A Summer Blessing
May you walk with God this summer in whatever you do, wherever you go.

Walking with God means walking with honesty and with courage, walking with love and respect and concern for the feelings of others.

May you talk to God this summer and every day and in every situation.

Talking with God means praying words of praise for the beauty of creation. Saying prayers of thanks for friends and good times, asking God's help in all your decisions expressing sorrow when you have failed.

May you talk with God every day. Amen. - Author unknown

Welcome to Summer Term

Summer uniform
Students have the option of wearing their summer uniform to school this term. If they wish to do so they must wear a polo shirt with the school logo visible and must wear their blazers to school.
Golden Jubilee Celebrations
We are all working hard in preparation for our Golden Jubilee Mass on Friday 10 July but there are still many activities taking place currently.

50th Celebration Rome Bike Ride update.

Well following an exciting draw during the act of worship on Wednesday 3 June the teams have now been finalised. Team captains will be meeting their teams over the next week to discuss strategies and practice programs. The final teams are:-

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These teams will be riding the 1280 miles over the 2 day school mission on the 9 and 10 July for charity. The group would like to raise £1 for every mile cycled so please support the groups over the next few weeks through sponsorship if possible for this very strenuous task.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the students of St John for putting their names forward I had 134 names put forward from all year groups. I would like to continually thank DE7 Fitness for their continued support for this event.

In January you will recall that our tutor groups made a series of pledges to raise money for our charities as part of our Jubilee year. 10CC need your help.

10CC’s pledge
For the Teenage Cancer Trust:
As part of 10CC’s pledge our aim is to raise money by holding a book sale. There will be a variety of books to choose from which will suit everyone’s taste and interests. The cost of these books will range from only 10p to 40p. This book sale will take place at lunch time on the 15 June to the 20 June. We feel that reading is important to the school as it boosts knowledge and vocabulary and we encourage you to take part in this charity event. All money raised will be donated to the teenage cancer trust.

All book donations would be gratefully received. Thank you Evie Taddeo and Amy Emmerson.
Saint John Houghton Golden Jubilee Celebration Ale

As part of the Jubilee Celebration, Saint John Houghton has been working with Peak Ales located in Bakewell Derbyshire to provide a very special one off 50th Celebration bottle and brew. This will only be available for one night only and all proceeds will go to our chosen charities. The brew has been made using fuggles and goldings hops with a hint of honey to make a nice light summer ale with an AVG of 4.6%.

The celebration bottle and brew will be available after the celebration mass on Friday 10 July for one night only, at a price of £3.00 per 500ml bottle.

Saint John Houghton would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone at Peak Ales who have made this possible.

Please note there is a limited supply of the 50th Celebration Ale, as the brew run has been limited to make this especially for the celebration event.

Tickets for the Amazing 1965 music show are now on sale! They can be bought from the music department or Reception. All tickets are priced at £5. There is a limited number of tickets available and will be sold on a first come first serve basis.
50 at 50 for Alex

Like our school, I celebrated my 50th birthday this year. To mark the milestone, and in memory of our friend Alex Read, I have pledged to run a series of races totalling 50 miles.

I started with the Derby 10k in April and will finish with the corresponding event in 2016.

I have already competed in the Carsington 7+, which was a gruelling 12.5km run around Carsington reservoir in May (ok, I admit I walked up a few of the really steep hills), so I have covered just over 14 miles so far.

The next race on my schedule is the Ramathon, a half-marathon, on Sunday 7 June. It starts at the iPro stadium, heads out via Alvaston to Shardlow, through Ambaston, around Elvaston Castle and returns along the river to Pride Park.

This will take me to roughly 27.1 miles and just past the half way mark.

After this, I have a break before the Great South run in October (10 miles), and then the Heanor Pudding 10k in November (6.25 miles). By this stage, I will have covered 43.4 miles.

Next April, the final race will be the Derby 10k which, at 6.25 miles, will take my tally to about 49.6 miles.

I’ll find the other bit somewhere.

As I stated above, I am running this in memory of Alex, and to raise money for the Bone Cancer Research Trust.

I have a just giving page at - www.justgiving.com/50at50forAlex.

I will also create an account at school for cash, cheque or online donations.

Please support this special cause.

Thank you

Mr Long

Learning Resource Centre

Refurbishment of the LRC took place over the holiday with the installation of new benching and 12 new computers. We are delighted with the outcome and are pleased to develop this essential Learning area.
Chaplaincy News

Rachel’s heroes of the week: Matthew Shepherd and Leah Edge.

