

NEWSLETTER

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

FROM THE HEADTEACHER



Friday 9 October
2026

Important Dates:

Flu vaccinations:

**Wednesday 14
October 2026**

GCSE Mocks week 1:

**Monday 19 October
2026**

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excellence,
guided by Christ'

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Dear Parents/Carers,

This week our Year 11 Food and Nutrition students have been completing their mock GCSE's, these have gone really well and will put them in good stead for the actual GCSE exams.

Thank you to all the Year 10 & 11 parents/carers and students who came to the post 16 options evening on Tuesday, this is always a popular event and it was good to see so many of our students talking to the providers that were here and really exploring all the options that are open to them, it was a very packed hall!

Today we have had our first Mass of the school year with our Year 7 students, supported by Miss Bailey and Joe McCay our Chaplain. Father Liam led Mass and Year 7 took part with both enthusiasm and reverence. We look forward to working with him over the coming year.

On Monday some of our Year 11 Health and Social Care students will be heading out of school to visit a local primary school, this is always something that both our students and the primary schools enjoy.

We now have only 2 weeks left of this half term, it is hard to believe how quickly the first half term has gone by and I am proud of how our students, new and old, have settled back into school after the summer break.

I'm sure we can all feel that the days are now getting shorter, however the weather has remained kind and we hope this continues into the half term break.

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.



Flu vaccinations 14/10/2026:

Flu vaccinations for all year groups will be on Wednesday 14 October 2026 in school. Consent forms have been emailed to parents/carers directly from the Derbyshire Immunisations team. If you have any queries or have not received an email, please ring 03333 583 397 choose option 5. School are not able to help with any queries regarding the vaccinations.

School vacancy:

We are currently recruiting for a permanent, full-time Behaviour Support worker to join our school, for further information please click on the below link:

<https://mynewterm.com/jobs/137908/EDV-2026-SJHCVA-33034>

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/>

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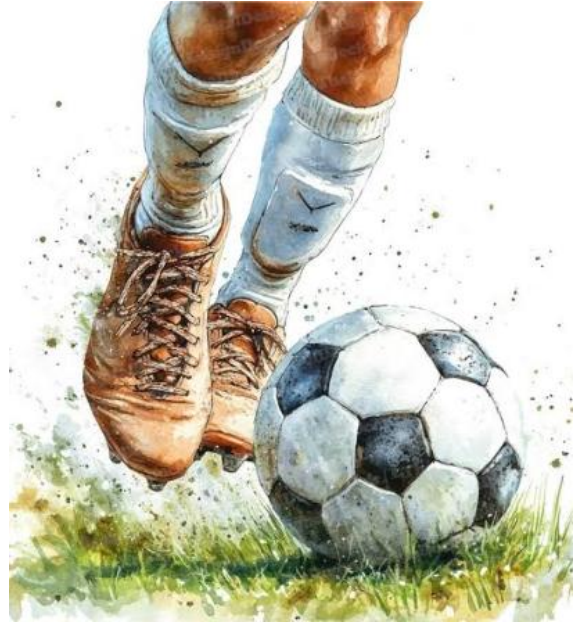
SCHOOL NEWS

U13 Girls - County Cup win!

A fantastic start to the campaign for the under 13 girls football team, with an incredible 7-0 win against The West Grantham Church of England Secondary Academy.

A great team performance, goals scored by Erin P (1), Grace T (1), Clarissa D (3) and Iremide O (2). Player of the match went to Clarissa D for scoring a hat-trick on her debut.

The team are successfully through to the next round of the county cup. Well, done team!



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Post-16 Options Fair 2026

On Tuesday 6th October, we held our annual Post-16 Options Fair for KS4 students. There were over 20 local Post-16 providers represented, including colleges, sixth forms and alternative training providers. There was an excellent turnout of Year 10/11 students and parents. It is fantastic to see that our KS4 students are thinking about their future pathways and planning their crucial next steps. The visitors praised the politeness of our students and commented that they had many good conversations about planning ahead.

Following on from this evening, we really encourage our KS4 students to attend as many Open Evenings/Days as possible at prospective colleges. Year 11 have been given a list of these dates in registers but if anybody would like another copy, please let Mr Riley know. Ensure you check whether you need to sign up to the event before attending.

