

NEWSLETTER

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

FROM THE HEADTEACHER



Friday 16
October 2026

Important Dates:

**GCSE Mocks week 1:
Monday 19 October
2026**

**The Year 7 Admissions
deadline for 2027 is 31
October 2026 – Please
remember to make
your choice by this
date. More
information from
[Schooloffice@sjh.srsc
mat.co.uk](mailto:Schooloffice@sjh.srscmat.co.uk)**

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 11 begin their GCSE Mock exams on Monday next week and we wish them well. In their student briefing this week I spoke to them all about the rules and regulations surrounding formal examinations. The main information being what cannot be brought into the exam room. – mobile phones, any Bluetooth device, written notes and that they need to have a clear water bottle with no label.

Sporting fixtures have really taken off this term, with girls' football in Barnsley on Wednesday and the boys in Year 9 in Chapel- en- Le- frith on Thursday. It is great to see so many sports fixtures with our students representing the school – the PE Dept will keep us posted on their successes!

As we approach the last week of this term – Advent 1 – it is a surprise to feel that we have already had 6 full weeks in school. I know we are looking forward to the half term week, but we still have plenty of learning to do before next Friday!

This week also saw the news about Pope Leo's health. We will be praying together, as catholic communities are, that he makes a speedy and full recovery. *"We pray that the Holy Spirit – the Comforter, Healer and Giver of Life – will sustain him in the days and weeks ahead, and that his recovery will be swift and complete"* Amen

Have a restful weekend .

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

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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.



Term dates and inset days for the 2027-2028 school year:

Please see below link to our school website with the 2027-2028 term dates and inset days, please note there is one further inset day to be set:

<https://www.stjohnhoughtonilkeston.srscmat.co.uk/parents/term-dates/>

Year 7 tutor group and individual photographs:

The Year 7 tutor group photographs have arrived and been given to students who ordered them, the individual photographs have not arrived yet, they will be given out as soon as they arrive in school.

Curriculum Recovery:

As lessons were disrupted in the Pentecost term 2026 – we have published our curriculum recovery plans on the school website:

<https://www.stjohnhoughtonilkeston.srscmat.co.uk/curriculum/curriculum-overview/>

PSHE & RSE:

As part of our PSHE curriculum we cover Relationships and Sex Education (RSE). If you would like to know more about the resources that we use, please see our website (link below). St. John Houghton Catholic CVA follows the Nottingham Catholic Diocese prescribed RSE resource called TEN:TEN. Parents can access these resources by following the link in the parent letter on the website. If you have any questions about RSE then please contact schooloffice@sjh.srscmat.co.uk

<https://www.stjohnhoughtonilkeston.srscmat.co.uk/curriculum/subjects/#1635955221907-4c6375de-7fbb>

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Charity Bake Sale

CHARITY BAKE SALE

HELPING A GREAT CAUSE!

8A CHARITY BAKE SALE

WEDS 21st OCTOBER | **HU1 BREAKTIME**

CASH ONLY

PRICES RANGE FROM 50p - £1.50

FRESHLY BAKED GOODS

DON'T MISS OUT! GET YOUR SWEET TREATS & SUPPORT 8A!

DELICIOUS CUPCAKES & MORE

All proceeds go to charity.

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U14's County Cup - Departure

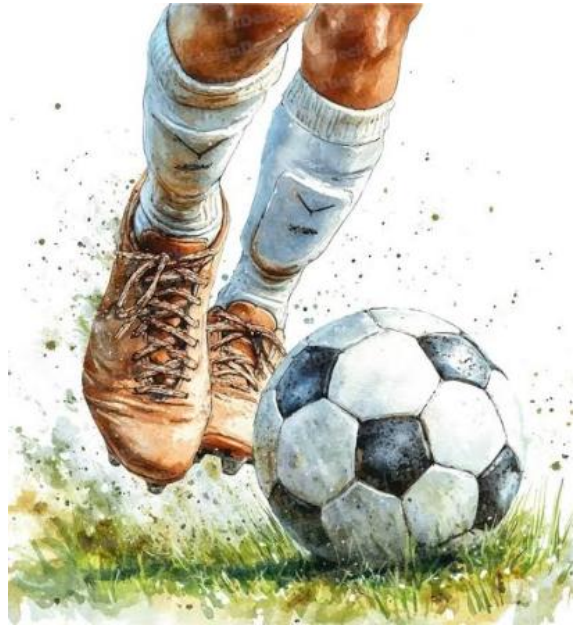
On Wednesday, the under 14s girls football team travelled to Kirk Balk Academy in the county cup.

