



**St Ralph
Sherwin**
Catholic Multi Academy Trust

SJH Newsletter

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Friday 27 June 2025



Headteacher's Introduction

Dear Readers,

This is always a really interesting and disrupted time of the year. The focus is beginning to shift to next year and planning for 2025/2026 is well under way. As well as this, there are numerous transition activities taking place and we will be visited in the coming weeks by our new Year 7 students for 2025/2026 and also, in addition this year, Year 5s, who are coming to us for Taster Days. It is a time where we have one eye on completing this year and the other eye is on the next.

Our Year 10 students have been well and truly 'in the present' this week as they have completed a full week of Mock Exams. They have performed superbly, considering this is their first experience of them.

Important upcoming dates

Inset Day – Friday 4 July

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

Next week promises to be a great week in school, as we will be joined by the Year 6 and Year 5 children from the Priory, who will be preparing for and performing their annual show. We are delighted to welcome them to Saint John Houghton and wish them well next week.

Next week, we also look forward to Sports' Day, which is a real highlight of the year for many students and staff. The PE department are working hard preparing the students and the activities of the day and we wish all of the competitors well.

Finally, a reminder that next Friday is an INSET Day and that students are not in school. They will return on Monday 7th July as normal after a slightly longer weekend. 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.

Number 11 bus - Kirk Hallam Inset Day- Monday 30 June 2025:

Kirk Hallam Academy have an inset day on Monday 30 June 2025 therefore the No.11 bus will not be running on this day. Students who use this bus will need to make alternative arrangements on this day. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

Sports Day 2025 – Thursday 3 July 2025:

Sports Day will take place on Thursday 3 July 2025. There is a traditional sports day in the morning and an inter tutor sports competition in the afternoon. Students must come to school in the correct PE kit. It is advised that shorts should be worn for all track events. Students will need suncream, a hat and plenty of drinks and snacks. Good luck everyone.

Inset Day – Friday 4 July 2025:

School will be closed to all students on Friday 4 July 2025 and will reopen on Monday 7 July 2025.

Year 6/7 Disco – Wednesday 9 July 2025:

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 still on sale from Mrs Surgey's office, the cost of the tickets will be £3. The £3 will entitle them to a drink and sweets.

Last day of term – Thursday 24 July 2025:

School will be closing at 1.30pm on the last day of term – Thursday 24 July 2025, 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.

Parking during School Drop-off and Collection times:

Please be aware that the parking spaces outside school are for staff only. Please refrain from using these spaces in the morning for drop-off or the afternoon for collection. Please also avoid the areas where the school busses are parking for collection.

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Change in PE Kit:

Please be aware that as of September 2025, the required PE top will be changing, initially for new year 7 students. Instead of a PE polo shirt, we are asking all parents to order the SJH PE sports top shown in the picture.

We will be phasing out the PE polo shirts for all students in school. If your child needs a new PE top, we kindly ask that you order the SJH PE sports top, they can be ordered any time throughout the school year.

This can be with or without the SJH logo and is available from Hamiltons and Morleys.



Priory / St Thomas Sports Days:

Miss Turgoose, Miss Burrows and Mr Ritchie would like to thank the following year 10s for helping at The Priory Sports Day and St Thomas' Sports Day as part of our transition events for the year 6s moving up to Saint John Houghton next year: Archie S, Sebastian F, Natalia L, Casey E, Orla B, Evie H and Samson M.

A familiar face in the older students helps our year 6s to settle into school easier when they join in year 7. We have had feedback from both schools about how your help on these days was truly appreciated (the Headteacher at St Thomas said the day would not have run as smoothly without you!).

Thank you once again!



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Careers updates:

Nottingham College Talk

Last Wednesday, Nottingham College were in school to deliver a presentation to Year 9 and 10 about their courses. It was great for students to have the opportunity to consider their Post-16 options. There were many students interested in the Nottingham College offer that was presented but even for students not considering Notts College, it was still a good starting point to consider what will be the best option for them. Charlotte also discussed College life, and the enrichment opportunities offered when at college.

Calling Parents and Former Students!

We are looking to give our Year 10 students an insight into a range of experiences within the world of work. The Careers department would like to put together a video montage of a range of parents and former students and what work looks like for them in their careers. If you are happy to contribute to this, please send us a 1-minute-long video of yourself and include:

- Your name (optional)
- When you studied at St John Houghton (if former student)
- What career you have chosen
- The positive aspects of your job (and any challenges you think would be appropriate to mention)
- What a normal day at work would look like

You give as little or as much detail as you want to share. Please send all videos to schooloffice@sjh.srscmat.co.uk.

This will be played in an Act of Worship, and we will use as many of them as we can fit into the time slot. We will possibly use them for 3/4/5 years before destroying the videos and you can withdraw your consent for the video at any point.

