



**St Ralph
Sherwin**
Catholic Multi Academy Trust

SJH Newsletter

Compassion – Aspiration – Respect – Excellence – Determination – Faithfulness – Optimism – Reconciliation
Friday 13 June 2025



Headteacher's Introduction

Dear Readers,

Thank you for joining us once again for the latest edition of our school Newsletter. It's been a very challenging week for me personally, as sadly, my Father-in-Law passed away on Sunday evening and as a family, we are struggling to come to terms with this. Tony, or 'Sir' as I called him, was part of the first cohort of children who walked down the drive in 1965 and he was able to join us for the 60th celebrations earlier this year. He was so proud of the fact that I am the Headteacher of 'his school.' The reason I mention it is because I have been blown away by the outpouring of love, care and compassion I have received from the staff of the school. I am so grateful to them for their support at this time and I am blessed to be surrounded by great people.

Important upcoming dates

Inset Day – 4th July

Last Day of Term – Thursday 24 July (1:30pm)

Our Year 11 students are so close to the end of their time with us, concluding next week with their final exams and the Year 11 Prom on Thursday Evening at Morley Hayes. We have been so impressed with the vast majority of them during this exam season, their attitude and application and we wish them well as they embark on the longest summer holiday they will ever have and the next stage in their journey of life. We are so very proud of them!

Finally, we had cause for celebration earlier this week as a cat from the local area gave birth to a kitten on the school grounds. The kitten was left stranded in the Boiler Room of the school, but I am pleased to inform you that the kitten has been homed and is doing very well. I've suggested the kitten should be called 'John or 'Houghton.' 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.

Last day of term – Thursday 24 July 2025:

School will be closing at 1.30pm on the last day of term, lunchtime will be 12.30-1.15pm. The school buses will be collecting students at 1.30pm, apart from the no.11 bus shared with Kirk Hallam, alternative arrangements will need to be made for the students who use this bus, apologies for any inconvenience caused.

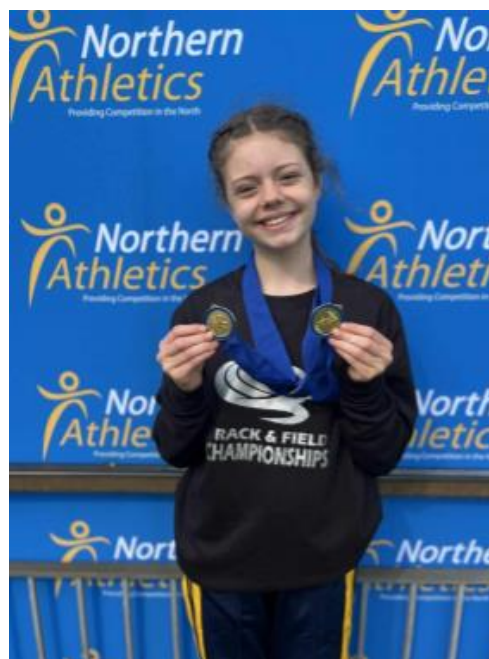
Year 6/7 Disco:

We shall be holding a Year 6/Year 7 disco on Wednesday 9 July 2025, 6-8pm in the school hall, this is an opportunity for Year 7 to enjoy a disco and meet the Year 6's who will be joining us in September, this has always been a popular event in past years.

Tickets are now on sale Mrs Surgey's office, the cost of the tickets will be £3, the £3 will entitle them to a drink and sweets. We kindly ask that tickets are purchased by Monday 23 June 2025.

Congratulations:

Well done to Summer B who last weekend in Liverpool became the Northern outdoor champion for U13 Long jump and shot



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Duke of Edinburgh Award:

10 students from Year 10 completed their practice and qualifying expeditions for the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze award last week.

The practice days were held in school and involved learning how to plan routes and use basic map skills, learning how to cook basic meals, how to put up and take down tents as well as using maps to navigate around planned routes.

At the weekend, two groups set off from Matlock train station for a 6 hour walk to the campsite at Birchover. On arrival, tents were set up and evening meals of pasta were cooked. After a windy night's sleep, the groups were up early to start their return walks to the station. Group 1 finished at 2.15pm with Group 2 finishing at 4pm. Both groups were tired but happy at the achievements.

