

NEWSLETTER

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

FROM THE HEADTEACHER



Friday 11
September 2026

Important Dates:

**Year 7 photographs –
Monday 14
September 2026**

**Open Evening –
Thursday 24
September 2026 –
school closing at
1.30pm**

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guided by Christ'*

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Dear Parents/Carers,

A new academic year brings us back together again. We have welcomed back all our students and have been catching up on news and events in their lives. A special welcome to all our Year 7 Parents/Carers who are joining our community for the first time. Year 7 students have been an absolute credit to you all this week and have begun to settle in and found their way around with increasing confidence.

We have welcomed our new staff: Miss Deakin and Mrs Begum in the Maths Department and Miss Allinson who joins us in our Learning support team.

As a staff body we are already preparing for our Open Evening on the 24th September, and I hope that some students will volunteer their time to help us with that event. It is always the students of St. John Houghton that make the difference and receive the most compliments.

This weekend also sees the last Sunday that Fr Paul Neman will be with us as our Parish priest before he moves to Mansfield. We wish him well and thank him for his tireless support of St. John Houghton. We will be welcoming our new Priest Fr. Liam Carpenter to school as soon he arrives.

As this Sunday is Education Sunday in the Church we are reminded that our school is place where children can grow, learn, pray and acknowledge the presence of Christ as they discover their vocation in life.

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.



Year 7 photographs – Monday 14 September 2026:

Year 7 will have their individual and tutor group photographs on Monday 14 September, please ensure students are in full correct uniform.

SJH open day Thursday 24 September 2026 – school closing at 1.30pm:

We shall be holding our annual Open Evening for Year 5 & Year 6 students on Thursday 24 September 2026, 3.30-6pm, therefore school will be closing at 1.30pm on this day. The school buses are aware and will be collecting students who use the buses at 1.30pm.

Black V neck jumpers:

As the weather has started to turn cooler, students will be allowed to wear black V neck jumpers if they wish to, they must be worn underneath their blazers, blazers must be worn at all times.

SJH is a phone free school:

If students have a phone in school, it must be kept in the school bag at all times and must be turned off

If students break this rule, it will be confiscated and handed in to reception.

The student will be issued with an After School Detention for 30 minutes.

On the first occasion it can be collected it from reception by the student. On the second time and further times it can only be collected by parents or carers.

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The new Lanyards in school:

This week in school, all students have been issued with new Lanyards. This supports safeguarding in school and also the new school focus this year in terms of Behaviour and Attitudes.

The focus will be on punctuality to lessons, uniform and appearance in school, manners and out of lesson behaviour.

All students have a new conduct card which will be signed by staff if students are more than 5 minutes late to lesson, fail to wear their uniform correctly or display poor behaviour out of lessons. 5 signatures will result in an afterschool detention.

The Lanyard also has the students timetable to enable them to know where they should be during the school day.

The Lanyards must be worn at all times in school and failure to bring one in will result in an afterschool detention.

KS4 Geography:

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Open to all GCSE Geographers
Y10 and Y11

Tuesday lunchtimes
HU1

- Subject support
- Homework
- Targeted Revision



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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

2026-2027 School holidays and Inset Days:

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 year's finish school	Friday 23 July 2027
Inset Day 5	Monday 26 July 2027