

NEWSLETTER

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

FROM THE HEADTEACHER



Friday 18
September 2026

Important Dates:

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

**Year 7 meet the tutor
evening – Wednesday
30 September 2026 –
3.45-6.15pm,
information has been
sent to parents/carers**

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excellence,
guided by Christ’

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Week two of term and we have welcomed our new Cover Supervisor – Miss Awor to the team.

On Thursday this week we invited our Year 10 students to apply for the positions of Senior Students. The Pastoral and SLT team at school look forward to reading everyone's applications in the next week or two.

All the staff are looking forward to Open Day and many thanks to all the students who have volunteered to support the school next week. Open evening will start at 3:30pm and close at 7pm. I will be giving a talk at 4,5 and 6pm.

As making choices seems to be a theme this week - we might want to pray:

Dear God,

I come to You today because I need Your wisdom. I am facing a choice, and I want to make the right one.

Please clear my mind of worry and confusion. Give me the discernment to know which path leads to Your peace and goodness.

If I need to act, give me courage. If I need to wait, give me patience.

Order my steps and let Your peace be my guide.

Please have restful weekend.

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.



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, 3.30-7pm, 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.

Open Evening



Saint John Houghton

Catholic Voluntary Academy

We'd love to welcome you to Saint John Houghton.

At Saint John Houghton Catholic Voluntary Academy, we are proud to offer a welcoming, inclusive community where every student is encouraged to thrive. **We can't wait to meet you and your family.**

- ✓ Good (Ofsted)
- ✓ Good Catholic Schools Inspection
- ✓ High expectations for all
- ✓ Focus on students' moral and personal development



St Ralph
Sherwin
Catholic Voluntary Academy Trust



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**For current Year 5 and
Year 6 students**

**Thursday,
September 24th
2026**

3.30pm - 7pm

Headteacher's talks at 4pm,
5pm and 6pm



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No.11 bus service – 8/10/2026:

As Kirk Hallam Academy are closing early on Thursday 8 October 2026 due to their open evening, the school bus will not be available on this day to take students home, alternative arrangements will need to be made on this day, we apologise for any inconvenience caused.

Parking near school:

We kindly ask that parents and carers do not block our neighbours driveways and park considerately when dropping off or collecting students. We also ask that parents/carers do not park in the staff car park as this can cause an obstruction to the school buses.

Uniform and appearance reminder regarding nails:

- No nail polish
- No gel nails
- No acrylic or false nails
- Natural nails only

Year 11 Geography field trip – Friday 25 September 2026:

Y11 Geography students will be heading out on their field trip on Friday 25th September, please read the letter for all the important details, along with lunch, travel arrangements and what to wear on the day.

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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School choir:



Saint John Houghton

SCHOOL CHOIR

Do you love to sing? Want to be part of a fun and welcoming group?
Come add your voice to our choir!

No Experience Necessary ●
Everyone Welcome ●

TUESDAY LUNCH

In the Music Room

Mr Quenby will give you an early lunch pass if needed

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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