The team faced a tough, physical and aggressive opposition and unfortunately struggled to break through their strong defence.

Despite the challenges, the girls continued to battle until the final whistle. Unfortunately, with no shots on target and five goals conceded, the team came away with a 5-0 defeat.

🌟 **Player of the Match: Betsy B** 🌟

For making countless saves including a penalty. Well, Done!



SJH v Repton:

The Year 9 boys were sadly knocked out of the National Cup by Repton School. For the first 30 minutes, the game plan worked wonderfully, but after 3 controversial penalties the boys' heads dropped and it opened the flood gates.

We out matched them physically, but they were a bit quicker to the ball and better in certain positions and as a whole team. Stand out performances were from Seth B and Jasper M. The boys are still in the Regional Cup so have more games to come.

Players- Oscar; Seth; Ewan; Reuben; Danny; Charlie; Aydan; Dexter; Jasper; Michal; Jacob; Ayo; Josh and Logan.

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ROLL OF HONOR

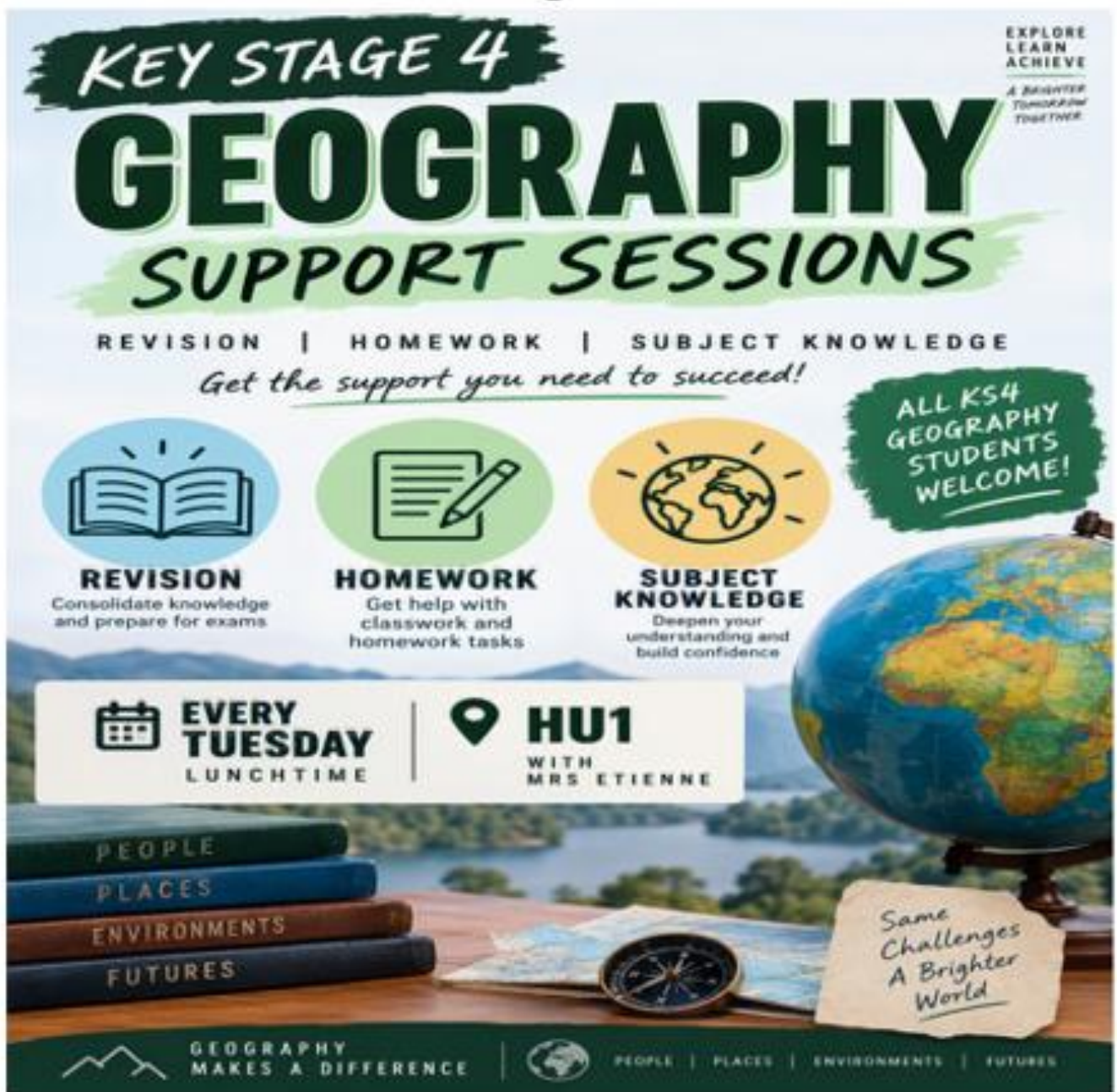
Curriculum Leaders have recognised the following students for their hard work in their subjects. Well Done!

