



**St Ralph  
Sherwin**  
Catholic Multi Academy Trust

# SJH Newsletter

Compassion – Aspiration – Respect – Excellence – Determination – Faithfulness – Optimism – Reconciliation  
Friday 20 June 2025



## Headteacher's Introduction

Hello to you all and thank you for reading the latest edition of our Newsletter.

Well, our Year 11s are now done. This week, the last of the GCSE examinations were completed and the last full stop was written on the last paper for all of our Year 11 students. In the main, we have been so proud of how they have coped with the pressures of their GCSE examinations, and we look forward with expectant hope for their results day in August, where hopefully, all of their hard work will have been rewarded.

Some of the great traditions of our school have been in the spotlight this week. The rite of passage of the Leavers' Celebration (aka 'the Prom') was celebrated yesterday evening.

## Important upcoming dates

**Inset Day – Friday 4 July**

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

Historically, the Agape (Leavers' Mass, Meal and Disco) was held in school just before Christmas. At the students' request, this was changed some years ago now, with the liturgical aspects of our school being celebrated on the Leavers' Day and the Prom celebrating the end of the exam season. Yesterday evening was a wonderful occasion. The conduct of our students was excellent, and it was so good to see so many staff there to celebrate with the students. Special thanks to Mr Ritchie and Miss Burrows for organising such a wonderful event in the lives of these young people.

Another great tradition of the election of our School Captains (formerly Head Boy and Head Girl) was launched on Wednesday and we look forward to the election of our successful candidates later in the term. 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.

## **Change to Inset day for 2025-2026 school year:**

The December 2025 inset day has been moved from Monday 8 December 2025 to Monday 1 December 2025, this has been updated on the website and the last page of the newsletter.

## **Water bottles:**

Please ensure that students have a refillable water bottle in school every day, there are several water points around school where they can be refilled.

## **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.

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## Scientific Thinking Challenge

A group of year 10 students were entered into the National Scientific Thinking Challenge. This challenge involved over 15,000 students from 266 schools in 10 countries. The challenge involved logical scientific questions with multiple choice answers and the students having to use their own knowledge (not something that could be revised for) to be able to answer the questions - the Saint John Houghton students who were involved did us proud and performed brilliantly!



*Well done to the following students for taking part:*

Danielle M, David B, Isabella O, James G, Paige B, Samson M, Joshua F, Aiden W, Caoimhe C, Natalia L, Nazim G and Scarlett W.

Of all the students involved across all the schools we had some students who achieved a bronze award (top 40%), some who achieved a silver (top 25%) and some who achieved gold (top 10%).

**Bronze:** Weluchi O, Jamie M, Mischel C, Archie S, Shantelle T,

**Silver:** Casey E, Eleanor H-M, Gabriella H, Hollie Ann P

**Gold:** Bethany D-R (best in school score) and Sonny K.

Miss Turgoose would like to say a huge thank you and well done to all of those who took part! What a fantastic achievement for Saint John Houghton to have so many students getting bronze, silver and gold awards!

## Year 7 Sparx reader

Year 7 are currently completing homework every week to achieve Sparx reader points and a chance of receiving the gold reader pass.

A big well done to following students who have achieved the most Sparx points this week:

- Filip S
- Maxwell O-A
- Elisia T
- Harry F
- Jake A
- Ayo E-A



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## **Congratulations:**

To Lucienne who on Saturday took part in the Derbyshire Schools Athletics competition at Moorways Stadium, Derby. She competed in the long jump and hurdles. Lucienne won a bronze medal coming third in the junior girls 75m hurdles.

Well done, Lucienne.

SJH PE Department

## **Chaplaincy**

**Be strong and take heart all you who hope in the Lord.**

Here's a challenge for you! The deadline is 14th July 2025 with rewards before the end of term. Send me photos, email me your creations or I would love to see them in person. Staff and students encouraged to join in.

Lunchtime club to support in our Chapel, materials provided:

- 23rd: Draw something
- 26th: Sew something
- 27th: Sing something
- 28th: Saturday...buy nothing
- 2nd : Build something
- 7th: Read something
- 9th: Play something - music room
- 12th Make something
- 13th Cook something
- 14th July Deadline Date and Celebration!

'Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.'



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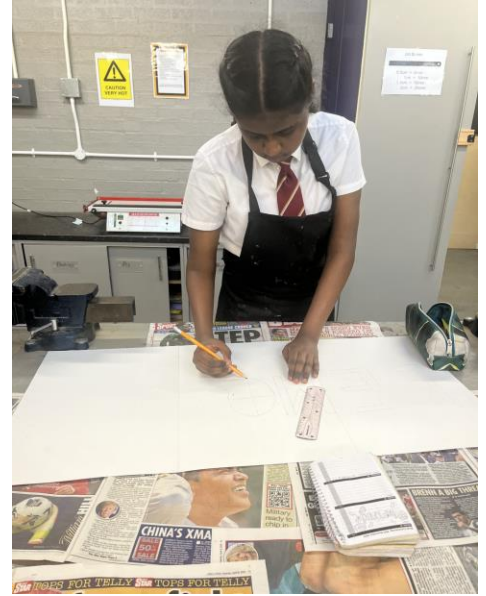
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## Chaplaincy

### **Tutor Act of Worship**

With thanks to 8J who lead our Act of Worship on Tuesday and promoted the Chaplaincy Charity: missio. More thanks to all who supported the lemonade stall! Great fun and great to see young people bringing Christ to others. Well done to all involved!



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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:**

<b>Inset Day</b>	<b>Friday 4 July 2025</b>
<b>Last day of term</b>	<b>Thursday 24 July 2025</b>



## 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 1 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>