



**St Ralph
Sherwin**
Catholic Multi Academy Trust

SJH Newsletter

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Friday 2 May 2025



Headteacher's Introduction

Dear Readers,

Following the drama of last week and the Ofsted inspection, it has been nice this week to 'get back to normal.' We had waited for the inspection for such a long time and many of us are relieved now that we can get back to doing what we do and incrementally improving our school for the good of our students, one decision at a time.

Last Friday, we were visited by the Jimmy Mizen Foundation, who presented to our school about the tragic circumstances around the death of Jimmy, who was attacked in an incident of youth violence. Their message though was one of love, peace, hope and forgiveness. A timely reminder for us all about the importance of these in our own lives.

Important upcoming dates

May Bank Holiday – Monday 5 May 2025

Year 11 Mass – Thursday 8 May 2025 – 11.30am

GCSE's begin – Friday 9 May 2025

Our Year 11 students have been completing their MFL Speaking Exams and their Art Exams this week and they have done so well in managing their emotions during this stressful time. Keep going Year 11! Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers at this time. Next week, we have our Celebration Day for Year 11 and parents have been emailed with some details about the next few weeks regarding Year 11.

Thank you so much to the parents of our Year 7 students who were able to join us for their first Saint John Houghton Parents' Evening on Wednesday evening. It was a really positive evening and thank you for your ongoing support. We really are grateful to you all.

Just a gentle reminder that we have a longer weekend this weekend, with the Bank Holiday Monday. I hope you are all able to enjoy some time relaxing. 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.

Bank holiday – Monday 5 May 2025:

School will be closed for the bank holiday and will reopen on Tuesday 6 May 2025.

Change to lesson times during the GCSE exam period:

Due to the GCSE exams, some of the school days will revert to the following times to support the timings of the exams, this will apply to the whole school and students will be made aware of which days the below timings will run:

8.45 - 9.10am - Registration

9.10-10.10am - Period 1

10.10-11.10am - Period 2

11.10-11.30 am- Break

11.30am-12.30pm - Period 3

12.30- 1.15pm - Lunch

1.15-2.15pm - Period 4

2.15pm - 3.15pm - Period 5

3.15pm - End of day

This change will initially start on Friday 9 May and will run until Friday 23 May 2025. Following half term further days will be affected.

Bringing your bike to school

As a school we welcome and encourage safe cycling. However, there have been reports from members of staff and the public about students from our school community riding their bike dangerously to and from school. For theirs and others safety, if this continues, students will receive a final warning and then be asked not to bring their bike to school.

Parking near school:

We have received several complaints from our neighbours regarding inconsiderate and dangerous parking near school, especially on Wyndale Drive. We kindly ask that when collecting students that driveways are not blocked and parking is considerate. We also ask the parents/cares refrain from parking in the staff car park, this causes access problems for the school buses and causes a hazard for students who need to cross the car park.

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Gardening Club:

The gardening club are in desperate need of a garden shredder if anyone has one to gift. Please contact school office if you have one to donate.

Film Club:

Film Club

Film Club does classics better than Reebok!

Alec Guinness stars in this darkly hilarious 1955 Ealing comedy – *The Ladykillers*.

Room E3, every Friday, 1:35pm. Bring a packed lunch!

14 THE PARK ORGANISATION presents a MICHAEL BALCON PRODUCTION
ALEC GUINNESS
CECIL PARKER
HERBERT LOM
DANNY GREEN
PETER SELLERS
The Ladykillers
JACK WARNER KATIE JOHNSON
FRANKIE HOWERD
Directed by ALAN JARVIS
Screenplay by FRANK CRICHTON
Music by JOHN WILLIAMS
© 1997 The Park Organisation

Careers updates:

Year 11 1-2-1 Careers meetings

A reminder to all Year 11 students - all of you should have now had your 1-2-1 meeting with the career's advisor. If you would like a follow-up meeting, to ask any specific questions about your options, please see Mr Riley to request an appointment.

Derby College Open Evenings

Derby college have the following open days coming up soon:

All Sites Open Evening (Held at the Roundhouse) - 05/06/2025

<https://www.derby-college.ac.uk/event/all-sites-open-evening-held-at-the-roundhouse-05-06-2025/>

