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

FROM THE HEADTEACHER



Friday 19th June
2026

Dear Readers,

It has been so good this week to have all our pupils back in school and this continues next week – with another full week of timetabled lessons.

On Thursday evening Year 11 pupils and staff enjoyed celebrating their time at St. John Houghton CVA by attending the Prom at Morely Hayes. A lovely time was had by all. We wish all our Year 11 students and their families the best over this extended summer break.

This week sees the end of our School Captains campaign, with elections this Friday morning. I want to express my sincere thanks to the Year 10 pupils who have put themselves forward for this position – all of whom are a credit to the school and their families.

Good luck to our Year 10 Duke of Edinburgh students, as they embark on their qualifying expedition walk. Many thanks to our SJH staff who are supporting this event and giving their time so that this experience can go ahead.

With England winning their first World Cup game and a super busy week in school it will be good to pause over the weekend – *'come to me... I will give you rest'* Matthew 11:28

Garde ta Foi! Guard your Faith!
Mrs Christina Hartharn
Acting Headteacher

Important Dates:

22 June 2026 – Year 7
parents evening

Industrial Action days:
29 June, 2 & 3 July 2026
6 & 10 July 2026
14,15 & 16 July 2026,
further information to
follow next week regarding
potential opening for
different year groups.

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excellence,
guided by Christ'

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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.



Leadership of St. John Houghton CVA Update:

Since February 23rd 2026, I have been leading St. John Houghton CVA as the Acting Headteacher, which as the Deputy Head is part of the role and responsibility of this post. Mr Brogan continues to support the leadership of St. Benedict's in Derby. I am in close contact with Mr Brogan and have the full support of SRSCMAT and the new CEO Lisa Walton in my role as Acting Headteacher. The current situation is expected to last until the end of the summer term and will then be reviewed, in light of the needs of each school.

Trust restructure/industrial action information:

Please see below link to the Trust restructure/industrial action information page where updates will be posted:

<https://www.srscmat.co.uk/news/restructure-industrial-action-information/>

Vacancies:

We are currently recruiting for a Teacher of Maths to join our school, please click on the below link for further information:

<https://mynewterm.com/jobs/137908/EDV-2026-SJHCVA-02191>

Water Bottles:

Please can you make sure that your child comes to school with a water bottle as the temperatures increase over the next few weeks. We have several locations throughout the school where students can fill their bottle with a choice of room temperature or chilled water.

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Message from Derbyshire Police:

We have been asked as a school along with other local schools, to share the below information with parents/carers:

“The police are getting quite a lot of Anti Social Behaviour being reported around Kirk Hallam shops, just off Queen Elizabeth Way. Groups of school children are hanging around in the area, going into the shops causing a nuisance, kicking footballs against shop windows, annoying shop staff and customers.

The police are working with the shops to identify who are causing the issues.

The police have asked, as parents/carers, can you please remind your children about appropriate behaviour in the community, that there are cameras and people with phones everywhere and those involved are being identified and dealt with. Any anti social behaviour of this nature has a significant impact on local businesses and communities.

Any anti-social behaviour needs to stop. Police are doing regular patrols in the area and will speak to the people causing issues.”

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Rolls-Royce Careers:

'Discover: Behind the Scenes' is a 4 day, in-person experience giving you a rare look inside one of the most enduring and iconic brands in the world. Running in Derby across two summer options, this experience is ideal for students interested in a career in engineering or in business.

What you'll be doing

This hands-on experience gives you the chance to:

- Find out more about Rolls-Royce
- Collaborate on a team project, from initial challenge to final professional presentation
- Develop key skills through workshops focused on employability and personal growth including future-ready skills such as teamwork, communication, problem-solving and professional confidence
- Experience real-world engineering and innovation through hands-on activities
- Connect with current apprentices through networking sessions and Q&As
- Get practical advice on applying for future opportunities at Rolls-Royce

Where & when?

Derby Learning & Development Centre (DE24 9BD)

21-24 July *or* 11-14 August (open to current Year 11 and Year 12 students)

Who can Apply?

If you're currently in Year 11 or Year 12. No specific subjects or prior experience needed but you must be able to attend the full 4 days on-site in your chosen location (including travel if you're not local)

Before applying, you'll need to complete the 'Future Ready Skills' module on our virtual work experience platform, *Discover: On Demand*, you can access the platform [here](#)

This will require creating a free account. The module is called 'Future Ready Skills' and it will take between 45 minutes and 1 hour to complete. You'll then receive a certificate of completion, which you can download directly from the *Discover: On Demand* platform under the "My Achievements" section.

You'll need to upload this certificate as part of your *Discover: Behind the Scenes* application

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Note: we're not able to support you with expenses for accommodation. However, if you would like to speak to us about helping to cover local travel expenses or if you have any questions, please contact DiscoverEmergingTalent@Rolls-Royce.com.

If you're interested in applying, you can find more information and submit your application here: [DERBY](#)

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YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT

Do you need support with work or learning?

Are you aged between 16-24?

Move on Events!