A big thank you to Mr Ritchie, Miss Garrod, Miss Davies and Miss Burrows who supported with the overnight camp.

The current Year 9 group will be starting in September.

Mr Warden



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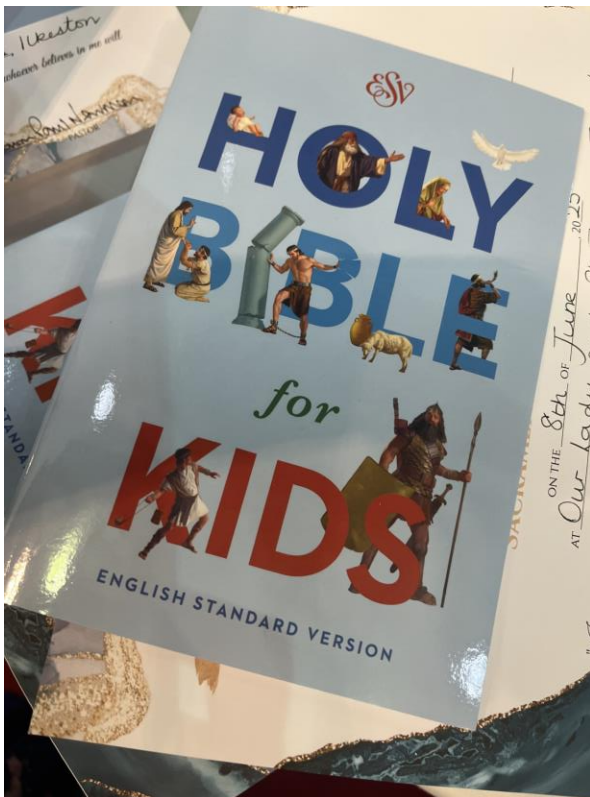


Chaplaincy:

First Holy communion:

May I take this opportunity, to congratulate Hanna on making her First holy communion on Sunday. This was a very joyful occasion and a beautiful opportunity for school, parish and friends to gather.

Rachel will be at Stapleford, Ilkeston and Eastwood Mass this weekend; please know you are most welcome to join the celebrations!



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Year 9 Team Chaplaincy visit Priory.

With sincere thanks to Emil, Aaron and Charlie who accepted the invitation and challenge to visit Year 6 The Priory and lead activities with prayer and fun. Emil, Aaron and Charlie were 'The Dream Team!' They led, with confidence, small groups in 'Identity', 'Meditation,' and 'Behaviour' and left the message: ***'When you put your cares in God's hands, he puts His peace in your heart.'*** We loved the word 'cares' rather than worries...problems; don't you agree? Well done, Emil, Charlie and Aaron, all the Tutor Group had this opportunity, and you went the extra mile, this will go towards your Bronze Level Faith in Action Service Award. Well done!



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Year 10 Mass

We are blessed to have the opportunity to attend Mass in our school day. The Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith. With thanks to Mr Ritchie and Year 10 for their support.

Father Paul and Lee celebrated this Mass for us and reminded us to call on the Holy Spirit and have courage and to be brave to continue those little acts of kindness we do so well.



Thank you

Well done Hanna who has won the positive points and prize for 'letting me know her favourite Saint and why.'

Please can you email me your suggestions for our Jubilee Pledge

During The Jubilee Year of HOPE we are asked to make a pledge for the common good - please email rose@sjh.srscmat.co.uk with your suggestions. Thank you. Positive points to all and a prize for the winner.

Ambassadors of HOPE

Feliz, Evie-Mae and Caitlin are the SJH Ambassador of HOPE for SRSCMAT. Would you like step up and put yourself forward for this role? Please email Rose@sjh.srscmat.co.uk by 18th June 2025, thank you!

LOURDES 2026

Please email Rachel, rose@sjh.srscmat.co.uk if you are interested in attending this Diocesan Pilgrimage in July 2026, cost to be confirmed but about £800. We will be doing some fundraising through SJH and the Parish. Open to Yr 7 to Yr 10. Yr 11 have the opportunity to travel with SJH or NDCYS.

