

NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE HEADTEACHER



Friday 17 July
2026

Dear Readers,

Important Dates:

Last school day:
Wednesday 22 July 2026 -
finish at normal time
3:15pm

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’

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This week saw the departure of the World Challenge trip on Thursday morning from Manchester airport. We wish the students and staff - Mr Warden and Mr Poland best wishes for their adventures.

Year 8 are finishing their residential Activity week trip and by all reports are having an amazing time. We look forward to hearing about their week on Monday.

Next week sees the last week of this academic year and we will be having sports day on the last day. So please bring water, a hat and suncream as the majority of the day will be spent outside. It will be Year 10's last sports day so I think there will be a competitive edge to the events!

Lastly – it unfortunately isn't coming home. We should be proud however of the way our England footballers represented their country and worked as a team in the face of adversity. As Pope Leo said in June, Football “helps us to remember something very important: that life is not a race to be run in solitude; it is something played as a team, and we must learn to run together”

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



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

Sanitary products:

We have an excess of sanitary products in school, if any students wish to collect some to take home, please ask them to come to reception, they will be given out discretely.

PE NEWS:

Congratulations:

To Summer Biggs in Year 8 who took part in the English Schools athletics Championships. Summer won the Shot put for the Junior girls throwing a massive personal best performance. Well done, Summer.

Wanted:

As you may be preparing to buy new PE kit over the summer, if you have any that your child has grown out of, please consider donating this to the school. We always have students who need to borrow kit.



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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