



SJH Newsletter

Compassion – Aspiration – Respect – Excellence – Determination – Faithfulness – Optimism – Reconciliation Friday 23 May 2025



Headteacher's IntroductionDear Readers,

Good evening all and welcome to the latest edition of our newsletter, at the end of what has been the longest, short half term in living memory. That may be something to do of course with the fact that we were called on the very first day, the first Tuesday back after Easter with the news that we would be visited by Ofsted for the following two days. Parents, you will have seen the report arrive in your inboxes earlier this week. We are extremely proud of the report and all of the strengths it highlights about our wonderful school - there were so many! There are always of course, areas for further improvement. Schools are of course, led by human beings, who are not perfect and therefore schools are not perfect! There will always be things to work on and to

Important upcoming dates
Half term: Monday 26 – Friday 30 May 2025

improve and Ofsted have highlighted some areas for us that we need to work on to make our school the best that it can be.

Two people who have decided to join us on that journey of improvement are Ms Davies, who has joined us as a permanent Cover Supervisor this week. Ms Davies has been in our school for some time and we are thrilled that she has joined us permanently. Mr Bradley has also joined us as a new member of the SEND Team as a Teaching Assistant and again, we are delighted with his appointment. You are both very welcome to our school family.

Finally, all that remains to be said is enjoy the half term break! I hope you are able to enjoy some time as a family, and we will see you after half term. Please remember to keep Year 11 in your prayers as they continue with their GCSE revision.

Garde ta Foi! Guard your Faith! Mr S Brogan - Headteacher







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.

School closed for half term:

School will be closed for the half term break Monday 26 May to Friday 30 May 2025 and will reopen on Monday 2 June 2025.

448 & 449 bus consultations:

Important information regarding the 448 & 449 bus consultation was emailed to parents/carers yesterday. If you have any feedback, please email consultation@sjh.srscmat.co.uk by Friday 6 June 2025.

GCSE Exams:

Please note that Study Leave begins for all students on Friday 23 May. This will mean that students need only attend school for their exams from Monday 2 of June onwards. However, there will always be a staffed study room available for any student who wishes to study in school or needs to be in school due to using school buses. Once signed out of school then students are asked not to return in the same day.

The revision timetable for after half term is available on the school website: https://www.stjohnhoughtonilkeston.srscmat.co.uk/curriculum/gcse-exams/

Year 10 Mock GCSE Exams:

Year 10 will be having exams beginning on Friday 20 June until Tuesday 1 July. These will take place in the gym unless a student has specific access arrangements. The exam timetable is available on the school website:

https://www.stjohnhoughtonilkeston.srscmat.co.uk/curriculum/gcse-exams/

Borrowed PE Kit:

We have had a number of students borrow kit, tops, trainers and leggings. Please could you check your child's PE kit and return anything that has been borrowed from school. It is important that we have this kit back so that it is available for other students to use - Many thanks, PE Department







Year 7 and 8 Trackmeet:

A number of students represented the school on Tuesday in the local schools track meet competition. Well done to all the runners, results were: Year 7 – 3rd Year8 – 4th



Well done to all!

Derbyshire Schools Athletic Competition:

SATURDAY 14 JUNE - MOORWAYS STADIUMS, DERBY

If any students in Years 8-11 would like to enter the above competition, please see Mrs Joslin for an entry form.







Year 9 and 10 Trackmeet:

Well done to all of the students who represented the school at the above competition. The results were as follows: Yr9 - 3rd Yr 10 - 4th



Well done to the following students:

Hallie B, Evie-Mae D, Geavannah FH, Molly W, Peyton W, Maggie L, Alex K, Casey E, Farren S, Henry B, Samson M, Zane AJ, Nathan A, Tom G, Connor C, Poppy R & Brianna M

English Schools Track and Field Cup:

Last week we took 60 students to compete in the first round of the English Schools track and field cup at Moorways stadium, Derby. All students have to take part in 2 events to gain points for their team. They all did extremely well against some tough competition. Stand out performances from the following students:

Summer B - Javelin

Lucienne A – hurdles

Evie-Mae D – 300m

Peyton W - 800m

Well done to everyone that took part - Mrs Joslin, Head of PE









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 are the top in their class after completing 300 SRP or more. Keep up the good work!

