



**St Ralph  
Sherwin**  
Catholic Multi Academy Trust

# SJH Newsletter

Compassion – Aspiration – Respect – Excellence – Determination – Faithfulness – Optimism – Reconciliation  
Friday 4 April 2025



## Headteacher's Introduction

Dear Readers,

Welcome to the latest edition of our Newsletter, the last of the term and thank you for reading. It is a term, which seems to have flown by and it is hard to believe we will be at the end of April when we return on Monday 22 April. Thank you all for your support this term, it is greatly appreciated and as parents, you know that we cannot support your children without your ongoing support for our school.

I am not sure I can remember the last time when the Easter weekend was right at the end of the holiday. It seems like that was a very long time ago, but I sincerely hope you all enjoy a well-earned rest over the Easter period and that you are able to enjoy some time as a family.

## Important upcoming dates

Easter holiday – Monday 7 to Monday 21 April 2025

Year 7 Parent's Evening – Wednesday 30 April 2025

I am delighted to say that Mr Riley has returned from his paternity leave and that Mrs Riley and their new daughter are doing well. The Riley's have been a part of our school family for many years and we are so happy for them and their lovely news.

I will be emailing parents directly later today with some updates on Uniform expectations after Easter for the Pentecost term. Please do read this email and take note. There have been some changes in policy which will apply to all students. Please help us to avoid the 'difficult conversations' at the beginning of the new term.

Again, I wish you a lovely break and we will see you for the final term of the year! More after the Easter holiday...

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.

## **School closed for Easter holidays:**

School will be closed to all students Monday 7 – Monday 21 April 2025. All students return to school on Tuesday 22 April 2025.

## **Year 11 GCSE Exams Update:**

All Year 11 students have had their personal GCSE timetables this week. Please make time to go through this with your student and ensure that:

- The student's name spelt correctly - as this is the name that will appear on their final GCSE certificates in November.
- Exams are correct - if any student thinks their entry sheet is incorrect, please see Mrs Morris ASAP.
- You do not have any clashing appointments. Unfortunately, students cannot miss an exam for a medical or dental appointment these will need to be reorganised.

All students have also been given their candidate handbook which outlines all the pertinent JCQ exam regulations that need to be followed. In addition, all students will need to attend their exam in full school uniform and the usual rules apply for jewellery etc. A copy the student exam presentation can be found on the school website: <https://www.stjohnhoughtonilkeston.srscmat.co.uk/curriculum/gcse-exams/>

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## **School vacancy:**

We are currently recruiting for a permanent fulltime/term time Teaching Assistant, for further details, please use the below link:

<https://mynewterm.com/jobs/137908/EDV-2025-SJHCVA-15396>

## **Bike Shed**

Due to damage to some of the bikes, students who use the bike shed in the morning will only be able to drop off their bikes between 8:35am and 8:40 am. After that, it will be closed and reopened at 3:15pm.

## **Y7 Netball**

Congratulation to the yr 7 netball team who played against Wilsthorpe School last Thursday and Won 4-3. Well done to all of the girls that played!

Mrs Joslin, PE Dept



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## Y11 GCSE Food Practical Exams

We're thrilled to share some of the incredible dishes our talented Year 11 students have created! We're so proud of them - the presentation was outstanding.



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## Chaplaincy

### The Big Lent Walk

Rachel, Kulani G, Thayonita R and Hanna D will be joining The Big Lent Walk for CAFOD on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025. You can make a donation to CAFOD, join your Parish on a walk, pray for CAFOD and follow CAFOD on Social Media to hear all the updated news. CAFOD are making a difference in our world. The Big Lent Walk was open to all, thank you Hanna, Kulani and Thayonita for taking the time to sign up and step up! We are really proud of you!



### First Holy Communion Preparation

On behalf of Saint John Houghton Academy may I take this opportunity to congratulate all the young parishioners who have made their First Reconciliation recently. This is a joyful sacrament, and we wish you the very best in your faith journey.

A special congratulations to Hanna who is a Year 7 student in SJH.

