

NEWSLETTER

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

FROM THE HEADTEACHER



Friday 10 July
2026

Important Dates:

Inset day – Thursday 23
July 2026 – school closed
to all students

September 2026 return to
school dates:
Tuesday 8 September 2026
– Years 7 and 11 only in
school
Wednesday 9 September
2026 – all Years in school

'Inspiring ambition and
excellence,
guided by Christ'

Telephone:
0115 9322896
Email:

schooloffice@sjh.srscmat.co.uk

Dear Readers,

I do hope you have all had chance to read the letter sent today by Lisa Walton our SRSCMAT CEO – Good news for us all that the proposed strike days this term have been cancelled.

Despite the hot weather we have been busy this week and lots of Key Stage 3 students and their parents/carers joined us on Tuesday evening to celebrate their successes in and out of the classroom. Many certificates were given out and the applause was well deserved

Year 8 activity week begins next Monday, and we wish all the students and staff accompanying them well. Lets hope the weather is good but not too hot so they can enjoy all of outdoor activities in full.

Our biannual World Challenge trip begins next Thursday. Students and staff are off to Cambodia on a trip of a lifetime. We all look forward to the photos.

Lastly, good luck to England on Saturday night – as Pope Francis said "*Sport is a means to express one's talents, but also to build society. Sport teaches us the value of fraternity.*"

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

NEWSLETTER

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.



September 2026 return to school dates:

Friday 4 September 2026 – **Inset day – school closed to all students**
Monday 7 September 2026 – **Inset day – school closed to all students**
Tuesday 8 September 2026 – **Year 7 and Year 11 only in school**
Wednesday 9 September 2026 – **All year groups in 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/>

Vacancy:

We are currently advertising for a permanent/part time Cover and Administration Assistant to join our school, please see below link for more information:

<https://mynewterm.com/jobs/137908/EDV-2026-SJHCVA-33125>

SAFEGUARDING

NCA Guidance to Parents: Children's Images Online:



AI is being used to turn ordinary photos of children into sexual abuse material. The National Crime Agency and Internet Watch Foundation have issued new guidance to help parents make informed choices about sharing images of their children online. It covers reviewing privacy settings, revisiting consent with your child as they grow, and what to do if you're worried.

The parent's guidance can be found here: <https://www.iwf.org.uk/resources/ai-child-abuse-imagery-parent-guide>

NEWSLETTER

SCHOOL NEWS

DuoLingo:

Well done to all students that have been using DuoLingo consistently this year to improve their language learning.

We held a rewards breakfast in MFL this week to celebrate the excellent dedication, and effort students have shown in maintaining their DuoLingo Streaks. One student has an amazing DuoLingo streak of 1259 days!

Well done to all the students involved and thank you to Mrs McMylor for organising the event.

Big Congratulations:

Congratulations to Summer B in Yr 8 who represented Derbyshire Schools Combined Events Midlands Championships. The junior girls' team which Summer was part of won but Summer was also individual champion. Summer will now go on to the English Schools in final in September.

Well done Summer!



English Schools Golf Competition:

On Wednesday 8th July, Charles A, Liam D and George Q proudly represented Saint John Houghton at the English Schools Golf Competition at Woodhall Spa. This was after qualifying by winning the Derbyshire Schools competition.

It was a fantastic event, with a very high standard of golf throughout. The team performed brilliantly, finishing in a tied 8th place nationally. A special congratulations goes to George Q, who achieved an outstanding 3rd place in the individual standings.

Congratulations to Charles, Liam and George on a fantastic achievement. We are incredibly proud of you all!

SAINT JOHN HOUGHTON CATHOLIC ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER

CHAPLAINCY

Congratulations:

On behalf of our Saint John Houghton Family and SRSCMAT may I take this opportunity to congratulate our Faith in Action Award students:

GOLD

Ava L, Lucy S, Matilda G and Evie-Mae M

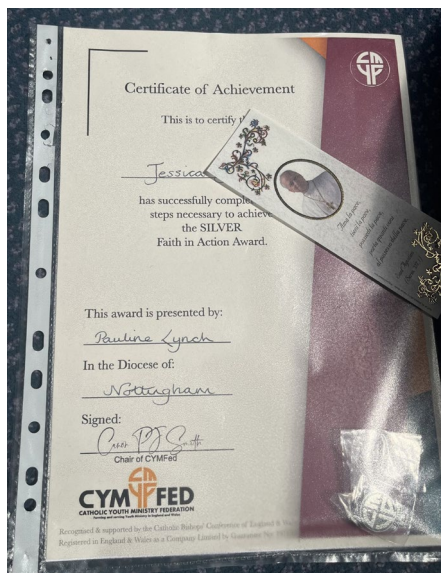
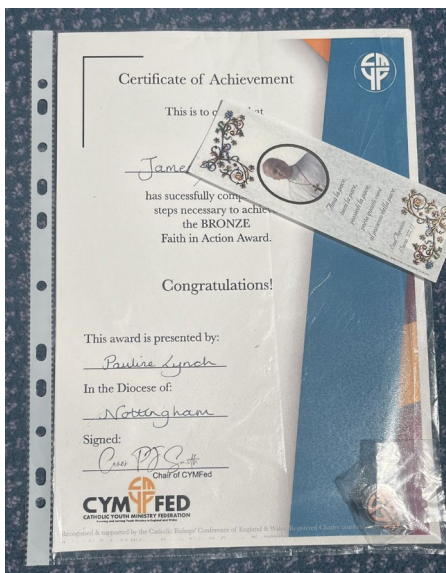
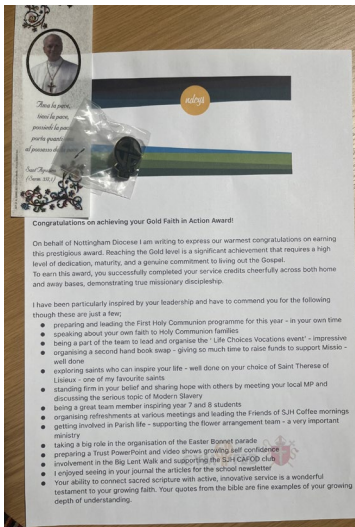
Silver

Thayonita R and Jessica S

Bronze

James A

Well done and thank you for 'Guarding Your Faith.'



'Inspiring ambition and excellence, guided by Christ'

Telephone: 0115 9322896 | Email: schooloffice@sjh.srscmat.co.uk

NEWSLETTER

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>

NEWSLETTER

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
--	-----------------------

NEWSLETTER

DATES FOR THE DIARY

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