



**St Ralph
Sherwin**
Catholic Multi Academy Trust

SJH Newsletter

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Friday 28th March 2025



Headteacher's Introduction

Dear Readers,

Thank you for joining us again for the latest edition of our Newsletter and for reading. By the time you are reading this, we will only have one more week until the Easter holidays and for some of us, a rest. For some of us (Year 11), the most important 'holiday' of our lives and the opportunity to revise intensely for what is now in sight, the GCSE exams.

Congratulations to our students who have completed their GCSE Food Practical exams this week. I have taken great delight in visiting the Food Room at 12:10 this week and sampling the delights of the 'Year 11 Kitchen.' Your stir-frys, cookies, cheesecakes and curries, among many other treats, were absolutely delicious and you should be so proud of your efforts.

Important upcoming dates

Easter holiday – Monday 7 to Monday 21 April 2025

Mrs Brogan and I have taken the opportunity to watch Adolescence this week, the Netflix drama that is now being watched more than any other TV show in the world. While finding it a challenge and a harrowing watch, it really has made us reflect on the challenges facing young people and their parents/carers in 2025. It has really challenged our thinking on young people's use of social media and being confident that our own children's behaviour is age-appropriate and that they are not involved in things they should not be. I would strongly encourage you to reflect on this too and how confident you are about your child and their online (and offline) behaviours and activity. While the case in Adolescence may be extreme, it does nonetheless ask us to reflect on the action we are taking as parents to keep our children safe. Sometimes, for parents, this is really challenging. 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.

Bike riders to school

We have had reports of students cycling dangerously to and from school. There have been incidents of them riding in the middle of the road, doing wheelies, holding hands and riding in front of the buses. Unfortunately, none of the students had a helmet on. Could all parents/carers who have students who choose to cycle to school please speak to them about this and emphasize the importance of road safety.

Year 11 GCSE Exams

This week Year 11 students have received their personalised GCSE Exam timetable. These detail every exam that they are entered for and will differ slightly from others, as Option subjects will not be the same.

Please try to look at this timetable with your child as it will help you to see the duration of the exams and whether anything in the family diary may conflict with an exam and needs to be rescheduled. If you have any concerns or questions, please email exams@sjh.srscmat.co.uk

There is a whole school GCSE exam timetable with all exams listed on the school website:

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

Many thanks for all your help in supporting our young people at this critical time.



Cyber Security Training for parents/carers - Thursday 3rd April 2025 **(17:00-18:00)**

- This session will be delivered by Nottinghamshire Police Cyber Protect & Prevent Officers.
- This session is for all parents/carers that are living with or supporting children who are using devices (phones, tablets, or computers).
- The aim of this private session will be to educate parents/carers on best practice when it comes to basic online security and keeping those accounts private.
- Kirsty will also talk about the Cyber Choices program, which was created to help people, particularly children to make informed choices and to use their cyber skills in a legal way.

This session is FREE to attend, it will take place online via Microsoft Teams.

Please register for the parent/carers event here:

<https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/22a8630e-f418-4358-9898-619e0be1ac8b@6e5a37bb-a961-4e4f-baae-2798a2245f30>

Water Bottles / Warmer Weather

As the weather is getting warmer, please ensure your child has a water bottle in school, there are several water refill points around school for them to top up throughout the day.

Stationery in School

We are noticing an increasing number of students are coming to school without any equipment (pens, pencils, calculator etc). Please ensure that students arrive at school equipped with the necessary tools to support their education. **As a very minimum**, students need a pen, pencil and ruler. As always, if you need any support with this, please contact the school.

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Northern Athletics Indoor Champion

Congratulations to Summer B in year 7 who continues to impress in athletics. Last week at Gatehead at the indoor northern Athletics Championships she became Pentathlete Champion.

Well done Summer a great achievement!



Erewash Schools Yr8 Netball Tournament

Last week we entered 2 teams into the yr 8 Erewash Schools netball tournament at Wilsthorpe School. SJH team 1 just missed out on winning the tournament having won all their games, but unfortunately in the final game against Wilsthorpe despite having all of the play lost 2-1 putting them in 2nd place. All girls played extremely well with the result as follows:

SJH team 1 = 2nd

SJH team 2 = 5th

Well done to both teams!

Mrs Joslin & Miss Sanderson



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Chaplaincy:

Nottingham Diocesan Catholic Youth Service retreat:

During Easter weekend, Maundy Thursday, April 17–Easter Sunday, April 20, Nottingham Diocesan Catholic Youth Service (NDCYS) will host an open retreat called Search for the Light at The Briars Catholic Youth Retreat Centre. Join the mission team as they walk through the Easter Triduum with young people in Years 10–13. To book, go to ndcys.com/events-and-opportunities/search/



Walsingham:

On Saturday, June 14, we are going on our parish's diocesan pilgrimage to Walsingham. You can sign up for the coach using the lists that are available in the church. To secure your spot, we ask that you bring your £15 payment, sealed in an envelope, to church.

John Morgan:

It is with sadness we heard about the passing of John Morgan who served at The Briars for over 30 years. John was a constant presence of warmth and welcome for the thousands of young people and staff who visited during this time. He was an inspiration to Briars teams and young people. More details of the plans to celebrate John's life from Hannah at hannah.leech@ololcatholicmat.co.uk



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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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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