God who created me, you offer me new life through your Son and through the gift of your sacraments. While I see new life all around me, I don't always recognize the new life you offer me.

Help me to grow this Lent in an awareness of the gifts you place in my life and in a greater appreciation for your care.

Give me the courage to ask for help.

Amen

Dates for your Diary

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Trust News

Thanks to Mr McLafferty, Mrs Bell and Mr Gray for joining us at school this week for their meeting with the Leadership team and the Governing Body. We are grateful for their support.

Saint John Houghton has a mind to be kind

We would like to recognise William Cullum, Shannon Lambert and Millie Gregory who have been spotted in school for being kind.
Hello everyone, can I first thank everyone who took part in the Lent Service last night. I know more than most how much we have to rehearse and how much time is needed to make sure everything is a success so Thank You!

Well done to Rachel who did a fantastic job organising the whole thing and to Mrs Artiss who lead the liturgical choir. I really hope that you enjoyed the service.

Mr Carr lead our House Act of Worship this week regarding Mental health. The message was, Mental Health issues are usually hidden from people but is just has important as physical health. Mr Carr is also launching an Anti-stigma group and encourages people from all houses to be an Anti-stigma champion.

I would like Romero House to be well represented so if you feel you could be a positive role model in school and would like to take on leadership duties please see Mr Carr for more details.


One more week before we break up for Easter so let’s keep up the hard work!

Mr Quenby

‘Aspire not to have more, but to be more.’

Oscar Romero

Another week has passed and we are very close to hitting our Easter Holiday and well earned rest. Behaviour, conduct and attitude has been outstanding across the House and everyone is demonstrating a positive attitude in and out of the classroom.

I would like to congratulate the Year 11 pupils who have not only shown an excellent attitude to their Mock exams, but are now becoming more and more focused as their actual GCSE’s come closer.

Thanks to Mrs Riley’s Tutor group who produced an excellent Act of Worship on 'courage' and 'standing up for what is right’, based on Josephine Bakhita. Everyone in the Tutor was involved and it was very thought provoking.

Finally, I would like to congratulate Madison Iwasiuk, Grace Morrell, Luke Boyce-Poyser, Lily-May Ward, Ellie-Grace Johnson, Danny Barnby, Myles Dorn, Samuel Beardsley, Hannah Dennis, Callum Moir, Ethan Edwards, Katie Fitzpatrick and Martha Helliwell who finished in the Top 40 last week for positive points, well done!

Have a great weekend.

Mr Thomson
Firstly, I would like to thank Mr Carr for his Act of Worship on Wednesday regarding the launch of the Mental Health Anti-Stigma group. I know we have some fantastic young people in Kolbe House that would be ideal for undertaking this opportunity for supporting and raising awareness of such a vital topic, I look forward to discussing this in more detail with some of you over the next few weeks. Letters are in Emmaus.

A couple of House Shout Outs....

I would like to welcome Alice Sault-Bates into Year 7. I hope that you are settling into your tutor group and enjoying life at SJH.

Also huge congratulations to swimmer Julia Rucinska who has qualified for the British and National Summer Championships through competing with Derby Swimming Club, training 8 times a week shows a massive amount of commitment and everyone in Kolbe House wishes you the very best, let us know how you go!

1000 positives points

The following students have all achieved over 1000 positive points since September, a phenomenal achievement and testament to their dedication to not only their learning in lessons but also the wider school community through getting involved with Liturgies, choir, sporting activities and more!! Keep it up!

Nellie-Mai Archer, Rosie Dudley, Sian Wadey, Caitlin Hawley and Erin Hosker.

One week to go Kolbe.......

Mrs Conlon would like to thank the following students for working particularly well and making a fantastic effort in the classroom: Michael Stenson, Mackenzi Wood, Oskar Biurkowski and Kyle Magdaleno.

Millie Gregory, Lewis Hallam, Holly Hinds, Chloe Large, Makysmilian Liszka, Simeon Manning and Lauren Robinson went for a walk down to Straw's Bridge on Tuesday to complete their photography portfolio as part of their final unit of coursework for iMedia. Walking around the ponds as the sun tried to break through the clouds and the geese and swans kept following, the students put their practical skills to good use snapping up pictures using composition techniques such as Rule of Thirds and Leading Lines whilst also getting broad range of landscape and macro shots.

Photos by Holly Hinds
We are currently trialling ‘Tassomai’ in maths at the moment, so pupils have spent time on Tassomai this week, but our Top 3 This Times Tables Rockstars are:

1. Grace Sims with 6798 points
2. Lewis Gooding with 77 points
3. Nellie-Mae Archer with 30 points

Really impressed you kept up your Times Tables rocking over the holidays! Well done Year 7! 5 positive points have been added onto Go4Schools.

Poetry in motion
I am delighted to announce that students from our school have had their poems published in anthology called ‘Poetry Escape’.

The pupils all entered a competition and the ‘best’ poems were selected to be part of a large poetry collection across a number of schools.

The pupils with published work are: Ina Aboagye, Oscar Smith, Luke Boyce-Poyser, Olivia Curzon-Manners, Bella Little and Novia Burton-Naylor.

Well done everyone who took part

Mr Thomson

Miss Turgoose would like to say well done to Myco Villaver and Oliver Brown for reaching their end of year 11 targets on their B9 respiration test recently!

Miss Turgoose would also like to congratulate Errin Checkley, Charleigh Derbyshire, Marie Kryzbelle Estanda, Frederik Hinds-Williams, Libby McKentie, Sophie Newton, Harrison Powell, Jince Saju, Alfi Stringfellow and Liam Ward either achieving or exceeding their end of KS4 target.
School Lottery update

Many thanks to everyone who has signed up for the school lottery so far. It only costs £1 per week and the more people that are signed up, the greater the weekly prize money.

There are currently 88 people signed up which means every week someone from our school community wins at least £30.60. Everyone entered is also in with the chance of winning a weekly £25k jackpot.

At the moment the lottery is generating £50 a week towards PTA funds which is great. Please spread the word.

https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/saint-john-houghton-academy

Last week’s winner was: Rita Porter winning £30.90 Well done!

Thank you for taking the time to read the Friday Letter this week. Our Lent liturgy was a lovely prayerful experience and I am grateful to Rachel Rose our Lay Chaplain for all her work in organising this event.

Well done to our Year 11 pupils who sat their Art exam this week. One more week left of this term to go.

Wishing you a restful weekend

Best wishes

Mr McCarthy
Headteacher

Mr Gritton
Executive Headteacher
Easter Egg Tombola

When: Monday 8th April

Where: At break time outside the LRC

30p for a ticket - £1 for a strip of tickets

Winners numbers will end in a 0 or a 5

Easter nest cakes will also be for sale at 30p each

All proceeds will go towards the Dementia Revolution for Miss Pearce’s London Marathon fundraising

If you would like to directly sponsor her, the link is:

https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fundraiser-
**MORLEYS**

**NEW OPENING HOURS**

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