



# SJH Newsletter

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Friday 14 March 2025



## Headteacher's Introduction

Dear Readers,  
Welcome to the latest edition of our Newsletter and thank you for reading.

It has been a busy week for Year 9 in school this week, who celebrated their Year 9 Mass in school yesterday. I was delighted to join them, along with Father Paul and several members of staff, as we celebrated the Holy Mass together. They really were immaculate in their behaviour, attitude and the way they engaged in the reflective atmosphere that was created.

Thank you also to the parents of our Year 9 students who were able to join us for our annual Year 9 Options Evening. This is a really important time for our Year 9 students and we are so grateful to have your support as you support your child in making the

## Important upcoming dates

Easter holiday – Monday 7 to Monday 21 April 2025

what their curriculum will look like in Year 10 and beyond. I have really enjoyed having some informal discussions with them in recent weeks, as they consider their subject choices.

I met with all of our Year 7-10 students this week and presented to them a reminder of The Saint John Houghton Way – the culture we are trying to build in our school. They were given key reminders on some of the key issues in our school and reminded of the responsibility that comes with wearing our Saint John Houghton uniform and our noticeable 'Saint John Houghton Red.' I also reminded them that they belong here and that we are so proud of them, something we often forget to tell them in the busyness of the day-to-day. More next week...

Garde ta Foi! Guard your Faith!  
**Mr S Brogan** - Headteacher

# School News



## **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.

## **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.

## **Family Fast Day:**

Thank you for supporting Family Fast Day, if you would like to make a donation to CAFOD, please use the following link:

<https://cafod.org.uk/give/appeals>

## **Year 11 Mock Exams March 2025:**

A reminder to all that Monday March 17<sup>th</sup> 2025, is the start of the second round of GCSE Mock Exams. All details are on the school website, along with key dates and information regarding the summer GCSE session.

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

## **Lost property:**

We have a large amount of lost property, this will be put out for students to check if it is theirs on Tuesday 18 March 2025 near the first aid room. Please encourage your child to have a look if they are missing any items, we have several coats that have been unclaimed. If you think one of the coats could be your child's, please contact reception and they will check for you.

Any lost property unclaimed after Tuesday, will be donated to charity.

## **Gardening club:**

Gardening club has resumed this week and will run on Thursdays, 3:15-4:15pm, we are happy to receive any donations of plants, seeds or tools.

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## Bible Study:

**Journey through the Gospels of  
Lent together**

**Prayer – Bible Study –  
Conversation**

**Wednesdays RE2 1:35-2:00**

**Staff and Students welcome!**



## The Pitstop:



### **Senior students launch The Pitstop**

Our year 10 senior students have recently undergone wellbeing training to enable them to support younger students. The Pitstop is in E6, open Monday to Thursday lunchtimes for anyone in key stage 3 who would like a 'recharge'. There will be opportunities to make new friends and play games and there are people to talk to about any problems or worries. Everybody welcome!

## Food Waste Action Week competition

From 17th-23rd March is Food Waste Action Week

We are asking year 7, 8 and 9 to design a poster to inspire people to cut down on food waste.

You need to get your entry into Miss Turgoose (feel free to drop it off at the behaviour office) with your name on the back by Friday 21st March 2025.

There is a chance to win prizes both within school and nationally in the competition!

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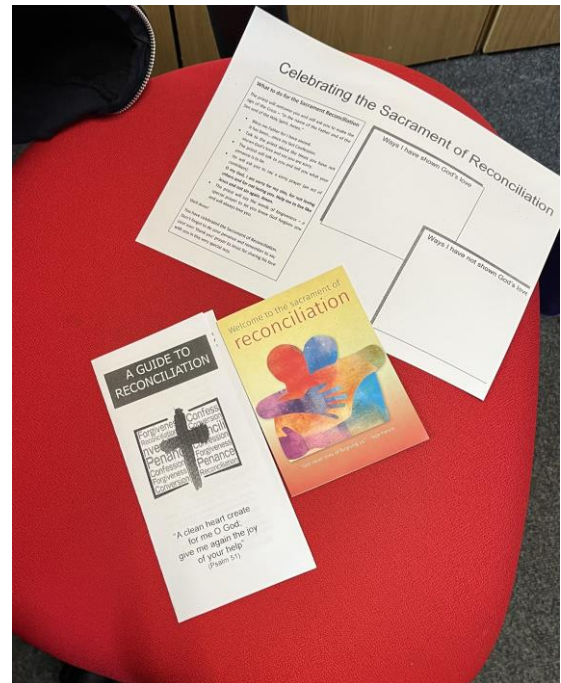
# HAPPY INTERNATIONAL



# Women's Day!

### **Confession in SJH:**

With thanks to Fr Paul and the students and staff who accepted the opportunity for Confession in SJH in Lent this week.



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It's Lent! Well done Parish Ambassadors:

Sunday 16th March.  
OLGC Social Centre after  
11am Mass.  
Soup and pudding.  
Tickets £3 for adults,  
children free.  
On sale the weekends of the  
2nd and 9th March.



