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COMPASSION – ASPIRATION – RESPECT – EXCELLENCE – DETERMINATION – FAITHFULNESS – OPTIMISM – RECONCILIATION

FROM THE HEADTEACHER



Friday 24th
April 2026

Important Dates:

- Year 7 Parents Evening
TBC
- During any Industrial
action, school closed
to Years 7,8,9 & 10 –
Open to Y11 every day.

Dear Readers,

This week has brought some warm spring sunshine that hopefully marks a turning point in the year. We are still Easter people and hope that the love of Christ will move all peoples to do the right thing. As Pope Leo has said this week in his trip to Africa 'with the grace of Christ, let us begin today to build a year of peace'.

Thank you for supporting the school whilst we navigate this difficult time. After much planning with my Senior Leadership Team, I have decided that we can remain open to all Year 11 during any remaining industrial action.

If you are a Parent/Carer of a Year 11 student then please respond to the email which was sent on Wednesday 22 April to support with this endeavour.

Next week school life will return to normal and hopefully the weather will stay on our side too.

Garde ta Foi! Guard your Faith!
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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.



Parking Reminder for Parents and Carers:

We kindly remind parents and carers that the staff car park is for staff use only, and should not be used for dropping off or collecting students during busier times. During the exam period our Invigilators also attend school which makes the car park area busier.



To help keep everyone safe, we ask that parents and carers drop off and collect students during the busier times, on other roads near to school using safe and considerate parking and not blocking driveways.

Thank you for your cooperation and continued support in helping us maintain a safe school environment for all.

Exam Invigilator Vacancies:

We currently have vacancies for Exam Invigilators to support our examinations. This role is ideal for someone reliable and organised who is looking to support students during exam periods. Full details and application information are available via MyNewTerm using the link below:

[Exam Invigilator at Saint John Houghton Catholic Voluntary Academy, Ilkeston, Derbyshire | MyNewTerm](#)

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Year 8 Sportshall Athletics competition:

On Thursday 16th April a team of Year 8 boys and girls completed at the Derbyshire School Sportshall Athletics Competition. There were 8 schools completing from all the districts in Derbyshire. It was a fantastic event with some excellent performance from our students. The girls team came in 3rd place and took the bronze medal. Well done all.



Dancing on the World Stage:

We are incredibly proud to celebrate a fantastic achievement! Jess T recently represented her dance team, Notts Hot Shots, competing with her team Reign at the World Championships.

Among more than 20 international teams, they progressed through to the semi-finals and finals, finishing an impressive 7th in the world. A truly outstanding accomplishment, well done!

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Well done to everyone for completing questions this term on Carousel!

Year 7

	Name	Questions
1	Sienna H	734
2	James H	516
3	Elijah T	479
4	Sofia D	423
5	Ollie C	390
6	Jasmine W	387
7	Reuben M	366
8	Noah G	331
9	Elize J	314
10	Noah G	303

Year 8

	Name	Questions
1	Benjamin M	1874
2	Harry F	1318
3	Kobby A	1050
4	Elisia T	1011
5	Honey P	773
6	Hanna D	545
7	Caitlin C	489
8	Penelope S	440
9	Nelly K	350
10	Scarlett S	344

Year 9

	Name	Questions
1	Kadie T	1250
2	Gabriella W	1233
3	Jayden L	756
4	Evie-Mae M	712
5	Amelia W	590
6	Jasmine J O	545
7	Eleanor C	406
8	Lucas M	401
9	Zach I	384
10	Elloise J	375

Year 10

	Name	Questions
1	Natalia L	1284
2	Danielle M	1275
3	Harvey B	673
4	Isla F	584
5	Paige B	534
6	Hollie Ann P	517
7	Isabella O	496
8	Evie H	482
9	Antonina L	432
10	Libby H	346

Year 11

	Name	Questions
1	Imogen K	1305
2	Robyn R	880
3	Lois-Skye J	528
4	Amelia S	477
5	Kalma S	421
6	Peyton W	396
7	Ruby D	390
8	Jennifer M	383
9	Charlie B	340
10	Daniel S	335

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Parish Ambassadors:

Thank you to Fr Paul for joining in prayer with all the Bishop's in England and Wales at 4.30pm last Sunday. It was a beautiful hour and a good opportunity for our Parish Ambassadors to grow in faith and friendship with God. Life is a gift. More thanks to Saint Anne's Knitting Group who gave the beautiful blanket to Fr Paul who will give it to a new baby to welcome them into the world. A new baby: a miracle from God, untainted by the world.

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BEAUVALE DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE

May 3rd, 2026

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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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-atschool/meals/school-meals/free-school-meals.aspx>

Link to School Calendar:

<https://www.stjohnhoughtonilkeston.srscmat.co.uk/news/calendar>

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DATES FOR THE DIARY

2025-2026 School holidays and Inset days:

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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2026-2027 School holidays and Inset Days:

Inset day 1	Friday 4 September 2026
Inset day 2	Monday 7 September 2026
Years 7 & 11 return to school	Tuesday 8 September 2026
All years return to school	Wednesday 9 September 2026
October half term	Monday 26 - Friday 30 October 2026
Inset day 3	Friday 27 November 2026
Christmas holidays	Monday 21 December 2026 – Friday 1 January 2027
February half term	Monday 15 – Friday 19 February 2027
Inset Day 4 (Trust)	Monday 22 February 2027
Easter holidays	Friday 26 March – Friday 9 April 2027
May half term	Monday 31 May – Friday 4 June 2027
All years finish school	Friday 23 July 2027
Inset Day 5	Monday 26 July 2027