7T1:

- 1. Joshua R
- 2. Scarlett S
- 3. Emma S

7T3:

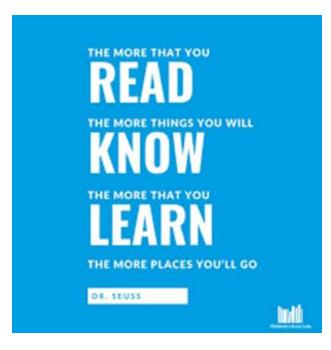
1. Hanna D

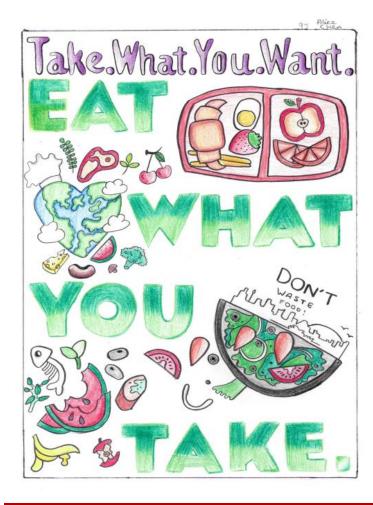
7T2:

- 1. Emilio S
- 2. Penelope S
- 3. Maisie S

7T4:

- 1. Mordecai K
- 2. Leah B





Aldi Food Waste Poster Winner:

Miss Turgoose would like to celebrate Alice C in year 9 who entered the competition run by Aldi about food waste! Her poster was absolutely fantastic and was so good that Aldi made her design their national competition winner and her poster will go up in Aldi's offices to brighten up their walls and remind them about food waste! Well done Alice - what a brilliant achievement!







Safeguarding:

The Hidden Dangers of scanning QR Codes - Action Fraud and Sky News:

Cyber criminals are increasingly exploiting QR technology to direct people to malicious websites designed to steal people's personal and financial information.

QR codes have become a convenient part of everyday life—but they also carry hidden risks. A recent Sky News investigation revealed that organised crime groups are using QR code stickers across UK streets, including near schools, to promote illegal online cannabis delivery services. These links lead to slick websites offering next-day delivery, with transactions handled through banks and cryptocurrency. The products are often unregulated and potentially dangerous.

https://news.sky.com/story/the-online-drug-trade-behind-qr-code-stickers-plastered-on-streets-across-the-uk-13365660



Meanwhile, Action Fraud warns that criminals are also using fake QR codes to trick people into giving away personal or financial information. Some replace legitimate QR codes in car parks with scam versions, while others send malicious codes via email in phishing attacks known as 'quishing'.

To stay safe, only scan QR codes from trusted sources, avoid using third-party scanning apps, and double-check links before following them. Suspicious QR code activity should be reported to Action Fraud at https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/a-z-of-fraud/qr-codes







Chaplaincy

Mass in St Thomas primary School:

Ewan, Evie-Mae and Lucy represented Saint John Houghton CVA on Thursday 22 May 2025 by attending the Mass to celebrate and give thanks for the former Headteacher, Mr Jones. Lucy said,' We are very grateful for the opportunity to gather with parishioners, friends and family in our primary school - it's always lovely to see everybody.' Ewan was really proud of his sister who led the Bidding Prayers and Eve-Mae enjoyed the wonderful music and the liturgical dance. We will put the prayer card for Mr Jones in our SJH Remembrance Book. St Thomas have built a wooden boat for the pupils to enjoy reading in as a memorial for Mr Jones.











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Lourdes 2026:

The Diocese of Nottingham lead us in Pilgrimage to Lourdes each year. We will be launching this Pilgrimage in June 2025. Please think about, pray about travelling to Lourdes, on Pilgrimage in July 2026 as part of the Nottingham Diocese. This will be open to Year 7-10 and Year 11 can travel with NDCYS or SJH. This cost is usually between £750 and £850 for a week, we travel by coach and stay in a hotel in Lourdes.

As your school Chaplain I will be leading Tutor Groups in prayer and reflection in our school Reception. It was lovely to have time with Mr Harries and Mrs Eyres Tutor Groups this week. Please email rrose@sjh.srcmat.co.uk for more information.





Mary Mother of God:

Thank you, Lucy and Valentina, for attending the May procession on Sunday afternoon in Ilkeston - so nice to see you there 'guarding your faith.'







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Bishop Patrick writes to...

Charlie, Lucy, Ava and Sonny have received a letter from Bishop Patrick this week thanking them for attending the Beauvale

Pilgrimage. These wonderful students who gave up their time on a Sunday afternoon in May will be rewarded tomorrow with a treat from the Beauvale Tea Rooms. Invitation for all: Would you like to attend a Beauvale Society Meeting on Tuesday 3rd June at 7.00pm in Eastwood Church meeting room? Please email Rachel for more information, thank you.





Saint Anne's Knitting Group:

We hope this 'Positive Potato' makes you smile! We had a lovely evening at 'Hooked on ewe', the local knitting shop in Eastwood. Well done Lucy for going the extra mile for your Gold Faith in Action Award! It was my pleasure to give positive points and send a praise letter home.