Broomfield Hall Open Day - 07/06/2025

<https://www.derby-college.ac.uk/event/broomfield-hall-open-day-07-06-2025/>

Feedback

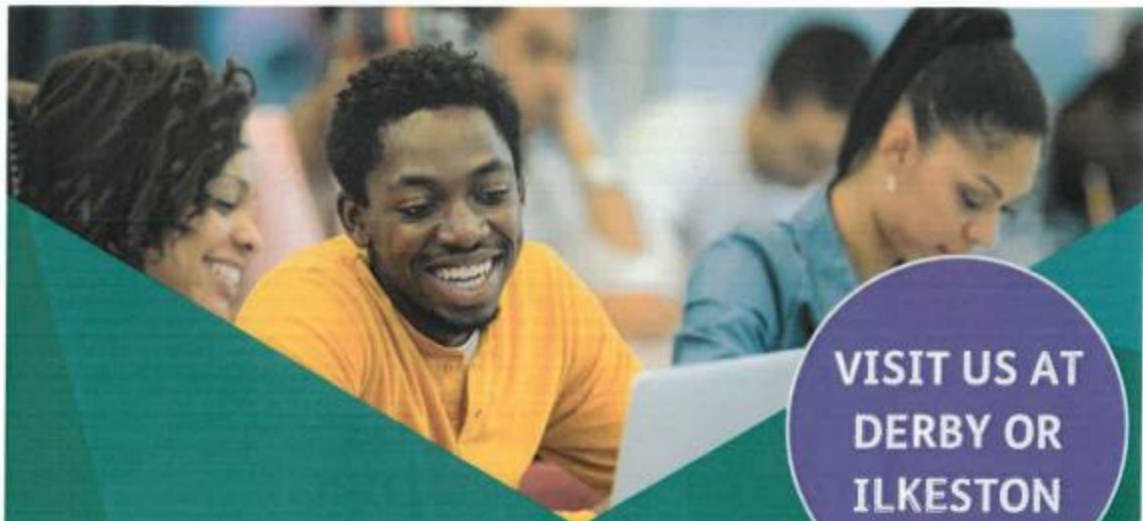
As we approach the summer term, as always, we are open to parent feedback on our Careers Program. This is available to view on the school website. Please contact any queries or feedback you may have. Thanks.

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DERBY OR
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YMCA KEY COLLEGE

Accredited vocational training courses for
young people

OPEN EVENT

TUESDAY 6TH MAY 9AM - 10AM

Join us at our breakfast event and discover how
YMCA Key College can unlock your future.

Enjoy a light breakfast, meet our tutors and find
out about our courses.

VISIT US



Derby Campus

St Mark's Rd, Chaddesden,
Derby DE21 6AH



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Ilkeston Campus

4 Coronation Street,
Ilkeston DE7 5QH



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Reading Recommendations



Welcome to our termly reading newsletter. Each term, we will recommend books from a range of genres and styles.

Don't forget to check out our reading lists aimed at specific year groups. All are available from our website.

The English Department

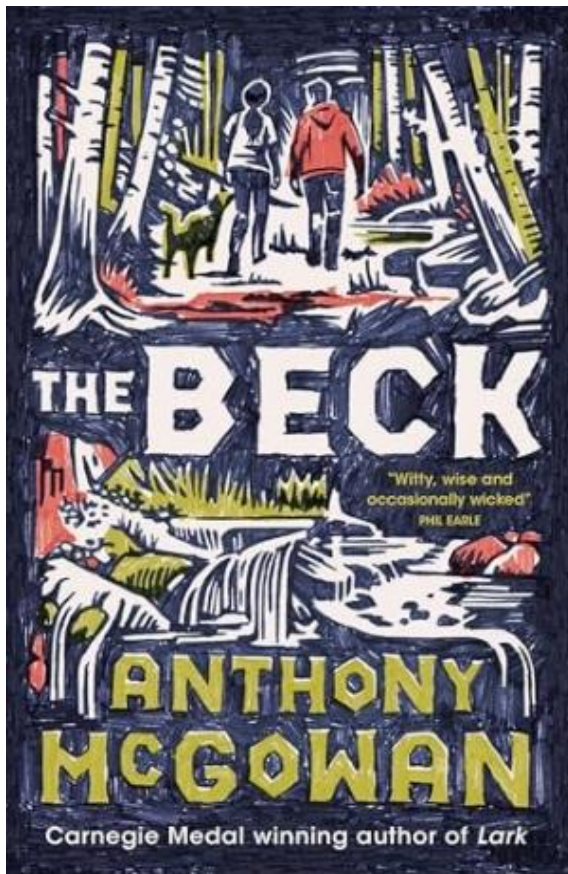


The Beck

Nature

Family

Friendship



From Carnegie Medal winning author Anthony McGowan comes an environmental tale packed full of his signature grit, heart and humour, as Kyle and his grandad execute a plan to save the local beck.

Kyle is less than happy about getting dumped at his eccentric old grandad's on a Saturday afternoon. Embarrassed by his grandad's ratty old Elvis wig and his weird three-legged dog, Kyle thinks the day is going to be a nightmare until his grandad introduces him to the marvels in the beck at the bottom of his garden.

Once filthy and full of rubbish, the stream has been cleaned up and is now home to some amazing creatures. But this magical world is under threat from a new development.