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JUNE 27th 2025 - ECO Garden Blessing

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Thank you, Rachel

Tutor Acts of Worship

I can't possibly say what this Tutor Group is preparing but please bring in 50p on June 17th, 2025, to raise money for Missio! Thank you!



Vocations Retreat

Thank you to all who joined SJH Vocations Retreat this week. It was a privilege to have this time with young people. Taking time to think and pray is most powerful and an opportunity to receive The Good News into our hearts. This was a time to remind all of God's love for us and of our call to love others.

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Twelve Fruits of the Holy Spirit

Charity (Love)

Loving God and neighbor with selfless devotion

Joy

Deep gladness that comes from the Lord, not circumstances

Peace

Tranquility of heart rooted in trust in God

Patience

Calm endurance in the face of difficulty or delay

Kindness

Compassionate and thoughtful action toward others

Goodness

Moral uprightness and desire to do what is right

Generosity

Readiness to give of oneself in love and service

Gentleness

Softness of spirit and humility in word and deed

Faithfulness

Loyalty to God and commitment to His promises

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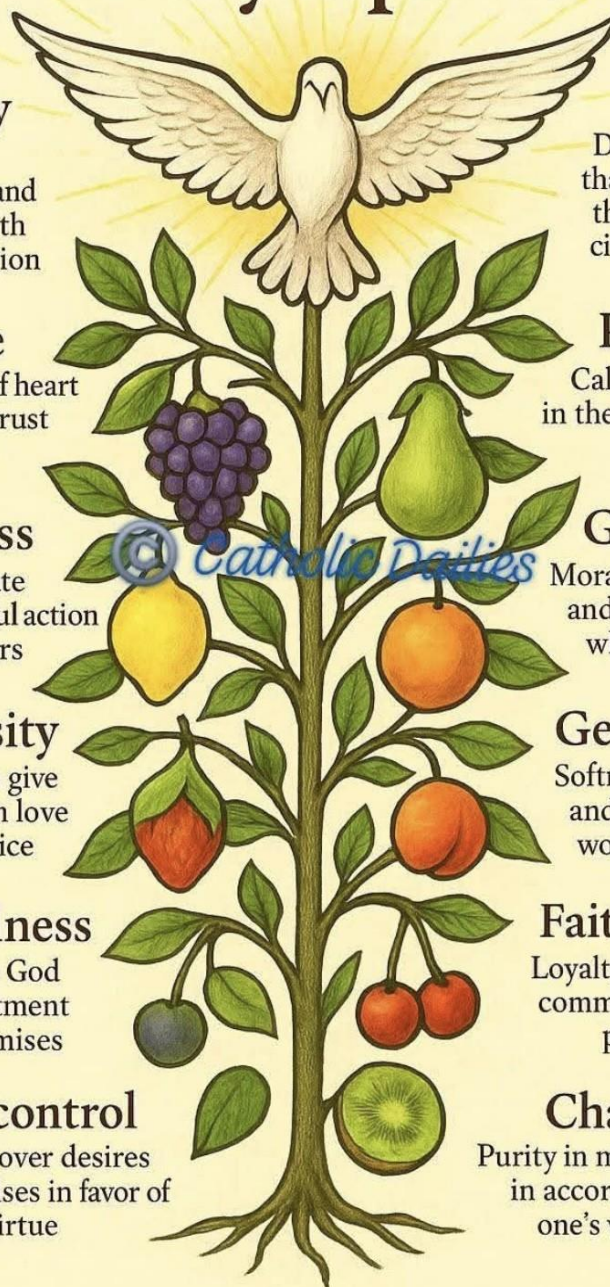
Loyalty to God and commitment to His promises

Self-control

Restraint over desires and impulses in favor of virtue

Chastity

Purity in mind and body in accordance with one's vocation



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Chaplaincy:

DEAR FRIENDS OF THE BRIARS,

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US IN
CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