A huge shout out to Lucy S who prepared and led the First Holy Communion parishioners with a team of Catechists on Saturday afternoon. Lucy organised, cared for, supported and led 36 young children. This service will go towards her Gold Faith in Action Award, but we know Lucy did this for love and not the Award. Lucy is the only SJH student Going For Gold - please do chat to Lucy if you are interested in the Faith in Action Award, serving in Mass or simply say 'well done'".



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### Beauvale Pilgrimage

Date for your diary: Beauvale Pilgrimage 4<sup>th</sup> May 2025 all are welcome and all are invited. Please can you email [Rose@sjh.srscmat.co.uk](mailto:Rose@sjh.srscmat.co.uk) if you are committed to attend this Pilgrimage. Please do come alone - especially in our Jubilee of HOPE 2025 year where we are Pilgrims of HOPE.

Put a note in your diary that we will be asking for cake donations on May 2<sup>nd</sup> 2025 to take to the Pilgrimage for refreshments after the Mass.

These cakes went into our local community this week - made with love. (nut allergy aware and safe).



### **SJH are sent out to St Thomas and The Priory to proclaim The Good News!**

How blessed we are that SJH students want to return to their former Primary Schools: St Thomas and The Priory. Valentina, Evie-Mae, Joey, Felix and Amelie worked so hard with Class 5, Class 3, Class 2 and Reception in St Thomas sharing stories, leading Bible discussions, celebrating the Jubilee of HOPE Icon and helping the St Thomas pupils to 'carry the cross'. It was a pleasure to write a 'Praise Letter' to their families and reward well-earned Virtue Points. St Thomas and Priory Teaching staff were so pleased to see their 'old' students again.

Myles, Ethan, Jessica, Isla and Rhaven were a joy to work with! We offered a similar day and also shared the story of Saint Oscar Romero and helped Priory Students to make their own Romero Cross.

More thanks to Mr Warden who drove the minibus and of course the Admin Team who prepared all the consent forms and the kitchen staff who made favourite lunches to go with! Well done all! Please see the next page for photos!

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### Mass

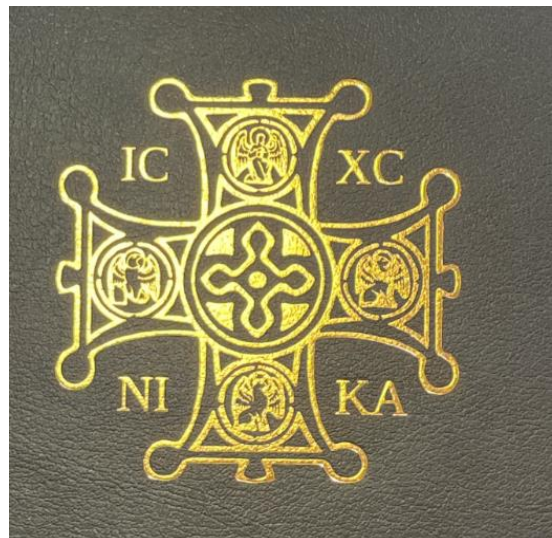
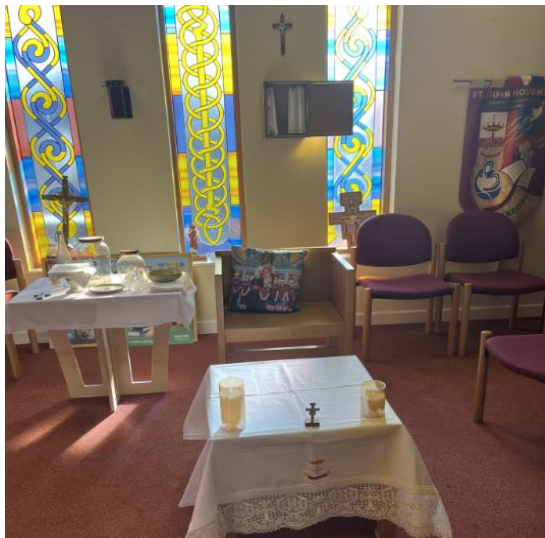
Every school should teach their students how to be kind, to be patient, hardworking for the common good, we know other schools pray and have Assemblies where Bible Stories are read and all are invited to be Christlike. Having the Mass in school, receiving the Holy Eucharist makes us Catholic. You do not have to be Catholic to join us at Mass, all are welcome and all are invited.

