Dear Readers,  
Welcome to the latest edition of our Newsletter, the last one of this half term. It feels like this half term has flown by and when we come back, we will be looking towards March and Spring. It will also be the last full half term for Year 11 before their GCSE examinations begin! Huge thanks to those parents who attended the GCSE progress evening last night and took away the key information.

Today, we have taken the opportunity to celebrate and appreciate Ms Limb's remarkable 40 years of service to our school community. Ms Limb had fulfilled many roles across the school during that time and her commitment to our school have been tremendous. We are so grateful for all that she has done for us and she deserves all of our thanks and gratitude.

## Important upcoming dates

17-21 February 2025 – Half term holiday  
24 February 2025 – Inset day  
26 February 2025 – Year 8 parent evening

Our Year 10 Ski Trip is going well, and all are having a great time. There is always a little trepidation when a group is on an international visit, and we look forward to their safe return at the end of their time in Canada.

I sincerely hope you have the opportunity to spend some time together as families over the half term break and that our students and staff take a well-earned break and rest and recuperate for the next half term that lies ahead. At Mrs Brogan's request, I have (reluctantly) agreed to decorate the hall, stairs and landing at home (what was I thinking!) but I too am looking forward to 'something very different.' Wish me luck!

A gentle reminder that **students return on Tuesday 25 February 2025**, as we have an INSET Day on the first Monday after the half term break. More after that...

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.

## **Half term & Inset Day:**

School will be closed Monday 17 – Friday 21 February 2025 for half term.

Inset day – Monday 24 February 2025 – school will be closed to all students on this day, students return to school on Tuesday 25 February 2025.

## **Number 11 bus update:**

From after the Easter holidays, we are pleased to inform students who use the number 11 bus that it has been agreed with Kirk Hallam Community Academy, that the bus will be able to collect our students at 3.25pm from the bus stop at the end of Abott Road, the later 4pm service will no longer run. There will be no change to the morning service.

Just a reminder that the number 11 bus will only run when Kirk Hallam Community Academy is open.

## **Year 11 Mock Exams:**

The GCSE Lent Term March Mock Exam Timetable is now on the school website:

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

## **Uniform reminder:**

A reminder that leggings are not permitted as school uniform and students should wear appropriate school shoes, not trainers, please see below link to the uniform policy and examples of suitable school shoes:

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



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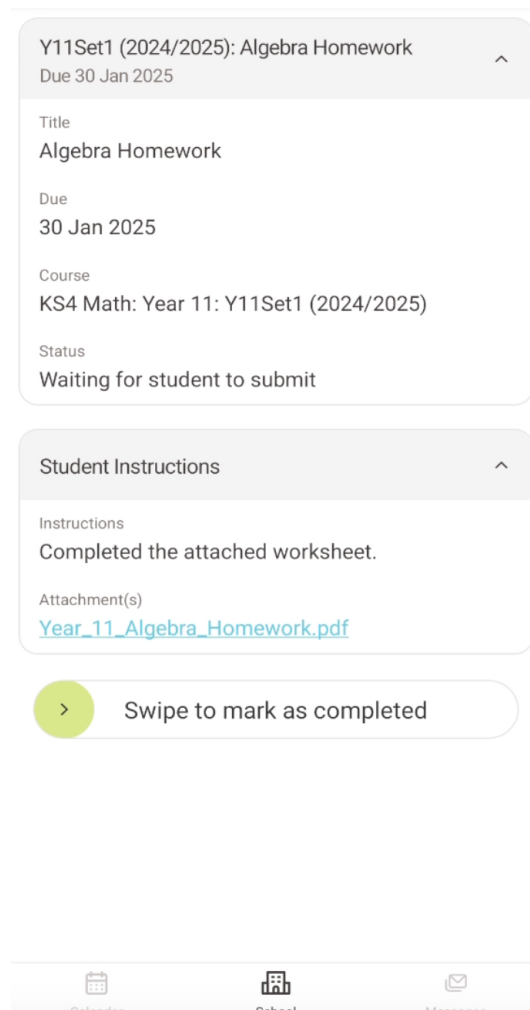
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## Arbor student App:

The Arbor **Student App only** now has an update that allows Assignments to be 'swiped away' as completed by the student. This applies to assignments that have been set from this week onwards.