Upcoming events:

Trinity Sixth Form Open Evening 5-8PM :

15th Oct

Derby College 5-7PM :

Roundhouse: 15th Oct

Broomfield: 21st Oct

Joseph Wright: 22nd Oct

Nottingham College 5-7PM :

High Pavement: 15th Oct

Highfields: 14th Oct

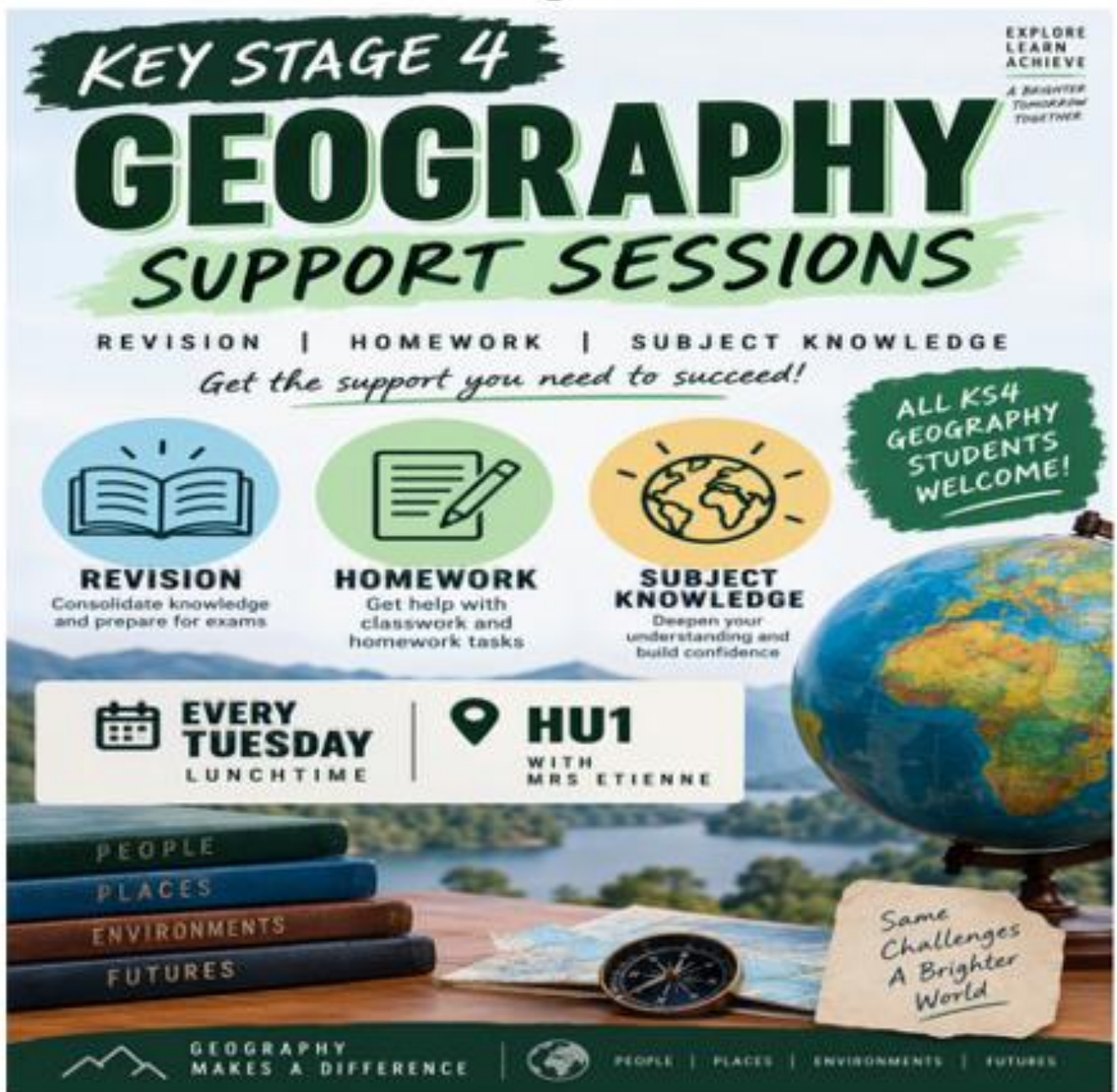
Basford: 13th Oct



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Geography:



KEY STAGE 4

GEOGRAPHY

SUPPORT SESSIONS

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

GEOGRAPHY MAKES A DIFFERENCE

PEOPLE | PLACES | ENVIRONMENTS | FUTURES

Same Challenges A Brighter World

EXPLORE
LEARN
ACHIEVE
A BRIGHTER TOMORROW TOGETHER

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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