We gather in our Chapel at 7.55am and Fr Paul leads us in a very quiet and beautiful Mass, it's very simple, and I know you would feel included and welcomed. We enjoy breakfast together afterwards. 8.00am is early and we hoped parishioners and families would join us before work, but we are low on numbers, and although this is not a problem we wonder if 8.45am Mass would suit us better? Students could choose to attend Mass in Tutor Time - please let us know your thoughts by emailing

[Rose@sjh.srscmat.co.uk](mailto:Rose@sjh.srscmat.co.uk).

We would like to thank Fr Paul for his support, Ava, Sonny and Alfie for attending with Mr Brogan and Mrs Hartharn.

Could you write the Bidding Prayers for our next Mass? Please chat to Rachel if you are interested. Thank you!



### Pope Francis

Please join your prayers with ours as we continue to pray for Pope Francis. We have sent him cards to wish him well. Thank you!

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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.

|  | <b>Year 7</b> | <b>Year 8</b> | <b>Year 9</b>     | <b>Year 10</b>  | <b>Year 11</b>   |
|--|---------------|---------------|-------------------|---|--|
| <b>Maths</b>   | Jake A        | Amelia W      | Joseph A          | Sophie A  | Rebecca J  |
| <b>English</b>   | Oscar B       | Mila D        | Lois-Skye J       | Hugo M  | Amy Q  |
| <b>Science</b>   | Betsy JB      | Cara J        | Jordan T          | Hollie Ann P  | Liam F   |
| <b>Theology Years 7 &amp; 8<br/>Religious Education Years 7,9 &amp; 10</b> | Oscar T       | Betsy R       | Aaron E           | Samson M  | Niamh W  |
| <b>Geography</b>   | Poppy BM      | Skye G        | Imogen K          | Amy-May H   | Olivia S   |
| <b>History</b>   | Farleigh S    | Grace R       | Ava L             | Millie B  | Rhodina K  |
| <b>Computing &amp; Business</b>  | Summer B      | Jacob L       | Kyrillos A        | <u>Business:</u><br>Finn P<br><u>iMedia:</u><br>Luke C  | <u>Computer Science:</u><br>Dominic M<br><u>Business:</u><br>Eliza F<br><u>iMedia:</u><br>Bobby S                  |
| <b>Music</b>   | Lola T        | Matilda A     | Imogen L          | Evie H  | Teresa W   |
| <b>French</b>  | Evie P        | Thayonita R   | Ava F             | Connor H  | Ruby C   |
| <b>Spanish</b>   | Maisie S      | Eleanor S     | Jenson S          | Lena M  | Millie A   |
| <b>PE &amp; Health &amp; Social Care</b>                                   | Lauren M      | Madison P     | Ryan P            | Archie R<br><u>GCSE PE:</u><br>Anton C<br><u>Sports studies:</u><br>Farren S<br><u>H&amp;S care:</u><br>Shantelle T | Taner G,<br><u>GCSE PE:</u><br>Sean O'S<br><u>Sports Studies:</u><br>Andre O<br><u>H&amp;S care:</u><br>Emily O    |
| <b>Design</b>  | Belle H       | Jessica P     | Grace Q<br>Ella M | <u>DT:</u><br>Logan Si<br><u>Engineering:</u><br>Harry L<br><u>Art:</u><br>Eleanor HM<br><u>Food:</u><br>David B    | <u>DT:</u><br>Cherish R<br><u>Engineering:</u><br>Dhillon R<br><u>Art:</u><br>Monica W<br><u>Food:</u><br>Lennon 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 - Filip S for his enthusiasm around school.

Year 8 - Kaiden J for his effort in lessons.

Year 9 - Alice C for her fab entry into the art competition.

### **KS4 Mr Ritchie:**

Year 10 - John G for consistently meeting the school virtues

Year 11 - Paul R for always showing the Saint John Houghton Way

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

Rhodina K and Joanne S in year 11, have been nominated by staff for this week's St John Houghton Award, they have both been nominated for their determination to succeed and living the SJH virtues.

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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>                           |