



**St Ralph  
Sherwin**  
Catholic Multi Academy Trust

# SJH Newsletter

Compassion – Aspiration – Respect – Excellence – Determination – Faithfulness – Optimism – Reconciliation  
Friday 25 April 2025



## Headteacher's Introduction

Dear Readers,

Welcome back to all our school community following the Easter break. I do hope that you and your families found time to rest and enjoyed the much-welcomed sunshine!

We returned to school on Tuesday following the sad news of the death of Pope Francis on Easter Monday. We held an Act of Worship with all students on Tuesday to celebrate and reflect on the life of Pope Francis. During his life he focused on the love of God and the love of others, which is something we strive for within school.

Rachel has kindly opened a book of condolence in Reception; all are welcome to come into school to sign this.

## Important upcoming dates

**Year 7 Parent's Evening – Wednesday 30 April 2025**

**May Bank Holiday – Monday 5 May 2025**

**GCSE's begin – Friday 9 May 2025**

As you are aware, we have had Ofsted in school Wednesday and Thursday this week, completing their inspection. A huge thank you to all staff and students for supporting our school and following the SJH way, as always. Further information following the inspection will be shared once I am able to.

We are now racing towards the start of the GCSE exams for our year 11 students which begin on Friday 9 May 2025, please keep our Year 11 students in your thoughts and prayers. We shall be holding our Year 11 Mass on Thursday 8 May 2025 at 11.30am, all parents and carers are welcome to attend this special 'last' Mass for Year 11. Further information will be shared shortly regarding the Year 11 Leavers Day and how attendance will work through the exam period.

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.

## **Change to Year 11 Mass:**

The Year 11 Mass has now changed to Thursday 8 May 2025 at 11.30am, all parents and carers of Year 11 are welcome to attend.

## **KS3 Aldi Food Waste Poster Competition:**

Miss Turgoose would like to thank all the students who entered the KS3 for the Aldi poster competition about Food Waste Action Week. It was super competitive and well done to our winners in each year group: Claudia T, Evie-Mae M and Alice C.

## **Uniform for the Pentecost/Summer Term:**

All students have been informed that black V neck jumpers are no longer able to be worn during the summer term. Black jumpers can be worn again from September 2025. Blazers must be worn at all times. A reminder that white polo shirts are no longer permitted to be worn.

Please see below link to our uniform policy:

<https://www.stjohnhoughtonilkeston.srscmat.co.uk/parents/dress-code-and-equipment/>

## **Important Science Information regarding false nails:**

The synthetic material used to create acrylic nails readily ignites when exposed to a flame and can be difficult to extinguish, burning completely until the flame source is removed. Experts recommend caution when wearing acrylics, especially near open flames or heat sources. Therefore, any student wearing acrylic nails will not be allowed to complete any science practical using a Bunsen burner or any other naked flame to reduce the risk of serious injury.

To support school can you please check that students do not come to school wearing false nails as they will be missing out on important learning. Practical science is worth at least 40% of the GCSE exam mark so is crucial for a full science education.

## **Summer food menus:**

Please see below link to the new summer food menus:

<https://www.stjohnhoughtonilkeston.srscmat.co.uk/students/school-meals/>

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## Duolingo Competiton



**Prizes for the following streaks:**

**30 day, 60 day, 100 day, 150 day, 200 day, 250 day**

If you already have an account, come and show us what you're on and we'll log it from there. **Continental Breakfast** at the end of the year for the **top 20** most consistent Duolingoers!

**It must be in the language you are studying (you can add on any additional languages if you wish)**

**What you need to do:** Download the Duolingo app and create your free account. You need to access it each day to achieve your "streak"  
Once you hit each goal above come and find **Mrs McMylor** for your prize!



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## Carousel in English:

The English Department would like to praise the following students for their use of Carousel.

### Year 7

Position	Name	Number of Questions Quizzed
<b>1</b>	<b>Elisia T</b>	<b>1995</b>
2	Benjamin M	1462
3	Jake T	1027
4	Farleigh S	728
5	Honey P	696
6	Hanna D	532
7	Amelia S	398
8	Filip S	354
9	Summer B	338
10	Ayo E	325
11	Kulani T	290
12	Kobby A	266
13	Eliza Z	249
14	Oscar B	245
15	Ewan T	219
16	Amy-Grace W	198
17	Myles S	167
18	Imogen-Grace C	165
19	Sofie C	159
20	Noah G	150
21	Lily W	140
22	Jack E	133
23	Evie P	130
24	Maia C	115
25	Emma S	105
26	Anthony M	100
27	Caitlin C	98
28	Dylan L	90
29	Reuben H	81
30	Isla T	75

