



**St Ralph
Sherwin**
Catholic Multi Academy Trust

SJH Newsletter

Compassion – Aspiration – Respect – Excellence – Determination – Faithfulness – Optimism – Reconciliation

Friday 7 March 2025



Headteacher's Introduction

Dear Readers,

Thank you for reading the latest edition and welcome to Lent, the solemn period of preparation in the Christian Church where we prepare for the great season. The season launched for us on Wednesday, with Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, when we are reminded of the tempting of Jesus in the desert and that this period is one of prayer, fasting and giving to the poor. Our students were exceptional, as were our supportive staff. It was tremendous to see nearly 800 people in our school family receive their ashes in the sign of the cross on their foreheads. We look forward to seeing our students fulfil their Lenten promises over the next 6 weeks.

Important upcoming dates

Thursday 13 March 2025 - Year 9 options evening

This has been a really important week for our Year 9 students as their Options Process has been launched. This is an important time where they begin to think about their subject choices and careers in Year 9 and beyond. We sincerely hope that as many parents as possible can join us for the Options' Evening taking place in school on Thursday 13 March at 18:00 in our School Hall. The evening will give you a valuable insight into the process and will help to guide your child in their decision making.

All that remains to be said this week is that we sincerely hope you are able to enjoy the weather over the weekend – the forecast is very good.

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 9 GCSE Options Information Meeting - Thursday 13 March 2025, 6pm:

On Thursday 13 March 2025 we will be holding a Parent/Carer meeting to discuss the Options process at 6-7pm in school. We will be handing out booklets/packs which will explain the process and there will be a staff member present, to discuss each subject.

Please attend if you are Parent/Carer of a Year 9 Student - the **invitation includes all Year 9 students** as the information will really support them in making informed choices about their future.

If you have not signed up already, please use the link below:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=OFYclXnjhUaRUhyDCcoxaR0PTVJ5WJFAqh9xDDsN_9ZUNUxWMV4T1UzNkc4MzVaUzBBMDNYUJNSy4u

Year 11 Mock Exams March 2025:

A reminder to all that Monday March 17th 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/>

Gardening club:

Gardening club returns on Thursdays, 3.15-4.15pm from Thursday 13 March 2025.

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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!

Watching and Browsing Online - Internet Matters:

According to Ofcom, 90% of children are watching online videos and browsing the internet regularly. Children may love to stream videos and look up information, it's a fun way to learn and relax after all but they must be guided. The e-space is filled with inappropriate content and dangerous material. It is important that parents and even teachers, are able to steer their pupils and youngsters, towards the right places when online. Internet Matters has published a guide dedicated to supporting adults in setting digital boundaries for children, so that they can make smart choices and build healthy online habits. In the Internet Matters guide you'll find practical tips on managing content access, the use of safety controls, advice on setting boundaries and ways to educate children on how to stay secure online. If interested please follow the link below:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/by-activity/watching-and-browsing-online-a-parents-guide/>

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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. of Questions Quizzed
1	Elisia T	1995
2	Benjamin M	952
3	Jake T	787
4	Farleigh S	588
5	Hanna D	494
6	Honey P	476
7	Ameila S	395
8	Summer B	338
9	Ayo E	325
10	Filip S	318
11	Thirana G	290
12	Kobby A	254
13	Eliza Z	249
14	Oscar B	245
15	Ewan T	219
16	Amy-Grace W	198
17	Sofie C	159
18	Noah G	150
19	Myles S	149
20	Jack E	133
21	Lily W	120
22	Evie P	110
23	Emma S	105
24	Anthony M	100
25	Caitlin C	98
26	Maia C	93
27	Reuben H	81
28	James A	70
29	Oscar T	70
30	Isla T	68

Year 8

Position	Name	No. of Questions Quizzed
1	Ernest Y	726
2	Gabriella W	726
3	Amelia W	621
4	Ethan C	621
5	Donald C	551
6	Zach I	522
7	Sonny L	472
8	Felix H	468
9	Abigail W	451
10	Jessica H	450
11	Betsy R	434
12	Charlie B	378
13	Maisie J	280
14	Amelia C	251
15	Sienna H	243
16	Amelia-M O	235
17	James E	199
18	Valentina H	182
19	Ava-May H	172
20	George W	126
21	Aleksandra S	110
22	Isla T	107
23	Jacob L	83
24	Sebastian D	79
25	Daisy W	71
26	Reggie R	71
27	Lucas M	70
28	Cara J	68
29	Jacob R	62
30	Maisie W	60

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Year 9

Position	Name	No. of Questions Quizzed
1	Kyrillos A	1307
2	Alexander M	932
3	Amelia S	565
4	Natasha G	477
5	Magdalena A	330
6	Imogen K	327
7	Kalma S	270
8	Aaron E	189
9	Alfie S	180
10	Lois-Skye J	178
11	Aaron V	155
12	Ellen T	127
13	Jacob F	124
14	Jasmine T	115
15	Roman-Axel R	113
16	Finlay M	110
17	Finlay L	87
18	Peyton W	85
19	Joseph A	83
20	Ava F	70
21	Jordan T	67
22	Alice C	65
23	Dean Y	60
24	Summer S	60
25	Millie W	56
26	Imogen L	52
27	Evie B	51
28	Grace Q	50
29	Mathew M	50
30	Mollie W	50