Subject	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Maths	Oliver A	Christopher M	Ava G	Billie-Mae J	Sami S
English	Shanna C	Sienna H	Lydia-Mae W	Esme Rose C	Jennifer M
Science	Jesse T	Kauan O	Adelaide G	James E	Darcie C
Theology / RE	Freddie A	Bradley M	Sasha B	Skye G	Charlie B
Geography	Teddy L	Iris A	Joseph ER	Jack W	Jack T
History	Renly C	Lyla L	Oscar T	Jasmine H	Robyn R
Music	Aoife D	Avanna F	Evie P	Joseph F	Quinn D
Computing / Business	Megan B	Jessica B	Florence A	<u>iMedia:</u> Ava P <u>Business:</u> Reggie R	<u>iMedia:</u> Finlay M <u>Business:</u> Yanna DS
MFL	<u>French:</u> Luke C	<u>Spanish:</u> Sofia A	<u>Spanish:</u> Lauren M <u>French:</u> Charlie L	<u>Spanish:</u> Aleksandra S <u>French:</u> Matilda A	<u>Spanish:</u> Matilda G <u>French:</u> Amelia SJ
PE / Health & Social Care	Clarissa D	Molly F	Isla F	<u>PE:</u> Ava-May H <u>GCSE PE:</u> Lucas L <u>H&S Care:</u> Phoebe S	<u>PE:</u> Matilda C <u>GCSE PE:</u> Jacob F <u>H&S Care:</u> Imogen L
Design	Patrick P	Tiwalade S	Una D	<u>Engineering:</u> Jacob O <u>Art:</u> Bella BH <u>Food:</u> Sienna H	<u>DT:</u> Kyrillos A <u>Engineering:</u> William J <u>Art:</u> Ava F <u>Food:</u> Joshua B

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Geography:



KEY STAGE 4

GEOGRAPHY

SUPPORT SESSIONS

EXPLORER
LEARN
ACHIEVE
*A BRIGHTER
TOMORROW
TOGETHER.*

REVISION | HOMEWORK | SUBJECT KNOWLEDGE

Get the support you need to succeed!



REVISION
Consolidate knowledge
and prepare for exams



HOMEWORK
Get help with
classwork and
homework tasks



SUBJECT KNOWLEDGE
Deepen your
understanding and
build confidence

**ALL KS4
GEOGRAPHY
STUDENTS
WELCOME!**



**EVERY
TUESDAY**
LUNCHTIME



HU1
WITH
MRS ETIENNE

PEOPLE
PLACES
ENVIRONMENTS
FUTURES

Same
Challenges
A Brighter
World

 **GEOGRAPHY
MAKES A DIFFERENCE** |  **PEOPLE | PLACES | ENVIRONMENTS | FUTURES**

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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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Ilkeston Army Cadets:

OPEN DAY ATTRACTIONS
DEMONSTRATIONS
GAMES
TOMBOLA
JUMBLE SALE
TEA, COFFEE & CAKES

EXPERIENCE NEW ADVENTURES
GAIN NEW SKILLS

ACHIEVE RECOGNISED QUALIFICATIONS
MAKE NEW FRIENDS



OPEN DAY:
Saturday, 14th November 10:00 - 14:00
Ilkeston ACF detachment
Cadet centre 29 Albert St
Ilkeston DE7 5GU

APPLY ONLINE AT: WWW-ARMYCADETS.COM



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Ilkeston Air Cadets:



WE'RE RECRUITING!

348 (Ilkeston) Squadron RAFAC



**Also recruiting
adult
volunteers!**

For young people in Year 8 and above:

**Develop lifelong skills and forge lasting friendships:
there's something for everyone at 348!**

Find out more on our website:



ilkestonaircadets.com

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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