### Year 8

Position	Name	Number of Questions Quizzed
<b>1</b>	<b>Gabriella W</b>	<b>820</b>
2	Ernest Y	756
3	Ethan C	721
4	Amelia W	673
5	Charlie B	560
6	Donald C	551
7	Betsy R	550
8	Zach L	530
9	Jessica H	502
10	Abigail W	483
11	Sonny L	472
12	Felix H	468
13	Amelia-May O	381
14	Sienna H	308
15	Maisie J	280
16	Amelia C	251
17	Valentina H	219
18	James E	199
19	Isla T	173
20	Ava-May H	172
21	Jasmine H	162
22	Eleanor S	160
23	Daisy W	156
24	Evan D	155
25	George W	131
26	Lucas M	130
27	Aleksandra S	115
28	Reggie R	100
29	Jacob L	93
30	Skye G	93

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## Year 9

Position	Name	Number of Questions Quizzed
<b>1</b>	<b>Kyrillos A</b>	<b>1350</b>
2	Alexander M	932
3	Natasha G	651
4	Amelia S	585
5	Joseph A	498
6	Imogen K	368
7	Magdalena A	330
8	Kalma S	270
9	Alfie S	205
10	Aaron E	189
11	Alice C	178
12	Lois-Skye J	178
13	Zain A	162
14	Finlay M	160
15	Aaron V	155
16	Jasmine T	140
17	Thomas G	140
18	Jacob F	134
19	Ellen T	127
20	Emil W	123
21	Roman-Axel R	113
22	Sophie S	90
23	Finlay L	87
24	Peyton W	85
25	Toluwanimi O	85
26	Somtochukwu N	84
27	Jordan T	71
28	Ava F	70
29	Evie B	68
30	George Q	63

## Year 10

Position	Name	Number of Questions Quizzed
<b>1</b>	<b>Millie G</b>	<b>2948</b>
2	Danielle M	2164
3	Natalia L	1660
4	Mishel C	889
5	Joshua F	469
6	Mary F	424
7	Paige B	378
8	Hollie Ann P	367
9	Charlie B	335
10	Hugo M	290
11	Isabella O	286
12	Stanley S	270
13	Hallie B	225
14	Samson M	218
15	Julia H	181
16	Harry W	168
17	Sophie A	159
18	Scarlett L	157
19	Ethan G	137
20	Amelia H	129
21	Kayla N	127
22	Nancy W	121
23	Kyra-Anne B	119
24	Bethany D	115
25	Miley S	115
26	Isla F	111
27	Georgia C	110
28	Harry B	110
29	Brianna M	105
30	Casey E	105



## Year 11

Position	Name	Number of Questions Quizzed
<b>1</b>	<b>Jayden H</b>	<b>2962</b>
2	Amber F	1102
3	Toby D	879
4	David O	762
5	Tia A	761
6	Joanne S	658
7	Cherish R	534
8	Oliver E	527
9	Lewis L	479
10	Ruby C	448
11	Amelia L	433
12	Esma S	402
13	Marianna L	382
14	Ava L	377
15	Finley H	333
16	Niamh W	310
17	Maja W	306
18	Delilah S	297
19	Olivia B	291
20	Amber W	272
21	Molly P	255
22	Eliza F	248
23	William N	241
24	Ila F	238
25	Andre O	224
26	Joseph P	220
27	Paul R	220
28	Aimee M	213
29	Harry G	207
30	Amy Q	201



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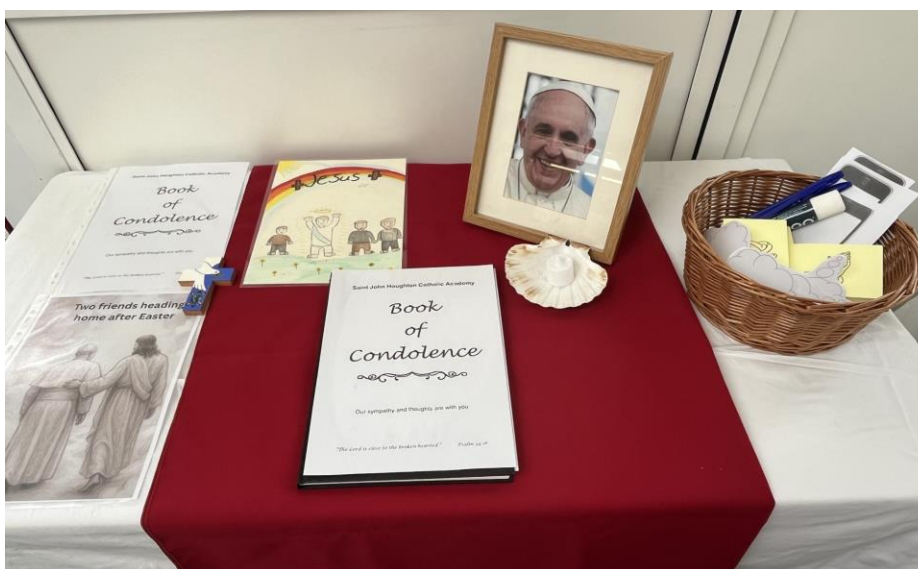
## Chaplaincy