## **Pilgrims of HOPE:**

Yep! SJH are embracing being Pilgrims of HOPE! Well done everyone.



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### FLAME

Mr Brogan, Rachel and Cathy will be supporting our students attending FLAME this Saturday. Follow us on SJHChaplain X.

## flame<sup>CYMFED</sup> 2025

# UNSTOPPABLE

F A N   T H E   F L A M E   O F   H O P E

**11:00 Doors Open**  
Find your seats & enjoy Flame's first Introducing Stage with Adeniké & Guvna B

**12:00 Official Start**  
Welcome • Opening Liturgy • Music from One Hope Project, Adeniké & Guvna B • Guest Speakers: Bear Grylls with David Wells

**13:20 Lunch**  
'Pilgrim Passports' with lots to explore around the Arena..

**14:10 Afternoon**  
World Youth Dance Crew • Key note speaker: Brother Chris Patiño • Ashley & Brian with CAFOD • SVP's Restorative Justice • Hallow's Bryan Enriquez • Isaac Harvey MBE

**16:00 Break**

**16:30 Final Liturgy**  
Cardinal Vincent Nichols will lead us in Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament, followed by a final celebration

**17:45 Finish**

Timings and content are subject to change.

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**SATURDAY 15TH MARCH 2025**

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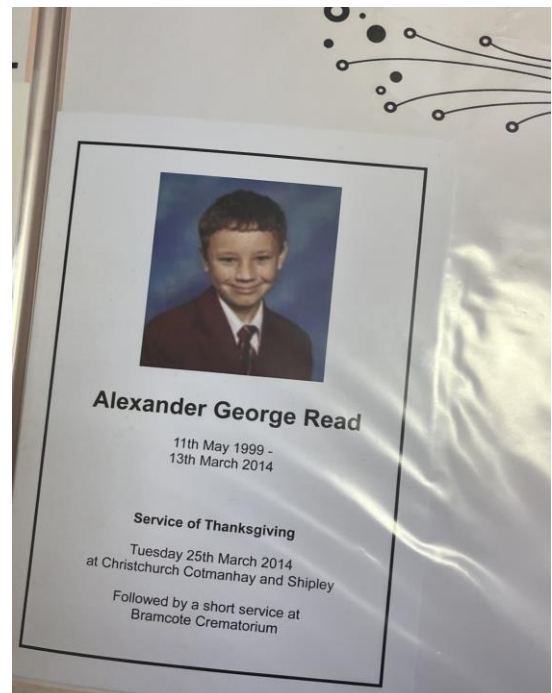
### **Wanted – Knitters:**

Wanted! Please ask you grandparents, family, friends and neighbours and get yourself knitting etc to make flowers and pop poms for our Pilgrim Bike. Watch out for the Bike Jubilee Visit in your Parish soon!



### **Book of Condolences:**

Dear Friends,  
You are welcome to add family and friends in our Book of Condolences and know our SJH Bereavement Team will remember them in prayer.





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## Chaplaincy:

### Season of Lent:

We are in the Season of Lent. Please pop into our Reception and take a look at the displays. You are welcome.



### Well done SJH!

So many students are polite, offer to help me and cheer me up every day in school. Thank you! Love, Rachel



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## Chaplaincy:

### **SJH Ambassadors of HOPE for SRS in The Jubilee Year of HOPE:**

On behalf of Saint John Houghton CVA Academy may I take this opportunity to thank Felix, Evie and Caitlin for accepting the invitation and opportunity from Mr Brogan to represent SJH at the SRS Ambassadors of HOPE meeting on Thursday. I am delighted to say the song they wrote and performed was brilliant, Mr Gritton and Bishop Partick laughed out loud and they shared the SJH news in a clear and professional public speaking standard. Well done! Weare your blessed Ambassadors of HOPE badges with pride - there are not many!!



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## Chaplaincy:

### **Visit to Oliver House:**

A great morning with intergenerational interaction at Oliver House with our Yr 8 students' guests from St. John Houghton.

The children headed by the school Chaplain Rachel Rose were involved with interesting conversation with our residents, telling stories whilst reminiscing on past events and their involvement.

As the morning progressed, they joined residents with gentle Zumba, ball games and shared laughs when challenged for a game of Dominoes.

The children were amazed that our visually impaired residents were able to participate with cheerful humour by the residents call out saying "Domino Woo Hoo" whenever they had a turn to win.

A real positive involvement between the visiting students and the residents, a fun time was had by all.

Endorsing that social connection between generations benefits all whilst encouraging community engagement.



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## Chaplaincy:

BEAUVALE DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE  
May 4th 2025  
IN HONOUR OF  
ST. JOHN HOUGHTON & ST. ROBERT LAWRENCE



2.00pm MASS  
celebrated by  
Rt. Rev. Patrick McKinney  
Refreshments available afterwards  
Beauvale Priory, New Road, Moorgreen  
NG16 2AA  
For further information tel 01773 713532

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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: 02.05.25 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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## **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:**

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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