



**St Ralph  
Sherwin**  
Catholic Multi Academy Trust

# SJH Newsletter

Compassion – Aspiration – Respect – Excellence – Determination – Faithfulness – Optimism – Reconciliation  
Thursday 3 July 2025



## Headteacher's Introduction

Dear Readers,  
Thank you for joining us for the latest edition of our Newsletter and thank you for reading. I hope you have enjoyed the lovely weather we have been having, although I must be honest, many of us are pleased that the weather finally 'broke' yesterday and we have finished the week with slightly lower temperatures.

We have ended the week today with Sports' Day, the day of the year, where the sporting endeavours of our students are placed well and truly in the spotlight and it really is a chance to shine for some of our students. Sadly, I was not able to be in school today as I was attending the 'Bishops' Day' Annual conference in Nottingham.

## Important upcoming dates

**Inset Day – Friday 4 July**

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

I also had the privilege of attending the Saint Ralph Sherwin Pilgrimage Mass, which was held at St Mary's Church, Derby on Tuesday. It was a beautiful Mass and along with Rachel and six of our students, we attended the pilgrimage. The church is a beautiful building and as we got there so early, we were able to view the many stained-glass windows in the church, some of which are dedicated to the Derbyshire Martyrs. The church has a very special place in my heart as I was Best Man to my brother there some years ago.

I'd like to congratulate our Year 10 students who completed their first round of Mock Exams this week. They have conducted themselves beautifully during this time and they must be given enormous credit.

Tomorrow of course is an INSET Day so we will see the students again on Monday. More next week...

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

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# School News



## **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.

## **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 in the afternoon for collection. Please also avoid the areas where the school busses are parking for collection.

## **Headlice in school:**

We have been notified of a case of Headlice in school, we ask that parent and carers check their child's hair regularly and seek treatment if required.

## **Chewing gum in school:**

There has been an increase in students having chewing gum in school, chewing gum is not permitted, please kindly remind students this should not be brought into school.

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## **GCSE Examinations Summer 2026 - Early notice:**

GCSE Exams will commence on Thursday 7 May 2026 and conclude on Wednesday 17 June 2026. Wednesday 24 June 2026 is a National contingency day in the event of significant national or local disruptions to exams in the UK.

Please ensure that you do not arrange any appointments, personal events etc for your child during this period – Thursday 7 May 2026 – Wednesday 24 June 2026 - as missed examinations cannot be re-arranged and therefore not sitting a paper can significantly impact outcomes for students.

We hope this early notice helps you with planning - dates will also be on the School website:

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

## **Year 7 Sparx Reader:**

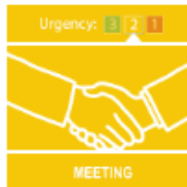
Year 7 are currently completing homework every week to achieve Sparx reader points and a chance of receiving the gold reader pass.

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

- Hanna D
- Maxwell O-A
- Isla F
- Noah G
- Penelope S



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## Webinar for parents, carers of SEND children - Keeping SEND youngsters safe online - Weds 9th July 1830h

Derbyshire Police Cybercrime Unit will be hosting a webinar on Wednesday 9th July at 1830h for parents and carers of SEND (Special Educational Need and Disabilities) children, which will include the risk of "sextortion" and also signposting to a wealth of appropriate, free resources.

We will attempt to record the session – if successful, we will share the link to the recording once it has been topped and tailed, and added to YouTube by our colleagues from the Comms Team.

If you are unable to make the date, these webinars will be repeated in the future – they will be advertised via Derbyshire Alert ([www.derbyshirealert.co.uk](http://www.derbyshirealert.co.uk)) and via our Facebook page, Derbyshire Police Online Safety

Wednesday 9th July at 1830 (45 min max)

To register for your free place, please email [samantha.hancock@derbyshire.police.uk](mailto:samantha.hancock@derbyshire.police.uk)

*\*\* The link to the meeting will be emailed out on the morning of 9th July \*\**

If you belong to a community group, Neighbourhood Watch, Business Networking group etc, and would be interested in an in person session or webinar, please do contact us to discuss [cyber@derbyshire.police.uk](mailto:cyber@derbyshire.police.uk) - we do not charge for these talks.

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## E-scooters – Know the law

### DID YOU KNOW?

It's currently **illegal** to ride a privately owned e-scooter in **any public place**.

### WHAT HAPPENS IF I'M CAUGHT?

Derbyshire Constabulary will **seize** the e-scooter and **dispose of it**, and the rider will be liable for **prosecution**.



E-scooters can only legally be used on private land with the owners permission. If stopped on a public road, pavement or cycle path - the scooter will be seized as part of a force wide crackdown under section 165A of the Road Traffic Act 1988. This means the scooter will be disposed of in line with force policy.

## E-scooters

## Did you know?

- ▶ It is illegal to use an e-scooter in public areas.
- ▶ Police can seize and dispose of it if caught.
- ▶ An e-scooter can only legally be used on private land with the owner's permission.
- ▶ Parents may also be liable for prosecution as well.

As we approach the warmer summer months, remember: officers who engage anyone using an e-scooter in a public place can seize the e-scooter, before sending it to be disposed after 14 days.



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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>