### Pope Francis

Pope Francis 1936-2025

May the choirs of angels come to greet you. May they speed you to paradise. May the Lord enfold you in His mercy. May you find eternal life.

Mr Brogan led us in a sincere Act of Worship on Tuesday morning and the whole school have the opportunity to write in our Book of Condolences. If you are struggling with the loss of Pope Francis please know Rachel's door is always open and our Student Bereavement Team are on hand.



## Easter

We are in the Season of Eastertide. This is a joyful season so look out for God's love and forgiveness in action - this is Mercy.

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### **Beauvale Pilgrimage**

Please email Rachel if you can commit to joining our School Pilgrimage to the Priory Runis: Beauvale Pilgrimage. This is a wonderful opportunity in our Jubilee year. The school mini bus will leave SJH at 12.30pm (with thanks to Mr Warden who is always a fabulous support for the Catholic Life of the School) and we will travel to Eastwood Catholic Church carpark where Fr Paul will bless us and we will walk the holy mile to Beauvale. You can meet us in the church carpark if you live near Eastwood. We will join Mr Brogan and Mrs Hartharn at Beauvale. You can meet us at Beauvale at 1.45pm and Bishop Partick will celebrate Mass at 2.00pm. The Mass will end by 3.30pm and Mr Warden will drive the mini bus back to Eastwood Church and onto SJH. You are welcome to stay for refreshments and parents are warmly invited to this special event.

Please note you are asked to wear your full SJH uniform with pride, because we are in a field you may wear walking shoes/trainers.

Please bring a coat and a sun hat. Please bring any medication and a bottle of water.

The deadline date to email [rose@sjh.srscmat.co.uk](mailto:rose@sjh.srscmat.co.uk) is Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2025 and after the deadline a parent will need to accompany you.

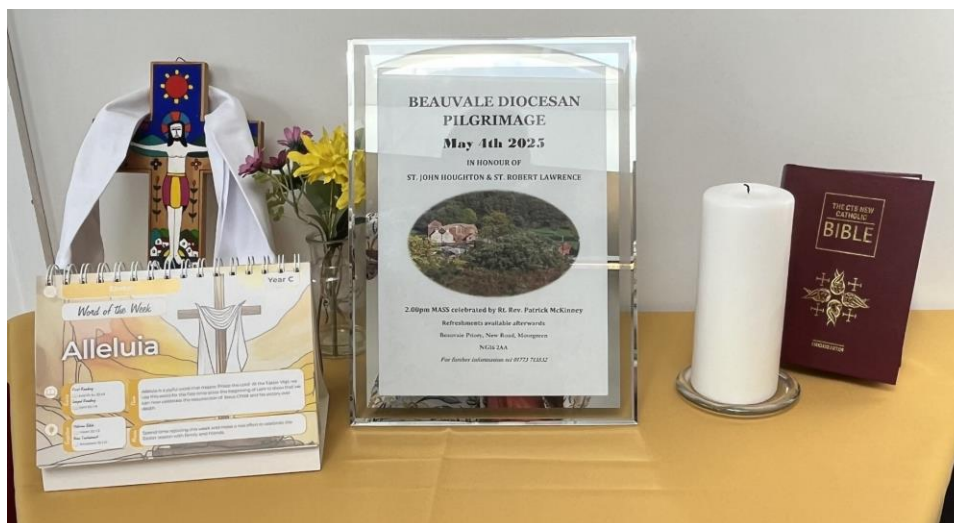
Please bring a small amount of cash to purchase refreshments and small crafts, which will be sold by the Beauvale Society on the day.

### **Junior Beauvale Society**

We understand that this is a Bank Holiday weekend but you can still support the Beauvale Pilgrimage by bringing in £2.00 cash and you will receive a Beauvale Junior Membership Card 2025-6. Team Chaplaincy will be selling these membership cards in SJH 28<sup>th</sup> April - 2<sup>nd</sup> May.