**JOHN
MORGAN**

11TH JULY 1955 –
12TH MARCH 2025

SUNDAY 13TH JULY 2025

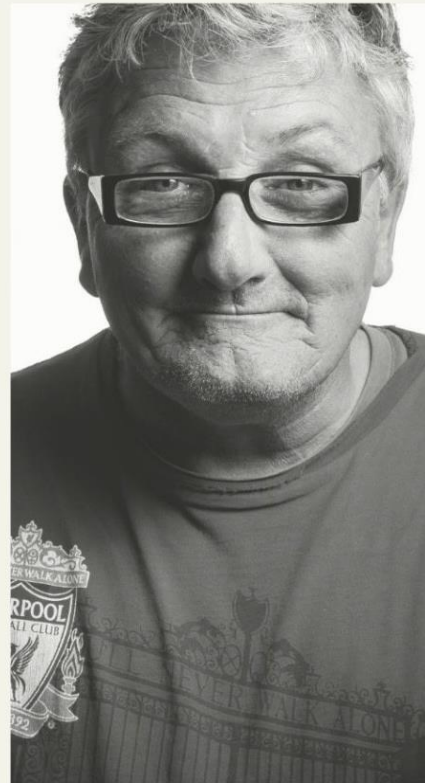
16:00 – 20:00

**The Briars Youth Retreat Centre,
Crich Common, Matlock, DE4 5BW**

Celebrations will begin promptly with
Holy Mass at 16:00 followed by social
time & refreshments. All welcome.

RSVP:

So we have an idea of numbers, please
RSVP before Monday 30th June via:
johnmorgantribute@outlook.com



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CALLING FOUNDATION GOVERNORS



Calling Foundation Governors

An invitation for you!



Date & Time

Wednesday 18 June 2025
7.00pm - 8.00pm

Venue

VIRTUAL - Microsoft Teams

*Christ is the foundation
of the whole educational enterprise
in a Catholic school.*

The Catholic School, §34

Calling Foundation Governors...

Are you looking for a way to live out your faith and serve your local community at the same time?

If so, becoming a foundation governor could be just the thing for you.

Bishop Patrick McKinney is seeking practising Catholics to appoint as new foundation governors to our diocesan schools. Foundation governors play a vital role in maintaining and developing the Catholic character of our schools.

This event is designed to provide information about the role of a foundation governor, the application process and the support offered.



Serving Nottingham, Nottinghamshire, Lincoln and Lincolnshire



Serving Derby, Derbyshire, Staffordshire and Stockport



Serving Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland

To reserve your place please contact Gill Burns: gill.burns@nottingham-des.org.uk

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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
Maths	Jessica S	Tyler M	Peyton W	Caoimhe C
English	Oscar T	Jasmine-Joyce O	Tatiana C	Lucie B
Science	Logan L	Amelia W	Lilah S	David B
Theology Years 7 & 8 Religious Education Years 7,9 & 10	James A	Dominika P	Evie B	Livvi-Jo S
Geography	Summer B	Logan L	Summer S	Elanur S
History	Kulani T G	Elloise J	Charlie B	Shantelle T
Computing / Business	Hanna D	Brandon S	Ella-May B	<u>iMedia:</u> Mary F <u>Business:</u> Natalia L
Music	Lacie S	Henry H	Truth U-O	Isabella O
French	Belle H	Charlie A	Jennifer M	Paige B
Spanish	Enya L	Phoebe S	Ellen T-B	Kayla N
PE & Health & Social Care	Evie P	Riley M	Cora G	Lucas S <u>GCSE PE:</u> Samson M <u>Sports studies:</u> Farren S <u>H&S care:</u> Antonia L
Design	Scarlett S	Logan L	George Q	<u>DT:</u> Hollie Ann P <u>Engineering:</u> Nazim G <u>Art:</u> Hallie B <u>Food:</u> Dylan 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 - Charlie L for always striving to do his best in everything he does.

Year 8 - Thayonita R for always following our school virtues.

Year 9 - Amelia SJ For consistently showing the SJH virtues in and out of lessons.

KS4 Mr Ritchie:

Year 10 - Amy May H for always showing impeccable behaviour and effort in her lessons

The Saint John Houghton Award:

Evie B in year 9 has been nominated by staff for this week's St John Houghton Award, she has been nominated for always following the Saint John Houghton way and her determination to succeed.

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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:

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:

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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