



**St Ralph  
Sherwin**  
Catholic Multi Academy Trust

# SJH Newsletter

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Friday 16 May 2025



## Headteacher's Introduction

Dear Readers,

Welcome to the latest edition our Newsletter and thank you for reading, at the end of what has been a gloriously sunny week in school. It has been lovely watching our young people relax and play in the sun this week and I think, it has done us all the world of good.

Year 11 are now well and truly underway in their GCSEs and have already completed their first week's worth of exams. We have been so impressed by their effort and application this week and they are doing so well, coping with the immense pressures that GCSEs bring. Keep going Year 11. Half Term is just around the corner! Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers as they move through their exams.

## Important upcoming dates

**Half term: Monday 26 – Friday 30 May 2025**

Mr Ritchie spoke to Year 10 on Wednesday and spoke about them 'stepping up' now as the older students in school. The responsibility for being the oldest students in our school now rests on their shoulders and they are expected to carry that mantle with dignity and class.

It is hard to believe that this time next week we will be breaking up for May Half Term and we will only have one half term left of this academic year. Where has the time gone since Christmas?

Next week, I will be visiting some local primary schools to invite Year 5 for a 'Taster Day' in our school and so the relentless cycle of school life goes on. Our new Year 7s, who will join us in September will also be with us in the not-too-distant future. And so the machine that is the cycle of the life of the school goes on. 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.

## **Spare footballs:**

We would appreciate it if you could contact us and let us know if you have any footballs at home that are not being used that you would be willing to donate to school.

## **Careers updates:**

### *Year 10 1-2-1 careers appointments*

Now that GCSE exams have started, Year 10 will now be having 1-2-1 careers appointments with our Careers Advisor. Please encourage students to watch this video before their appointment so that they can prepare any questions they may have for the advisor.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SlqIDbnXrrQ>

All students will get an appointment over the course of Y10/11, but any students who feel they need an earlier meeting, please contact Mr Riley to arrange this.

### *Derby College updates*

Derby college have contacted school to make students aware of the following upcoming events. Please see their website for further details for these events.

- A-Level Taster Day – 25/6/25
- Broomfield College Open Evening - 7/6/25
- Roundhouse Open Evening (for all sites but held at Roundhouse) - 5/6/25
- Art and Design exhibition – 26&27/6/25

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## **Year 11 GCSE Exams:**

As we are now well underway with the GCSE exams, we would like to thank all parents/Cares for supporting their students during this stressful period. Please could we remind you that:

- The in-school booster timetable is available on the school website:  
<https://www.stjohnhoughtonilkeston.srscmat.co.uk/curriculum/gcse-exams/>
- Please could all parents check with their child that they have a black pen, pencil and calculator (if required) - we are already lending out a large amount of stationary at the start of exams.
- School uniform remains the same through ALL exams - including the guidance on jewellery.
- Unfortunately, before half term, we cannot authorise student absence for home study - if this is the reason for a Year 11 students' absence from school it will be recorded as unauthorised.
- Study leave begins for all students after the English Exam on Friday 23rd May - after this date, students need only come to school for an exam. However, there will always be a quiet supervised study space available in school, until the end of the exams.
- Students will be permitted to leave school after the English Exam has finished on Fri 23rd May at approx. 11.30am, providing they complete a signing out sheet. Any students who wish to remain in school and/or need to use the school bus to get home, can stay in school and use the quiet study rooms in school.

Any questions or issues regarding the GCSE exams - please direct your email to [schooloffice@sjh.srscmat.co.uk](mailto:schooloffice@sjh.srscmat.co.uk)

Following yesterday morning's exam there were a number of requests from students to leave the school site. Due to safeguarding reasons, we are unable to do this without official permission from parents/carers in advance.

Moving forward, any parents/carers who want to remove their child following an exam, will either need to collect them from reception or email into [schooloffice@sjh.srscmat.co.uk](mailto:schooloffice@sjh.srscmat.co.uk) giving them permission to leave, this is for safeguarding purposes, these absences will need to be marked as unauthorised. No phone call will be made from the school office at the request of a student.

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## Year 11 GCSE Exams:

Play England's 10-year strategy announcement was held at the Houses of Parliament this week, and Oscar B had a fantastic day. Considering that he had only received the script five days prior, he was incredibly confident and performed flawlessly! Play England campaigns for all children and young people to have freedom and space to play throughout childhood.

It was a huge success, and he spent a lot of time talking to all the sponsors and MPs.



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## Month of Mary Celebrations:



To celebrate the Month of Mary, the Mother of us all. We will be holding a special 3 night event on Wednesday the 21st, Thursday the 22nd and Friday the 23rd May. Beginning at 7pm each evening in Our Lady's Eastwood's meeting room.

'Let it be done unto me according to your word'. How Mary helps us to be filled with God' Is a short video course celebrating Mary and the important guidance of our Faith she still gifts to us all today.

Each evening will consist of:  
Wednesday. Sessions 1&2. Approx 1 hour.  
Thursday. Sessions 3&4. Approx 1 hour.  
Friday. Session 5 followed by the 'Mary, Mother of Jesus' Movie. Approx 2 hours.

Please join us if you can.

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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	Ayo E-A	Sonny L	Marley L	Danielle M	Archie Y
English	Hanna D	Betsy R	Joseph R	Rosemary S	NA
Science	Bethany R	Dominika P	Ellen T-B	Samson M	Ava L
Theology Years 7 & 8 Religious Education Years 7,9 & 10	Bailey C	Henry F	Geavanah F-H	Archie T	Liam F
Geography	Imogen-Grace C	Isla T	Alfie S	Oliver S	Andre O
History	Oscar B	Christian H	Aaron E	Orla B	Cherish R
Business	NA	NA	NA	Nieve C	Ila F
Music	Rosie O	Ava M	Amy-Leigh N	Nancy W	Maja W
French	Una D	Jenson D	Sandil G	Caoimhe C	Ruby D
Spanish	Harry A	Lucas M	Jasmine T	Evie H	Marianna L
PE & Health & Social Care	Joshua R	Felix H	Lilly M-P	Evie-Mai D <u>GCSE PE:</u> Henry B <u>Sports studies:</u> Jack B <u>H&amp;S care:</u> Ruby M	NA
Design	Rhaven M	Eva P	Lilah S	<u>DT:</u> Oscar H <u>Engineering:</u> Maximilian P <u>Art:</u> Shantelle T <u>Food:</u> Dawn M	<u>DT:</u> William N <u>Engineering:</u> Oliver A <u>Art:</u> Isali F <u>Food:</u> Ebony-Jo W

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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 - Elsie S-R for her consistent efforts in school.

Year 8 - Amelia W for always living out the SJH virtues.

Year 9 - Ava F For her fantastic effort across all of her lessons.

### **KS4 Mr Ritchie:**

Year 10 - Eleanor HM for her continued hard work in all lessons and showing the Saint John Houghton way.

Year 11 - George J, Amber F, Lexie MH for their contributions to the school as school captains.

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

Isla T in year 8 has been nominated by staff for this week's St John Houghton Award, she has been nominated for the respect she shows to others and striving for excellence.

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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:**

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:

<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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