



**St Ralph
Sherwin**
Catholic Multi Academy Trust

SJH Newsletter

Compassion – Aspiration – Respect – Excellence – Determination – Faithfulness – Optimism – Reconciliation
Friday 6 June 2025



Headteacher's Introduction

A very warm welcome back to school following the half term break and to the latest edition of our Newsletter. I sincerely hope you were able to enjoy some time together as a family last week. I for one, cannot believe we are now in Pentecost II, the final half term of this academic year. Particularly since Christmas, the time appears to have flown by and we are now looking towards the end of the academic year. After today, there are only 33 school days left this year. Let's not count them, but make them count!

Our Year 11 GCSE exams continue many of them now only have 6 or so exams left. They have done remarkably well, and we are so proud of them. Keep going Year 11! For Year 10, their end of year exams are on the horizon and they should be revising now...

Important upcoming dates

Inset Day – Friday 4 July

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

Speaking of Year 10, we celebrated our annual Mass with Year 10 in school yesterday, with Father Paul, our Parish Priest and he was excellent. Thank you to all involved for your efforts in celebrating the Catholic life of our school through the holy Mass, the source and summit of our Catholic faith.

Earlier this week, our Year 10 students, who are preparing for their Duke of Edinburgh expedition were also 'in training.' We wish them well in the coming weeks.

The mood in school currently feels so positive and after a few rainy days this week, it looks as if the sun and warmer weather is on the way. Hopefully, this is reflected in the good things happening in our school, in what promises to be a busy, but enjoyable final half term of the year. 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.

Athletics club:

Athletics club is on Tuesdays 3.15-4.15pm, all years are welcome.

Year 8 Inter Tutor football:

On Thursday 22nd May, 5 teams took part in the Year 8 Inter tutor football. Congratulations to 8A who ran out winners in a close competition:

Tutor Group	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points
8A	4	2	2	0	10
8S	4	2	1	1	9
8J	4	1	3	0	9
8H	4	0	2	2	6
8C	4	0	2	2	6

Mr Warden

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Carousel in English:

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

May's Carousel Year 7 Leaders

Position	Name	Number of Questions
1	Elisia T	2798
2	Benjamin M	1643
3	Jake T	1087
4	Honey P	846
5	Farleigh S	728
6	Hanna D	533
7	Anthony M	490
8	Ayo E	467
9	Summer B	401
10	Amelia S	398
11	Filip S	354
12	Kulani	320
13	Ewan T	319
14	Eliza Z	279
15	Kobby A	266
16	Sofie C	259
17	Oscar B	245
18	Myles S	229
19	Amy-Grace W	198
20	Imogen-Grace C	165
21	Lily W	165
22	Noah G	150
23	Penelope S	134
24	Jack E	133
25	Evie P	130
26	Maia C	125
27	Elsie S	120
28	Caitlin C	113
29	James A	110
30	Emma S	108

May's Carousel Year 8 Leaders

Position	Name	Number of Questions
1	Jessica H	1043
2	Gabriella W	802
3	Ernest Y	756
4	Amelia W	753
5	Ethan C	721
6	Betsy R	687
7	Zach I	572
8	Charlie B	560
9	Donald C	551
10	Amelia-May O	495
11	Abigail W	491
12	Sonny L	472
13	Felix H	468
14	Evan D	357
15	Sienna H	318
16	Amelia C	294
17	Maisie J	280
18	Valentina H	219
19	James E	202
20	Skye G	185
21	Lucas M	180
22	Isla T	173
23	Ava-May H	172
24	Jasmine H	162
25	George W	161
26	Eleanor S	160
27	Daisy W	156
28	Cara J	128
29	Reggie R	120
30	Aleksandra S	115

May's Carousel Year 9 Leaders

Position	Name	Number of Questions
1	Kyrillos A	1350
2	Alexander M	952
3	Natasha G	651
4	Amelia S	586
5	Imogen K	513
6	Joseph A	507
7	Magdalena A	330
8	Kalma S	270
9	Lois-Skye J	258
10	Thomas G	230
11	Alfie S	205
12	Evie B	204
13	Alice C	202
14	Aaron E	192
15	Jacob F	175
16	Aaron V	165
17	Zain A	162
18	Finlay M	160
19	Jasmine T	140
20	Ellen T	127
21	Emil W	123
22	Lilly M	113
23	Roman-Axel R	113
24	Toluwanimi O	106
25	George Q	103
26	Ryan P	94
27	Sophie S	90
28	Finlay L	87
29	Peyton W	85
30	Jack T	84

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Carousel in English:

May's Carousel Year 10 Leaders

Position	Name	Number of Questions
1	Millie G	3096
2	Danielle M	2452
3	Natalia L	1910
4	Mishel C	889
5	Mary F	574
6	Isabella O	525
7	Joshua F	499
8	Charlie B	417
9	Paige B	378
10	Hollie Ann P	367
11	Hugo M	300
12	Stanley S	270
13	Julia H	241
14	Hallie B	225
15	Samson M	218
16	Ethan G	207
17	John G	182
18	Harry W	168
19	Sophie A	159
20	Ronnie A	157
21	Scarlett L	157
22	Amelia H	129
23	Kayla N	127
24	Nancy W	121
25	Kyra-Anne B	119
26	Bethany D	115
27	Miley S	115
28	Livvy-Jo S	114
29	Nieve C	113
30	Isla F	111