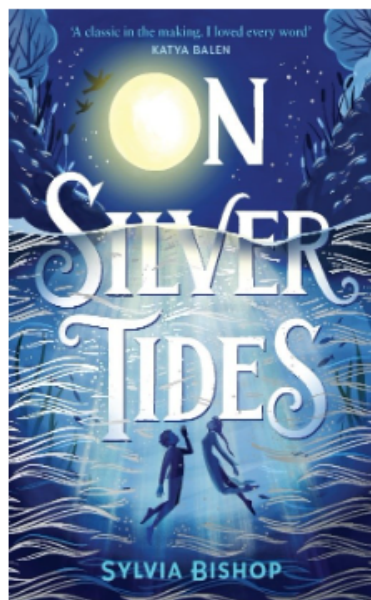
Kyle's grandad is determined to stop the builders and has an audacious plan to save the beck, but when he falls ill, will Kyle find the courage to carry it out by himself?



Reading Recommendations



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Kelda has always protected her little sister Isla from danger on the rivers, and from the suspicions of their community. For Isla cannot breathe underwater – and so her very existence is forbidden by silvermen's Lore.

Now the rivers of England are growing monstrous creatures are awakening and a fierce torrent of blame falls upon Kelda's family. When betrayal comes, the sisters escape on a desperate journey upstream. Joining forces with a mysterious boy, Kelda discovers the darkest depths of her kind's secret history. But to save both her sister and the very life of Britain's waterways, Kelda will have to make a sacrifice – one that will change her life



On Silver Tides

Magic

Fantasy

Adventure



I Am Wolf

Science Fiction

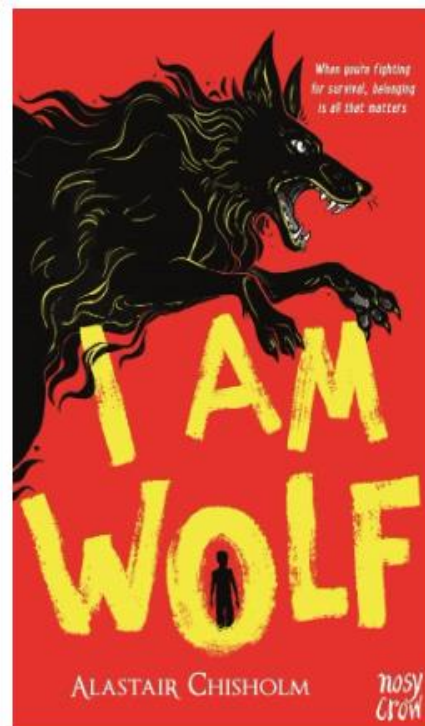
Dystopian

Adventure

Coll is Wolf. He lives with his clan on a Construct, a huge technological "creature" driven by the clan's combined willpower. Together they roam their world, fighting other clans and absorbing them into their own.

But when a new and dangerous Construct attacks them, Coll is thrown clear from Wolf and left behind. Now he must survive life on ground and get back to his clan. He is helped by Rieka, a "Tock" who makes the Constructs work. She promises Coll a way to return, but can she be trusted? And what is she really trying to do...?

When Coll uncovers the truth, it destroys everything he thought he knew about his clan, the world they live in, and even himself. In a world full of danger, and suddenly without meaning, can he find a way back?



Our summaries are taken from the Goodreads website:

<https://www.goodreads.com/>



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Juno's furious about being sent to stay with her grandfather for the summer. She'll miss all the fun she and her friends had planned for the holidays. She'll also miss her mum, but it's her mum's fault for leaving anyway.

Then Juno discovers a long-forgotten little family in her grandfather's attic. As she works to carefully craft a new home for them, can she learn to forgive her mum and understand her reasons for going away?



Katya Balen

Family

Relationships

Growing up



We love hearing about books you have read so let us know what book you think everyone should read!



A student who reads is a student who succeeds.

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Chaplaincy



Reflection and HOPE

I have been spending time in prayer with many students this week in our Chapel. Having faith and hope for a better tomorrow can be hard, it requires us to believe in those things we cannot prove and see. Faith is a gift from God and if we can accept it, and hold onto it, faith will give us strength, comfort and hope. Mr and Mrs Mizen are a wonderful example of having faith in a better world and show us how to forgive others. If you need support to forgive someone, please ask for help, I am always happy to support you or put you in contact with Fr Paul, Fr Joby and Lee. God loves you so very much - just as you are.

I am delighted to say I have the ELSA qualification, and I am looking forward to serving you in SJH.

Rachel



We at Saint John Houghton are extremely fortunate to have such amazing students, Parish Ambassadors, CAFOD, and Faith in Action supporters. As a token of appreciation for their dedication and support, we had to give Thayonita, Kulani, Hanna, and Evie-Mae hoodies. Thank you and well done!