Year 10

Position	Name	No. Of Questions Quizzed
1	Natalia L	1400
2	Danielle M	1216
3	Mishel C	889
4	Millie G	422
5	Joshua F	421
6	Mary F	400
7	Paige B	360
8	Hollie-Ann P	330
9	Charlie B	198
10	Hugo M	191
11	Stanley S	180
12	Samson M	178
13	Isabella O	169
14	Scarlett L	157
15	Ethan G	137
16	Amelia H	129
17	Nancy W	121
18	Kyra-Anne B	119
19	Bethany D	115
20	Miley S	115
21	Isla F	111
22	Georgia C	110
23	Ellie-Mai R	100
24	Gabriella H	100
25	Harry B	100
26	Jamie M	100
27	Sophie A	90
28	Brianna M	88
29	Nieve C	88
30	Lucie B	87

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Year 11

Position	Name	No. of Questions Quizzed
1	Jayden H	2930
2	Amber F	1025
3	Toby D	731
4	Tia A	721
5	David O	662
6	Joanne S	613
7	Lewis L	479
8	Ameila L	431
9	Oliver E	427
10	Esma S	401
11	Cherish R	339
12	Marianna L	382
13	Ava L	377
14	Ruby C	320
15	Olivia B	291
16	Delilah S	287
17	Finley H	287
18	Nimah W	250
19	William N	241
20	Ila F	228
21	Andre O	224
22	Joseph P	220
23	Aimme M	213
24	Maja W	210
25	Molly P	208
26	Amy Q	201
27	Alan S	200
28	Amber W	200
29	James P	200
30	Olivia S	188

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Chaplaincy:

CAFOD:

As a school family we are supporting CAFOD during Lent.

Why not pop into the chapel and reflect on the noticeboard? It was a delight to prepare CAFOD packs for each Tutor Groups, please chat about the 'Young People Demand Change' cards.

Please note on Friday 14th March 2024 we will only be serving toast and water at break time. We do this to support the CAFOD Family Fast Day and we ask all members of our school community to support this request. We would like to give you the opportunity to donate to CAFOD by following this link.

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



SJH Challenge:

We need 99 Sheep! Please can you support by knitting or making a sheep for our display! Positive points and reward given for each sheep. Please ask parents and grandparents to join in this challenge and have fun! Thank you!!!



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Chaplaincy:

Ash Wednesday

'Repent and believe in the Gospel'

Thank you to all the young people and staff who supported our Ash Wednesday Service. The choir sang like angels, the readers were clear and respectful, the sound crew gave great support. Well done Year 9 Team Chaplaincy.

Please continue the conversation at home with your family. We have 40 days to grow closer to God by fasting, praying and giving to others.

CAFOD Lenten Lunch: Sunday 16th March 2025, OLGC Social Centre after 11.00am Mass. Soup and pudding. Tickets £3.00 for adults and children free. Please support!

CAFOD Big Lent Walk: SJH are walking 200km during Lent! We are invited to join English Martyrs' school staff on Saturday 22nd March at 10.00am from Attenborough Nature Reserve Visitors carpark (NG9 6DY) walking from Attenborough to The Assumption in Beeston and back again. Approximately 10km.

Please let Rachel know if you are walking!



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Our Virtues:

Here in SJH our virtues are lived not laminated and we would like to thank all the hard work which is done out of school, in the home to support our students to be the best version of themselves. We gather in our Chapel to remember those who are in Heaven, and we always have time to share a cup of tea and conversation.

I have been delighted to give over 20 silver charms of cups and saucers this week for students and staff who live compassion and reconciliation with optimism. Well done everyone.

Beauvale Pilgrimage:

Please can you email Rachel if you are committing to attend the Beauvale Pilgrimage. Thank you!



First Holy Communion

We are praying for the young people who will make their First Holy Communion this year and several of our students are leading the way and sharing their faith. Thank you!



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**

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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	Kisseh M	Olamide O	Marley L	Sebastian F	Lilly-Mae W
English	Elisia T	Ernest Y	Kyrillos A	Natalia L	Jayden H
Science	Maxwell O-A	Felix H	Amelia S-J	Caoimhe C	Rebecca J
Theology Years 7 & 8 Religious Education Years 7,9 & 10	Aarna P	Zofia S	Summer S	Dawn M	Luyando H
Geography	Lauren M	Maisie W	Lucy S	Charlie B-M	Oliver E
History	Nicole R-J	Lily S	Mollie W	Elora O	Amber F
Computing & Business	Edward M	Tommy P	Ava F	Business: Grace B iMedia: Archie S	Business: Sophia E iMedia: Millie Q
Music	Reuben H	Elloise J	Evie B	Harry B	Lily O
French	Rhaven M	Lily-Jay S	Jennifer M	Amy-May H	Molly P-E
Spanish	James A	Nicolo S	Riana B	Ethan G	Emily H
PE & Health & Social Care	Ayo E-A	Edan B	Aaron E	Libby H GCSE PE: Lewis P Sports studies: Luke C H&S care: Orlaith C	Bobby S GCSE PE: Nikolaos T Sports studies: Olivia S H&S care: Brooke L
Design	Maisie S	Lucienne A	Sophie S	DT: Jack M Engineering: Joshua F Art: Mishel C Food: Evie O'N	DT: Cherish R Engineering: Ghaffer T Art: Eva M Food: Joseph P

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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: Jack E for always following the Saint John Houghton way.

Year 8: James E for his continued brilliant attitude in the classroom.

Year 9: Justin P for doing his best in every lesson.

KS4 Mr Ritchie:

Year 10: Amy May H for the highest positive points in the year group.

Year 11: Rhodina K for the highest positive points in the year group.

The Saint John Houghton Award:

Thayonita R in year 8 has been nominated by staff for this week's St John Houghton Award, she has been nominated for guarding her faith and representing the school community.

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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:

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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