Derbyshire Golf Championships

The Derbyshire Golf Championships was held at Chevin Golf Club on Monday 28th April. We had three students taking part. Liam D came 9th, Charles A came 12th and Olly S came 47th. 71 golfers took part. Well done to all the SJH Students.

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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:

- Noah G
- Filip S
- Oscar T
- Amelia S
- Scarlett S
- Phoebe J



Chaplaincy:



SJH Reception

Can you name anyone in the photo? Please email Rachel with your answers: Why is this focus table set out in Reception? Would you and your friends like to support with setting this focus to gain positive points and share time with Rachel?

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Chaplaincy:

Your Mission was to share a meal with the people you love this week. Please email Rachel to let her know how you got on and you will be rewarded!

Next week our Word of the Week is: Missionary Discipleship. Could you find a way to put your faith into action this week to help others to encounter Jesus? Are you brave enough to do it?



Parish Ambassadors

Thank you to all the wonderful pupils and Saint Anne's Knitting Group who supported Race Night in Ilkeston last Friday. This was great fun! Please make sure you contact Rachel if you have not received your positive points! Could this be a future fundraiser we could offer in SJH? Could we use this night to raise money for Lourdes 2026? Please share your thoughts.

Thank you Craft Club:

Have you been to SJH Craft Club on Thursday lunchtime? Make a date in your diary to go! Thank you so much for thinking of me and spelling my name correctly! I love it.

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Chaplaincy:



Have you taken the time to visit our Mary Altar in Reception? Please do. My hope is that you will bring fresh flowers and Grace and Maisie will arrange them for you. I will pray for your intention. All welcome to contribute.

Have you thought of attending Lourdes in 2026 with Rachel and the Diocese of Nottingham? If we grow in love with Mary, you may hear her call. Please talk to Rachel about this wonderful opportunity.

Alton Castle



I was delighted to visit Alton Castle and Soli House this week to plan and prepare Retreats for SJH students in the future. Taking time to grow in faith is so important and I will share more news with you very soon.

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Ambassadors of HOPE



With thanks to Caitlin, Felix and Evie-Mae for being SJH Ambassadors of HOPE Team for SRSCMAT. This is such a privileged role in SRSCMAT and here in SJH we are most grateful for your hard work and effort and would like you to know you are in our prayers.

Felix, Evie-Mae and Caitlin will continue in post for 2025-26 representing SJH at the St Ralph Sherwin Mass in St Mary's Derby on July 1st and on the 8th July in a SRSCMAT meeting where they will lead prayer for Pope Francis and share a charity close to our heart: Missio. Look out for praise letters landing on your door mat, more thanks to our Admin team for their care and support.

Student Voice

Please note APOP means Annual Plan of Provision and I am putting together our Catholic Life Calendar. Would you like anything adding? Please email

rrose@sjh.srscmat.co.uk

How do you think Prayer Progression is working in SJH? Please email your thoughts to

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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
Maths	Hugh H	Kadie T	Joseph R	James G
English	Jack E	Matthew S	Mia P	Millie G
Science	Sophia V	Edan B	Geavanah F-H	Sebastian F
Theology Years 7 & 8 Religious Education Years 7,9 & 10	Willow B	Isla T	Amelia S-J	Shantelle T
Geography	Oscar B	Santiago R	Aaron E	Brianna M
History	Farleigh S	Jasmine H	Thomas G	Amelia A
Computing / Business	Imogen-Grace C	Ava M	Abigail B	<u>iMedia:</u> Violet R <u>Business:</u> Sophie L
Music	Penelope S	Nieve S	Kalma S-H	Dylan P
French	Mordecai K	Grace J	Evie B	Ellie-Mai R
Spanish	Florence A	James E	Isaac T	Natalia L
PE & Health & Social Care	Leila K	Fraser H-G	David B	Elena M <u>GCSE PE:</u> Caoimhe C <u>Sports studies:</u> Evie ON <u>H&S care:</u>
Design	Bailey C	Rosa-May S-S	Ava F	<u>DT:</u> Jack M <u>Engineering:</u> Anton C <u>Art:</u> Livvy-Jo S <u>Food:</u> Oliver 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 - Oscar B for his brilliant participation in 7A's act of worship.

Year 8 - Valentina H for always living out the school virtues.

KS4 Mr Ritchie:

Year 9 - Lucy S for being the highest virtue point scorer in the year group this term.

Year 10 - Bethany DR for being the highest virtue point scorer in the year group this term.

The Saint John Houghton Award:

Lois-Skye J in year 9 has been nominated by staff for this week's St John Houghton Award, she has been nominated for the respect she shows others and always following the Saint John Houghton way.

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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:

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