



**St Ralph  
Sherwin**  
Catholic Multi Academy Trust

# SJH Newsletter

Compassion – Aspiration – Respect – Excellence – Determination – Faithfulness – Optimism – Reconciliation  
Friday 21 March 2025



## Headteacher's Introduction

Dear Readers,

Welcome to the latest edition of our newsletter and thank you for reading. The sun has been shining in Ilkeston and the surrounding areas in recent days and it always makes such a difference. Our students are really looking forward to the field being accessible (hopefully shortly after Easter).

Congratulations to our Year 11s who, depending on when you are reading this, may be completing or will have completed their last round of Mock Examinations. The next time they are in the exam hall, it will be for 'the real thing.' In the main, their conduct and effort this week have been excellent and would like to congratulate them on coming this far. Needless to say, the hard work starts now!

## Important upcoming dates

Easter holiday – Monday 7 to Monday 21 April 2025

Congratulations also to our Year 10 Boys who played in the County Cup Semi Final this week. They were beaten by an excellent team from Chapel-en-le-Frith, but we are so proud of them, their spirit and their attitude. They demonstrated what it means to be a student of Saint John Houghton in their cup run.

As we look ahead to next week, we have pencilled in a 'Lockdown Practice.' This is always a challenging experience for our younger and more vulnerable students. It is sad that school's have to have a Lockdown Procedure, but we are required to do so. It is all about being prepared for a serious incident and ensuring our staff and students are aware of the expectations in this situation. Please do discuss this with your children and reassure them if they are anxious. Thank you for your ongoing support and 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.

## **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 7 Football match:**

### **Thriller Ends in 6-4 as Late Goals Seal Victory For Year 7 boys!**

In a breathtaking football match full of twists and turns, fans were treated to an absolute goal fest as the game ended in a stunning 6-4 victory on Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> March.

Both teams came out firing, exchanging early goals to make it 3-3 by halftime. The second half saw an explosion of attacking football, with each side refusing to back down. By the 50th minute, the score stood at an incredible 4-4, as defensive mistakes and clinical finishing kept the crowd on the edge of their seats (although we were standing).

Just when it seemed like the game would end in a draw, the home side found another gear. A stunning long-range strike in the last minute sealed the win in stoppage time giving Year 7 the bragging rights of the local area having beat both Kirk Hallam and now Ilkeston.

A special mention needs to go out to Joshua R, who agreed to play in goal, despite it not being his natural position- pulling off some fine saves.

Manager Mr Thomson said, "The boys showed grit and determination, and it always felt we were on top, even when we were drawing. It was a thrilling contest, ten goals, and a dramatic finish—football at its finest!"

Goals came from:- Jasper (2) Ewan; Charlie; Jacob and Rueben.  
Mr Thomson

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## Chaplaincy:

### FLAME 2025:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Brogan and Mrs. Gabriel for joining the students who attended FLAME on Saturday on behalf of Saint John Houghton. Even though the day was quite long, it was well worth it! What an amazing opportunity!

Weluchi's thank you letter made our hearts sing. Lucy had the chance to sign the CAFOD door for CHANGE and work with CAFOD. We all loved Bear Grylls' interview with David Wells, and Mr. Brogan was grateful for the time in Adoration. Honey and Sash really enjoyed the live music. We made both new and old friends while spending time with Bishop Patrick. Mrs. Gabriel, our Chair of Governors, said it was a day she will never forget!



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Hello from Wembley! One Hope Project welcomed us and led us in prayer. We had a message from Pope Francis, we prayed for Pope Francis and The Apostolic Nuncio to Great Britain sent his message to FLAME 2025.

Bear Grylls spoke and said, 'Faith isn't part of the adventure, it is the adventure,' and the incredible GuvnaB gave us strength and sent us off for lunch. "The Church needs YOUR unstoppable hope," said Fr. Chris Patino, and the World Youth Dance Crew was full of light and joy. We all stood up and sang praise and worship after Adenike, and it was an honor to hear Brian Maeba speak about his work in Kenya with CAFOD to Cancel Debt.

We had never heard of Lily Jo before, but we will be including her music and advocacy for mental health in our Tutor Daily Prayers! We hear first-hand from Bryan Enriques, one of the founders of 'Hallow', which we will explore and use in school. We were inspired to hear Isaach Harvey's journey and how he is unstoppable and his disability journey.

As Cardinal Vincent Nichols led us in Adoration and we heard the beautiful words, "My name, your name is written on His heart, on the day of your baptism his name was written on your heart too," we gathered for our final prayer and liturgy. What a wonderful, beautiful, powerful name it is, the name of Jesus.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this day possible, including our admin team and parish ambassadors.

Please mark March 6, 2027, in your calendar for FLAME 2027; we will be there because we are UNSTOPPABLE!

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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 –*

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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
<b>Maths</b>	Jaycee H	Betsy R	Mia P	Ruby M	Alan S
<b>English</b>	Finlay W	Matilda H	Peyton W	Oscar H	Olivia S
<b>Science</b>	Xavier F	Joshua A	Kalma S-H	Violet R	Paul R
<b>Theology Years 7 &amp; 8 Religious Education Years 7,9 &amp; 10</b>	Noah G	Valentina H	Jacob F	Kayla N	Brooke L
<b>Geography</b>	Cullen D-W	Riley M	Aaron E	Caoimhe C	Sean O
<b>History</b>	Isla F	Caitlin K	Toluwanimi O	Finn P	Aoife O
<b>Computing &amp; Business</b>	Ayden P	Sebastian D	Ava L	Business: Charlie B-M iMedia: Leo D	Yenuli F Business: Lillie-Mae W iMedia: Izabel T-C
<b>Music</b>	Willow B	Amelie H	Oliver J	Georgia C-S	Eleanor A
<b>French</b>	Anthony M	Megan H	Ella-May B	Isla F	Maja W
<b>Spanish</b>	Seth B	Lily R	Jack B	Gabriella H	Niall F-W
<b>PE &amp; Health &amp; Social Care</b>	Maisie S	Lucienne A	George Q	Casey E  GCSE PE: Joshua F  Sports studies: Harvey B  H&S care: Amelia A	Jayden H  GCSE PE: George J  H&S care: Rhodina K
<b>Design</b>	Oscar B	Maisie W	Lois-Skye J	DT: Hollie Ann P  Engineering: Ethan G  Art: Millie G Food: Lucas S	DT: Brooke C  Engineering: Archie SB  Art: Evie W Food: Joanne S

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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.

### **KS3 Miss Turgoose:**

Year 7: Amelia S-J, first key stage 3 student to achieve 100 virtue points.

Year 8: Cooper S for his effort in his lessons this week.

Year 9: Rhaven M for living up to the SJH values.

### **KS4 Mr Ritchie:**

Year 10: Amy MH for the first student in Year 10 to achieve 100 virtue points.

Year 11: Rhodina K for the first student in Year 11 to achieve 100 virtue points.

## **The Saint John Houghton Award:**

Summer B in year 7 has been nominated by staff for this week's St John Houghton Award, she has been nominated for her outstanding sporting achievements and determination to succeed.



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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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