Students can tap on lessons in their calendar to see their assignments. When they tap onto an assignment, students can download attachments uploaded by their teacher, and mark assignments as completed.



You may need to re-install the App to make this new feature active - Please refer to the original instructions if needed, they can be found on the school website: <https://www.stjohnhoughtonilkeston.srscmat.co.uk/information/arbor/>

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## Careers update:

### **National Apprenticeships week:**

National Apprenticeship Week runs from Monday 10 February to Sunday 16 March. It aims to raise awareness of the many benefits apprenticeships can offer you. It's a fantastic chance to learn about apprenticeship and consider whether it could be a good choice for your future. What better time to find out which of the hundreds of apprenticeships could be the right one for you?

### **Alstom Apprenticeships Talk:**

To tie in with National Apprenticeships week, on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February, Year 7, 8 and 9 had a talk from former student Luke, who is a current apprentice at Alstom. Students heard about Luke's journey from a student at SJH to his progression into a Post-16 apprenticeship. They got an insight into the life of an apprentice, the benefits of doing an apprenticeship, how to apply, and why Alstom are a good company to work for. Thanks, Luke, for sharing your story.

### **Kirk Hallam 6th form taster day:**

# TASTER DAY

**25 FEB 2025**  
3.30 - 5.30pm



An opportunity to sample up to five 6th form subjects, visit our facilities and meet the staff and students

**KIRK HALLAM**  
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Scan QR code to pick taster sessions  
by Friday 21st February

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## Friends of Saint John Houghton Catholic Voluntary Academy:

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*"Be still and know that I am God."*

*Psalms 46:10*

We would love for you to join us for  
coffee and conversation on

**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 –  
**[schooloffice@sjh.srscmat.co.uk](mailto:schooloffice@sjh.srscmat.co.uk)**



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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.

	<b>Year 7</b>	<b>Year 8</b>	<b>Year 9</b>	<b>Year 10</b>	<b>Year 11</b>
<b>Maths</b>	Bailey C	Esmae D	Aaron E	Libby H	Yenuli F
<b>English</b>	Noah G	Megan H	Abigail B	Gabriella H	Taner G
<b>Science</b>	Nicole R-J	Zofia S	Zuzanna K	Isla S	Eliza F
<b>Theology Years 7 &amp; 8 Religious Education Years 7,9 &amp; 10</b>	Kobby A-B	Lucienne A	Imogen K	Ella M	Isali F
<b>Geography</b>	Harry A	Amelia C	Maggie L	Jack B	Olivia S
<b>History</b>	Mordecai K	Jeejesh D	Kyrillos A	Kyra-Anne B	George S
<b>Computing &amp; Business</b>	William P-E	Phoebe S	William J	Business: Archie R iMedia: Violet R	Oliver H Business: Alfie L iMedia: Maeden C
<b>Music</b>	Scarlett S	Kaylin B	Lucas N	Logan S	Lily H
<b>French</b>	Jess T	Amelia W	Daisy L-J	Hollie-Ann P	Eleanor B
<b>Spanish</b>	Amy-Grace W	Victoria Z	Olivia R	John G	Leah E
<b>PE &amp; Health &amp; Social Care</b>	Florence A	Jenson D	Alfie S	Dawn M Sports studies: Kade T H&S care: Scarlett W	H&S care: Crystal W
<b>Design</b>	Hanna D	George W	Joshua B	DT: Harry W Engineering: Nazim G Art: Ellie-Mai R Food: Lottie L	DT: William N Engineering: Paul R Art: Evie W Food: Fifi H-W

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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: Xavier F for his persistent effort in all lessons.

Year 8: Coleena S-S for living out the Saint John Houghton virtues.

Year 9: Lois-Skye J for her continuous exemplary behaviour around SJH.

### **Mr Ritchie:**

Year 10: Ethan G for the most virtue points this week.

Year 11: Joanne S for the most virtue points this week.

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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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