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Alton Castle

Rachel and Miss Turgoose spent Monday morning visiting Alton Castle Retreat Center - we are always looking for trips and treats for you!



May is the month of Mary

We have Our Lady's Altar prepared in school with a prayer book. You are welcome to write your prayer and if you would like to bring in some flowers throughout May it would be wonderful to have fresh flowers around Mary! Would you like to donate for our Rosary Team to purchase some flowers, and you can donate them in your Mum's name - whether she is in Heaven or earth. Simply pop a donation in an envelope and leave in Reception addressed 'For Rachel, May Flowers', and if you add your mum's name we will pray for her and add her name to our Rosary Book. You do not have to be Catholic to join in. I have some blessed Rosary Beads looking for a good home!



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Beauvale Triduum

Please join us this evening - 2.5.25 at 7.00pm in Eastwood Church. A time to prepare your heart and mind for the Beauvale Pilgrimage.

Thank you, Lucy S, for attending the first Service! So many parishioners said how well you represented our school - thank you and thank you to your parents for all the support they give.

Please take a moment to read the hymn written by Canon Paul Newman! Have a look on the Church website and youtube and enjoy this beautiful hymn.

You are welcome!

Please know you are always welcome to join us in Holy Mass. If you would like to take your prayer life to a deeper level or simply start, then we are here to walk with you!

FILLED WITH GRACE

WORDS: Canon Paul Newman

MUSIC: Alan Wilson

With heads held high they face their death. The name of Jesus on their breath.

These men of God. These men of love. Who give their lives for God above.

(Refrain) And filled with grace and holy love, they journey to their death, they journey to their death.

The knotted rope tied to the wood, with confidence and love they stood.

Awaiting heaven's glory sweet; it's there that soon their God they'd meet.
(Refrain)

Be thou my rock of refuge Lord, one final prayer before the sword.

To you my spirit I commend, your gift of love upon me send. (Refrain)

These bless'd and holy martyrs die. In faith and love for God most high.

Two witnesses of truth they fall and shout out loud one final call. (Refrain)

Be strong in faith and give your hearts. Hold close the blessings God imparts

Defend the truth in all you say and share the love of Christ today. (Refrain)

O Holy Robert, Holy John, Beauvale is bless'd for what you've done.

You wear the martyrs crown with pride and live forever at God's side.

(Refrain)



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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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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	Filip S	Kaiya C	Lois-Skye J	Shantelle T	Skarlett L
English	Lauren M	Jacob L	Maggie L	Julia H	Marianna L
Science	Sophie F	Thomas C	Lloyd B	Jack B	Eleanor A
Theology Years 7 & 8 Religious Education Years 7,9 & 10	George Y	Jessica P	Sandil G	Violet R	Rhodina K
Geography	Xander FJ	Felix H	Joseph R	Charlie BM	Amy Q
History	Ayo E-K	Gabriella W	Magdalena A	Casey E	Oliver H
Computing & Business	Amber R	Skye G	Roman-Axel R	<u>Business:</u> Kyra-Ann B <u>iMedia:</u> Miley S	<u>Computer Science:</u> George H-W <u>Business:</u> Eleanor B <u>iMedia:</u> Aoife O'S
Music	Bethany R	Rosie H	Charlie B	Bethany DR	Lexie-Mae H
French	Elsie S-R	Matilda A	Callum B	Scarlett L	Ella M
Spanish	Amelia S	Elloise J	Grace Q	Efrem P	Fifi HW
PE & Health & Social Care	Caitlin C	Christian H	Jenson S	Oliver J <u>GCSE PE:</u> Tymoteusz G <u>Sports studies:</u> Evie O <u>H&S care:</u> Elanur S	Eliza F <u>GCSE PE:</u> Sasha F
Design	Chloe T	Donald C	Tamzin R	<u>DT:</u> Joshua R <u>Engineering:</u> Nikolay B <u>Art:</u> Rosemary S <u>Food:</u> Lottie L	<u>DT:</u> Aimee McD <u>Engineering:</u> Luyando H <u>Art:</u> Teresa W <u>Food:</u> Francesca S

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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 - Logan B for living out the Saint John Houghton virtues.

Year 8 - Ethan C for his consistent efforts in all subjects.

Year 9 - Liam D for setting a good example to all students.

KS4 Mr Ritchie:

Year 10 - Natalia L for consistently working hard in all lessons and following the Saint John Houghton way.

Year 11 - Isabella H for consistently being in the top 5 virtue point scorers each week and keeping focus right up to her GCSE exams.

The Saint John Houghton Award:

Kayla N in year 10 has been nominated by staff for this week's St John Houghton Award, she has been nominated for the compassion she shows to others and living the SJH virtues.

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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:

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:

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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