Can you donate a cake? Please bring into Reception on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2025.

This is a wonderful opportunity for our Year 10 Student Leaders to show their commitment to our school and it will be helpful if you are applying for School Captain. Could you volunteer to carry our school banner, read and/or support the Primary Schools who will be at the Beauvale Pilgrimage too?



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### CAFOD BIG LENT WALK

Many congratulations Hanna, Thayonita and Kulani who completed our steps to complete the CAFOD BIG LENT WALK. We are extremely grateful and proud of you! It will be my privilege to take you to Beauvale to enjoy a treat at the Tea Rooms as a 'thank you' for your service before the end of term.



## Serving our local community

We have received several thank you cards from our local community for the Easter Cakes we delivered before the end of term. Nice work team!



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The Word of the Week has been 'Alleluia' which means 'Praise the Lord.' On behalf of our Saint John Houghton family may I thank all the women who joined me on the 'Women's Retreat' over the Easter holidays. Canon Jonathon Cotton was a delight to listen to and we all left refreshed and inspired. if you see a Retreat invitation in your parish newsletter and would like more details or a friend to join you then please do contact our School Chaplain, Rachel, who is always happy to support.



## **SJHChaplain X**

Please do follow SJH Chaplain on X. We are blessed and grateful that Fr Paul will offer little videos for us which help us to understand the world we live in and ourselves a little bit more.

If you would like to chat to Fr Paul, Fr Joby or Lee please do contact Rachel who will be delighted to join you by email or gather for a cup of tea. With thanks to our SJH students who organised a card going to Fr Paul for his birthday this week!



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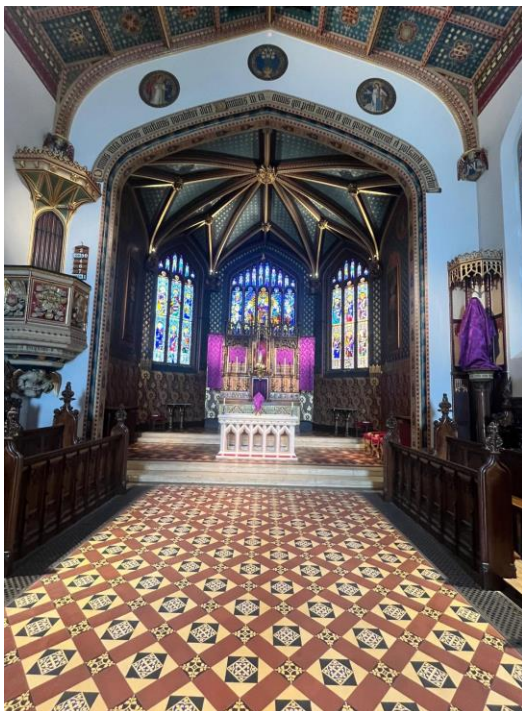
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### **Parish Ambassador Visit to Oscott College**

What an amazing experience for Lucy and Evie-Mae who joined me on a trip to Oscott College over the Easter holiday. Fr Paul and parishioners were most impressed with your behavior and attitude. We had a guided tour of the college, an opportunity to ask questions and meet the young men who are following their vocation into Religious Life. Well done and thank you Lucy and Evie-Mae.



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### **Lent donations for MISSIO**

Thank you for your generous donations for MISSIO. MISSIO is the Chaplaincy Charity for 2024-5 and you can always donate - simply pop in a donation addressed for Rachel, Missio and every penny counts!



### **Competition Time**

SRSCMAT are giving us the challenge to make the Jubilee Logo design, you can use any crafts, any size but keep to the same logo and colour. Come on SJH let's win this! Deadline date for entries is June 2<sup>nd</sup> 2025 3.30pm - I am full of hope you will go for this!

### **Sharewear**

Thank you for your donations to Sharewear. it was my privilege to deliver your donations over the Easter holidays.

Collection dates: Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2025.

Good quality second hand uniform is always wanted and can be collected free of charge from Reception - please do help yourselves.



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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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## Friends of Saint John Houghton Catholic Voluntary Academy:

### Friends of Saint John Houghton Catholic Academy

*"Be still and know that I am God."*

*Psalm 46:10*

*We would love for you to join us for  
coffee and conversation on*

**Date: 02.05.25 - 12.30pm – 1.30pm**

*This is taking place at*

**Saint John Houghton Catholic  
Academy, Abbot Road, Kirk Hallam,  
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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>