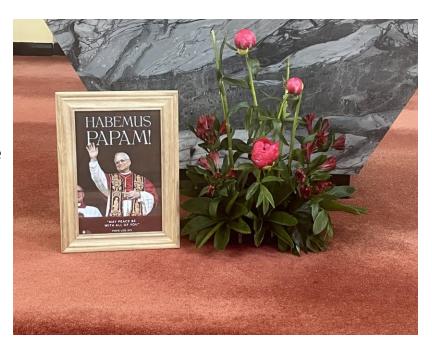




Chaplaincy

Thank you:

Team Chaplaincy would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Admin Team in SJH who have printed off the photographs of Pope Leo and prepared all the paperwork for us to attend meetings and visits - your hard work is very much appreciated. Thank you!





Faith in Action:

Well done and thank you Jessica, Filip and Joey who have worked hard on their Bronze level Faith in Action Award this week!







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Faith in Action Award:

Everyone has had the opportunity in SJH to gain their Faith in Action Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards.

Good luck and keep going to the following pupils.

Gold: Lucy Silver: Evie-Mae

Bronze: Hanna, Thayonita, Imogen, Emil, Charlie, Aaron, Filip, Joey, Jessica, Kulani and

Caitlin.

Please look out for an email from me to support and guide you on the final steps,

thank you, Rachel













Chaplaincy

SJH pupil visit The Priory:

Many thanks to Cara, Daisy, Lilly, Aleksandra, Joseph, Dannie and Dexter who led the Priory pupils in 'Celebrating the Year of HOPE' activities. Well done in your leadership for the day. Your hard work, the planning time, gathering resources and were wonderful - just like you! I was delighted to award Positive Points send praise Letters home and give certificates.















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SJH pupil visit St Thomas:

Well done and thank you to Kadie, Isla, Chloe, Florence, Zain, Jaycee, Kalead, and Valentina who planned, resource and led activities for the St Thomas Pupils last week on the theme' We are Pilgrims of HOPE'. What a great day was had by all - praise letters, positive points and certificates to all!















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Ambassadors of HOPE:

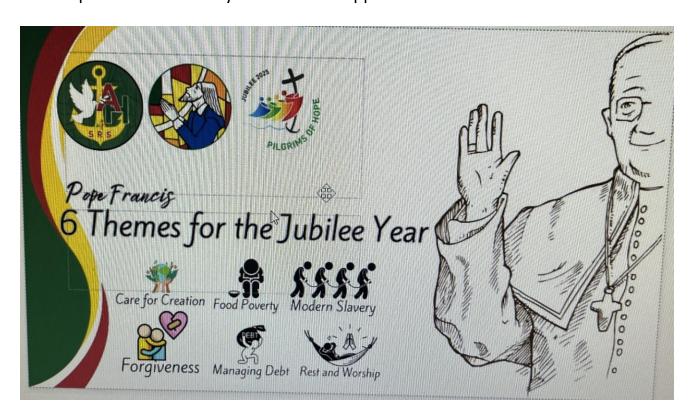
Felix, Evie- Mae and Caitlin are SJH Ambassador of HOPE reps for the SRSCMAT. We had a meeting this week and will be travelling to Fenny Bentley on 8th July 2025 to join the SRSCMAT leaders. Invitation to all students: Please can you email rrose@sjh.srscmat.co.uk 'A prayer for Pope Leo', which will be used to end the meeting. Positive points for all who enter and a prize for the overall winner. Deadline date Monday 2nd June 2025.

SJH students to support Yr 6 Priory:

With thanks to Emile, Aaron and Charlie who will be supporting Yr 6 students in the Priory on 10th June 2025. The Year 9 from Team Chaplaincy will be leading prayer; fun activates and reflections.

SRSCMAT Mass:

The following students will be attending the SRSCMAT mass in St Mary's Parish Chruch, Derby on 1st July 2025: Thayonita, Lucy, Ava, Sonny, Hanna, Caitlin, Imogen-Grace, Harry and Joshua. Bishop Patrick will be celebrating this mass in honour of Saint Ralph Sherwin. Thank you all for this support.













PARENTS AND CARERS TRANSITION EVENT

TUESDAY 17TH JUNE 2025 4:00PM DERBY COLLEGE GROUP - ROUNDHOUSE CAMPUS

This event is aimed at Parents and Carers of supported children and young people (CYP) who are exploring the potential of starting their studies at DCG for September 2025.

Join us for an informative event that will explore the support available to your CYP. You will learn more about the resources, guidance, and assistance on offer to ensure a smooth transition into College life.





SCAN TO REGISTER YOUR PLACE AT THIS EVENT



If you require any further information please contact:

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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







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