News from the Briars
Mr John Morgan has retired from the Briars staff. He is settling well into his new pad. Rachel is making a ‘memory book’ for John and would welcome any of your stories to be included. Please hand them into the school office. Last Saturday night Mrs Doczyminska and Rachel attended the Mass of Celebration for John, it was a wonderful joyful occasion and an opportunity to catch up with old friends and past teams. Mr Morgan gave Saint John Houghton a special mention and said he will always have a place in his heart for us.

10EM are supporting The Briars open day on Sunday 5 July. The Open Day starts with Mass at 1.00pm all welcome.

You can follow the 150 mile Briars Big Bike Ride @NDCYS and show your support.
Cannons is back at St Mary’s Derby Wednesday 22 July see Rachel for more information.

Team Chaplaincy Stars:
Rachel would like to thank 7KF for the warm welcome on Monday. Theodore Shelton and Daisy Lee deserve a special mention for leading and supporting the Tutor AoW.

Year 9 Gentlemen

Michael Hatton, Oscar Tatham, Ethan Harnett, Joseph Haley, Joshua Boott and Elliott Shawcross showed strength of character and gave service before self. Rachel would like to thank you for your help with collecting items for Emmanuel House. If you would like to join the Year 9 lads on a trip to Emmanuel House to deliver the goods and meet the staff please ask Rachel for details.
Oasis Team Recruits

During Act of Worship on Tuesday Mrs Doczyminska and Rachel led the Oasis Team launch for 2015 - 16. Rachel would like to thank Leah Edge and Matt Shepherd for sharing their thoughts and inspiring others. More thanks to Anna Bowley, Amy Emmerson, Lewis King and Lewis Siara who have taken the Oasis Team values into their daily lives.

Year 9 2015 - 2016 please think about joining the Oasis Team, pray about joining the Oasis Team and then write your letter of application to Mrs Doczyminska and Rachel and ask a member of staff to write a reference for you, all letters of application and references must be handed in by 10 June 2015 3.00pm. If you have any questions or concerns please see Rachel for advice. You will receive a letter from Rachel on 19 June and training will begin on 30 June. Saint John Houghton need you on the oasis Team, you will have fun and make new friends.

Rachel would like to thank Mrs Julia Palmer for her support to SJH this week.

Year 11

I am praying a decade of the Rosary for you each morning. You are not on your own during the exams. Parents and students are invited to pray for all our pupils sitting exams.

The Lord will guide you continually, watering your life when you are dry, and keeping you healthy too. So don't get worked up about what may or may not happen today, let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. Lord, bless and protect these children during their exam, Amen.

Can you help?

Cloths used in the course of the Eucharistic celebration are to be treated with care and respect. Linens should be beautifully made finely made. Liturgical law requires three separate linens are used, symbolising the burial cloths of our Lord on the altar. Rachel is talking in school about the care and preparations of these cloths and asking if anyone in the community has any sewing talents and gifts to help provide SJH with new altar linen.

Many people in our local community follow the example of Jenny Cook in Ilkeston who prepare the altar linen. It is not an easy job. Jesus would observe the life going on around him as he walked the streets of Palestine, the woman making bread, the woman searching for the lost coin, the shepherd and his flock. Jesus would be filled with wonder as he saw seed sprouting into life. Jesus is still walking with us, Matthew tells us, 'I will be with you always, to the end of the age,' and we know wherever there is the smallest gesture of genuine love, He is there because love comes for God. Washing is taken in, to wash, clean, dry, iron for them to be soiled again, washed again, dried again, and ironed again. All these acts, repeated thousand times over, making up the fabric of beautiful hidden lives, the wonderful lives of humble people who know that to love is to endure, beyond weariness. The kingdom of God is like a woman who spends her whole life turning dirty washing into clean washing, not through the power of some miracle detergent, but through the miracle of love, given every day. It is up to us to follow Jesus footprints through the thousands of little things that constitute a fruitful existence if they are to be nourished by this love.

Your help to provide Saint John Houghton with altar linen would be very much appreciated.
Mr Curtis and the English Department would like to praise the following students for making more than expected progress so far this year.

Year 7

Year 8
Martyna Popek, Grant Fenton, Darren Drury, Ben Langfield, Sophia Murphy, Kia Winfield, Joshua Calonge, Grace Law, Erin Nelson, Ellin Retallick, Deborah Banks, Charlotte Ball, Catherine Oliver and Annie Doherty.