May's Carousel Year 11 Leaders

Position	Name	Number of Questions
1	Jayden H	4410
2	Amber F	1102
3	Toby D	900
4	David O	762
5	Tia A	761
6	Joanne S	715
7	Lewis L	685
8	Cherish R	535
9	Oliver E	527
10	Ava L	486
11	Marianna L	484
12	Olivia B	483
13	Ruby C	448
14	Amelia L	433
15	Finley H	433
16	Esma S	402
17	Molly P	349
18	Paul R	335
19	Niamh W	310
20	Delilah S	307
21	Harry G	306
22	Maja W	306
23	Ita F	287
24	Amber W	272
25	Isali F	267
26	Liberty M	266
27	Eliza F	248
28	Harriet F	244
29	Aimee M	241
30	William N	241

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Chaplaincy



'You are fearfully and wonderfully made.' Psalm 139:11-14

Here in Saint John Houghton we are blessed to have young leaders who go the extra mile. In a world where the 'selfie culture' is making our children obsessed with their physical beauty we forget what is really important - the true beauty of hearts and souls. Well done, Grace, it is a privilege to work with you and your friends because you have 'inquiring minds' so your learning will not 'fade away' and the time you have agreed to Chaplaincy will earn you positive points, an invitation to our Eco Garden Blessing and your actions are making our school family a better place. Thank you!

Faith in Action

Love one another. Love means doing what God has commanded...

2 John 1:6

And he has commanded us to love one another...

Thank you, Hanna for this wonderful box of happiness and powerful words to live by.



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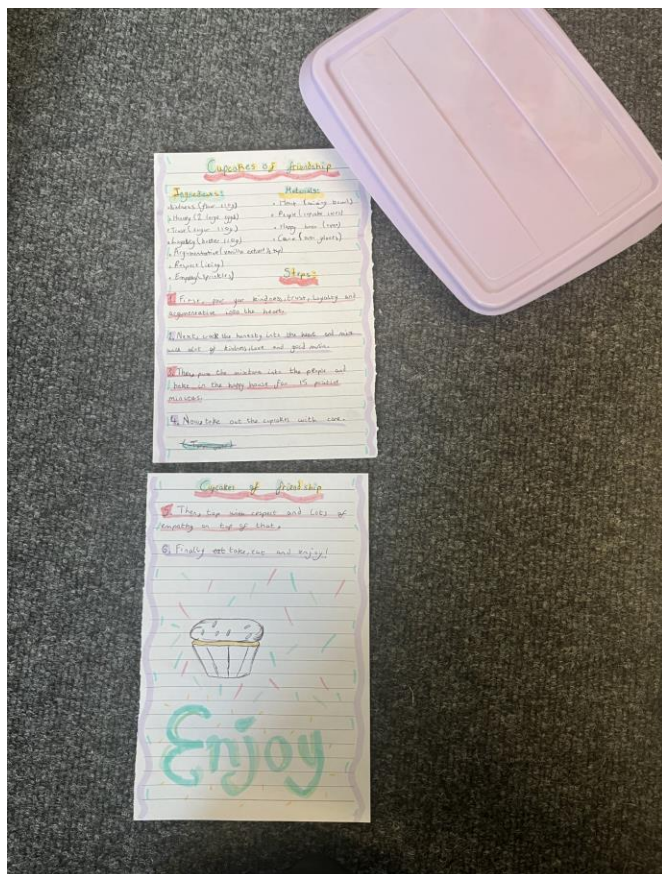
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CAFOD CLUB

All are welcome to join CAFOD CLUB Monday lunchtimes in the Chapel. We are putting together our Pilgrim Bike! 1 Peter 3:3-4 tells us 'Beauty comes from within' What is beauty? This is my favourite answer from an SJH student this week: 'Beauty is a little part of Jesus in our heart.'

As Catholic parents, carers, teachers, staff, we need to create safe spaces in our schools and liturgy groups where we can have some really deep and meaningful discussions about the things that really matter. I hope CAFOD CLUB is a beautiful space for you.



Faith in Action

Well done to all the students who have handed in their completed work! A special shout out to Imogen who has the gift to see beauty in everyday things and shares with all. Well done and thank you!



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CATHOLIC QUOTE OF THE DAY

May 23, 2025

“To be saints is not a
privilege for the few,
but a vocation for
everyone.”

– Pope Francis



Saints

Now here is a challenge! Please email Rachel the name of your favourite Saint and why rrose@sjh.srscmat.co.uk

You are wonderful! God doesn't create rubbish! God has created you because He wanted you. And you are in our school family! Please sit with that for 5 minutes and smile.

Positive points to all who do this and a trip to Beauvale for the best email.

First Holy Communion

Rachel will be attending Stapleford, Ilkeston and Eastwood Mass this weekend to support The First Holy Communion families. You are welcome. Parish Ambassadors please take the time to speak to the families and offer a helping hand. Special prayers for Hanna who will be making her First Holy Communion this weekend and we shall celebrate next week in school.

Beauvale 2025

With thanks to all who offered reflections on this year's Pilgrimage to The Beauvale Ruins. I joined the Beauvale Society on Tuesday evening, and they would like to thank all who made this Pilgrimage possible and supported SJH.

Parish Council

I am asking for Pupil Parishers to come forward to represent SJH on the Parish Council. Please see Rachel for more information. This is a privileged position but do pop in and chat to Rachel about this opportunity. Thank you.

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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

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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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