

NEWSLETTER

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

FROM THE HEADTEACHER



Friday 25
September 2026

Important Dates:

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

Year 10 & 11 Post 16 Options Evening – Tuesday 6 October 2026 – 3.15 – 5.15pm

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guided by Christ’

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**St Ralph
Sherwin**
Catholic Multi Academy Trust

Dear Parents/Carers,

Today, our Year 11 Geography students are out on their Geography field trip to Dovedale and Ilkeston town centre as part of their course. We are glad the weather stayed nice for them and that they enjoy this important trip to support their Geography studies.

A huge thank you to the students who stayed to help with Open Evening yesterday, they were a credit to school. It was lovely to welcome so many families to have a look around our school and see the great things we do. Special mention to Lois SJ in Y11 who spoke in the Headteachers address to parents/carers about what life is like at SJH. A reminder that the closing date for September 2027 Year 7 applications is **Saturday 31 October 2026**, parents/carers need to apply through their own Local Authority.

A warm welcome to Miss Goodwin who has joined the admin team.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming our Year 7 parents/carers to their first Meet the tutor evening on Wednesday 30 September 2026.

Our annual Year 10 & 11 Post 16 options evening is being held on Tuesday 6 October 2026, this is a great opportunity for students/parents & carers to meet with different Post 16 providers whilst they start to think of where they would like to go once their journey with us ends after Year 11.

Wishing all the SJH family a 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.



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.

Year 9 Boys Football Team:

On 23rd September, the Year 9 Boys Football Team played Kirk Hallam in the first round of the National Cup.

The boys got off to a great start- fizzing the ball around at a pace the Kirk Hallam team couldn't deal with. Early chances fell to Ewan; Jasper and Dexter, and the Kirk Hallam goalkeeper had to be on his toes.

Eventually Reuben broke the deadlock with a tap in after an unbelievable free kick from dead ball specialist Ayden - someone who has really stepped up and made the CM position his own.

What followed was a well fought 20 minutes or so, but the Saints were always in control.

Jacob made it 2-0 with a nice calm header into the roof of the net.

Man of the match was Reuben who played like an in-form Stuart Pearce closely followed by Ayden who resembled prime Pirlo!

The boys now face Repton in the second round!

Team - Oscar T, Seth B, Ewan T, Charlie D, Ayo, Leo M, Dexter B, Jasper M, Jacob H, Reuben H and Ayden P.

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SJH

Post-16 Options Fair

at Saint John Houghton CVA

Tuesday 6th October

3.15 – 5.15pm



Year 11 and 10 students are once again invited to attend the Post-16 Options Fair. Parents are welcome to accompany. There will be representatives present from a range of local colleges, sixth forms and training providers. They will have stands with information on their offer and they will be available to answer questions. Our school careers advisor will also be present for any questions you may have.

Confirmed providers in attendance this year so far*:

Friesland School Sixth Form, Bilborough College, Heanor Gate, George Spencer, Steven Gerrard Academy, Kirk Hallam Sixth Form, The University of Derby, The Kimberley School Sixth Form, Derby College, Nottingham College, The Royal Navy, Born to Perform Academy, Derby County Community Trust, Education and Semi-Professional Football Academy, Trinity School, Wilsthorpe Sixth Form

*The above providers have all confirmed their attendance but any last-minute absence will be out of our control

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KS3 Geography:

**EXPLORE
DISCOVER
LEARN**

**PEOPLE
PLACES
PLANET
POSSIBILITIES**

**KEY STAGE 3
GEOGRAPHY
CLUB**

**EVERYONE
WELCOME!**

**AMAZING
PLACES**

**REAL WORLD
ISSUES**

**FUN ACTIVITIES
AND DISCUSSIONS**

Thursday

LUNCHTIMES

IN HU1

WITH MRS ETIENNE

**GEOGRAPHY
SHAPES
TOMORROW**

**SMALL CHANGES |
MAKE A BIGGER WORLD**

**Different
people
Brighter
places**

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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