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OUR TEAM OFFERS SUPPORT WITH :

- Employment opportunities
- Training and qualifications
- Apprenticeships
- Volunteering
- Wellbeing support
- Employability skills
- Careers advice and planning
- Skills building
- Confidence and motivation

Move on Events!

NEXT STEPS CAREERS FAIR
(Connecting you with local jobs, courses and opportunities – all in one place)

- Monday 27th July : 1pm – 4pm
Swadlincote Adult Education Centre
- Tuesday 28th July : 1pm – 4pm
The Quad, Chesterfield
- Wednesday 29th July : 1pm – 4pm
Cotmanhay and Ilkeston Adult Education Centre

NEXT STEPS DROP IN SUPPORT
(drop in with the YES team for support post exam results or next step planning)

- Monday 24th August : 11am – 4pm
Swadlincote Adult Education Centre
- Tuesday 25th August : 11am – 4pm
The Quad, Chesterfield
- Thursday 27th August : 11am – 4pm
Ilkeston Library

OUR LOCAL MOVE ON EVENTS IN

Chesterfield Hub Derbyshire Adult Community Education
The Quad, Dock Walk
Chesterfield, S40 2GQ

Erewash Hub Cotmanhay and Ilkeston Adult Education Centre
Bennerle Avenue
Cotmanhay
Ilkeston, DE7 8PF

Ilkeston Hub Ilkeston Library
Market Street
Ilkeston, DE7 5RN

Swadlincote Hub Swadlincote Adult Community Education Centre
Rink Drive
Swadlincote, DE11 8JL

Access local training and job opportunities, as well as a range of services to address wellbeing support needs.

CONTACT US :

PHONE : 01629 539720

TEXT : HUB to 86555

EMAIL : youth.hub@derbyshire.gov.uk

VISIT : www.derbyshire.gov.uk/yes (scan QR code)

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UKMT Junior Maths Challenge 2026:

We were delighted to see 40 students from our school take part in this year’s UKMT Junior Maths Challenge on Wednesday 29 April 2026, demonstrating enthusiasm and resilience in tackling a range of demanding and thought-provoking problems.

We are incredibly proud that 23 of our participants were awarded certificates in recognition of their excellent performance. A special congratulations goes to Isabella F, who achieved a Gold certificate and was named Best in School, an outstanding accomplishment. Well done to all students who took part for representing the school so positively and embracing the challenge with such determination.

Year 7	Certificate
Liam B	Silver Best in Year
Sofia A	Silver
Charlie J	Silver
Archie P	Silver
Antonella B	Bronze
Victoria A	Bronze
James H	Bronze
Reuben M	Bronze
Noah S	Bronze
Avanna F	Bronze
Noah H	Bronze

Year 8	Certificate
Isabella F	Gold Best in School
Finlay W	Silver
Ayo E	Silver
James A	Silver
Imogen-Grace C	Silver
Hanna D	Silver
Bethany R	Bronze
Willow B	Bronze
Oscar T	Bronze
Jack E	Bronze
Bailey C	Bronze
Dylan L	Bronze

Here is an example of a previous Junior Maths Challenge question for you to try for fun!!!!
 Five different numbers are written in ascending order. D 26 The mean of the first four numbers is 5. The mean of the last four numbers is 7. What is the range of the numbers?
 A 2 B 4 C 6 D 7 E 8

Derbyshire Schools Athletics Championships:

On Saturday 13 June we had 2 athletes take part in the Derbyshire Schools Championships at Moorways Stadium, Derby.
 Isabella F took part in the 100m, there were 4 heats of very strong opposition. Isabella came 2nd in her heat and made the final. She had a good run in the final finishing in 7th place. She also took part in the junior girls' long jump, which saw a field of 31 girls, she jumped really well and finished in 8th place. She was also competing against girls in year 9 so well done to Isabella.
 Summer B took part in the junior girls’ hurdles and long jump. Summer smashed both events and took gold medal in both. Summer will now be representing Derbyshire next week in the Mason Trophy competition. She has also been asked to take part in the shot put at that event. Summer is now hoping to qualify for English Schools in July. Well done, Summer.



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Belated News:

Diocese of Nottingham The Beauvale Pilgrimage 3rd May 2026

In honour of the Beauvale Martyrs
Saint John Houghton & St Robert
Lawrence



Bishop Patrick welcomed all to this special Mass. Clergy, Religious, Parishioners, Students, Staff, gathered to pray.

‘Faith of our fathers! Living still in spite of dungeon, fire and sword; Oh how our hearts beat high with joy where’er we hear that glorious word! Faith of our fathers! Holy faith! We will be true to thee till death! We will be true to thee till death.’

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Thank you to all who made this Pilgrimage possible. The Beauvale Society, Fr Paul, Staff and Team Chaplaincy.

- Thank you to all the SJH families who 'Guard their Faith.'

Be strong in faith and
give your hearts.
Hold close the
blessings God
imparts. Defend the
truth in all you say
and share the love of
Christ today.

- O Holy Robert, Holy John, Beauvale is bless'd for what you've done. You wear the martyr's crown with pride and live forever at God's side.
- Words: Canon Paul
- Music: Alan Wilson



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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:

Last day of term Inset Day 5 – school closed to all students	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