Year 9

Well done to all these students. Keep up the excellent work.

**Computing**

Years 8 and 9 have been putting their creative skills to good use by designing creating games in Scratch and Kodu. Students who did particularly well are:

Year 8 - Lucy Summers, Cavan Lane and Christian Harrison.
Year 9 - Oscar Tatham, Harry Scarisbrick-Dixon, Christopher Austin, Harry Wilshaw, Jade Charlton and Shannon Arnold.

**Business**

Mrs Boddice has been busy on Twitter this week passing on revision and exam tips to Year 11. For revision tips, ideas and news students can follow us @SJHBusinessComp. Also our Business Interactive package can now be accessed from the website. See Mrs Boddice for login details.

**FRENCH GCSE Speaking Assessments - Year 10**

The speaking assessments will be taking place on Thursday 18 and Friday 19 June. Students are busy preparing their answers. Plenty of practice is really important!

Mrs Jinks would like to say well done to the Year 9 students who have recently done a speaking assessment. Congratulations in particular to the following who excelled themselves: Hayden Hefford, Jake Gaskin, Elizabeth Ward, Sean Keogh, Ethan Buttigieg, Charlie Sewell, Clara Roberts, Ella Powell, Meghan Murphy, Anna Pancisi, Milly Dorman and Simon Goodwin.

All of a flutter!
Now that summer’s almost here, butterflies are appearing in greater numbers. Some people are a bit shy of ‘getting into’ wildlife as there are so many confusing species out there, but with butterflies, there are only seventy species tops in the British Isles – and only about sixty of those regularly breed here, so it’s quite possible to get to know them all!

Naming some is easy. There’s a small white one called... the Small White! There’s a large white one called... the Large White! There’s another white one which lives in the woods... the Wood White, oh, and then there’s that brown one which lives in meadows... you’ve guessed it – the Meadow Brown! They’re not all that easy though!

Butterflies fall roughly into three groups...the ‘wanderers’ – these will turn up in your garden (especially if you have a Buddleia, or ‘butterfly bush’!). Next are the ‘specialists’ – these only occur in places which suit their particular needs (for example Purple Emperors in ancient oak woodland or Chalkhill Blues on southern limestone grassland). Thirdly, there are the ‘rarities’ – visitors from other countries, for example the Clouded Yellow, which flies to Britain from the continent in small numbers most years. Perhaps once a decade, Clouded Yellows will appear in a few thousands and very rarely, perhaps once every couple of hundred years, they will occur in hundreds of thousands or millions. One such ‘Clouded Yellow Year’ was in the 1940s, when ships in the English Channel found themselves lost in a ‘fog’ of millions of bright yellow butterflies!

Butterflies are fascinating because their life is split into four completely different stages: Ovum (egg) – Larva (caterpillar) – Pupa (chrysalis) – Imago (butterfly). From the egg (which is tiny and conveniently laid by its mother on the correct food plant), hatches the caterpillar. This is basically a pair of jaws with a stretchy bag behind – its one purpose in life is to eat and eat, gathering the material to build a butterfly. When it has grown big enough, the caterpillar sheds its skin to reveal a pupa. In this form it might spend from a few days up to several months (depending on the species and the time of year) and inside the entire body of the caterpillar breaks down into a kind of ‘soup’ which rearranges itself into a completely different creature – a butterfly! Just as the caterpillar has only one purpose, so has the butterfly – to disperse (move around) and find a mate to breed with.

Their bright colours and fascinating lifestyles (caterpillars which live underground in ants’ nests, eating the baby ants?!) make butterflies a great subject for study – and the search for rarities can take you to wonderful places. Even their names are fascinating – the Small Pearl-bordered and Silver-washed Fritillaries, the White-letter, Green, Black and Purple Hairstreaks, the Duke of Burgundy and the Chalkhill, Holly, Mazarine and Silver-studded Blues – all conjure up images of magical creatures – and in reality, these species are even more wonderful! Make the most of the summer months and check ‘em out – but be careful, you may well become a lepidopterist (look it up)!)

C Haley

Thank you for taking the time to read the letter. It is wonderful that you take such an active interest in the life of our Academy. Please continue to keep our Year 11 students and their families in your prayers as they continue with their examinations. We are so proud of them. Next week we are delighted to welcome an Olympic Gold medallist to the Academy and welcome back our Year 8 students from Glaramara.

Let us hope the nice weather continues.

Yours sincerely

[Signature]

Mrs Joan McCarthy
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