

Friday 5 April 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

I am delighted to write to you to as we head in to the Easter Holiday season. The Spring Term has been busy but nevertheless a rewarding term for our pupils with lots exciting activities taking place. To keep up to date with all that's happening in school please follow us on social media ([@SJBC London](#)) and read the latest edition of the [Bosco Times](#) on our website.

SLT Drop-In Surgeries

Next term we are introducing Friday morning SLT drop-in surgeries. These will run from 9.00 am-10.00 am and will provide parents with an opportunity to pop in to the school, without prior appointment, to meet with a member of the school's Senior Leadership Team to discuss any general matters relevant to the school. These meetings are not designed for discussion of personal matters relating to individual children but will hopefully provide an additional channel of communication for parents to contribute to and share ideas with staff to help with school improvement.

Friday Morning Mass

Every Friday morning at 8.10am we hold Mass in the school chapel. This is open to all members of our school community, and parents are particularly welcome. If you would like to attend this Mass, please come to our Main Reception by 8.05 am and you will be able to join staff and students in the Chapel for our weekly celebration of the Eucharist. No prior booking needed!

Feedback on Progress

We held our second set of PPEs (pre-public examinations) in March and you will be receiving an update on your child's progress in those exams shortly. Pupils have been given feedback on how to improve in their different subject lessons and are now studying for the next set of assessments which take place in June. As ever, please keep encouraging your child to develop good study habits which will stand them in good stead as they progress through their education.

Dates for Your Diary

We have our summer concert on the evening of Thursday 11 July 2019. Those of you who attended the Christmas or Easter Concerts will know just how talented our young (and not so young) singers and musicians are. It promises to be a lovely evening and we hope to sell out the event. Keep your eyes on our website or twitter feed for further details.

Please do keep the evening of Friday 19 July 2019 free as it's our annual International Evening which promises to be bigger and better than ever this year. We will have the usual array of foods from around the world representing the many countries that our families have links with, together with live music, a prize draw and above all a chance for everyone to come together to celebrate the diversity of our school community.

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If you have not already done so why don't you come along to the next meeting of our Parent Teacher Association (PTA) the St John Bosco Association? It is a great opportunity to get to know other parents and to work closely with key staff to help to raise funds and support the work of the school. The next meeting is on Wednesday 22 May 2019 at 6.30pm in the board room.

We always keen to get parents actively involved in supporting the school for example through acting as ambassadors for St John Bosco College with our feeder primary schools and working with us to review the parents' pages on our website and making suggestions for how these can be improved to support you. Please contact Ms Bud at school to find out how you can be involved.

Alumni

This term saw the first meeting of our St John Bosco College Salesian alumni. A group of former pupils from our predecessor school Salesian College toured the building and met with staff. Several them have already been in to school to talk to groups of pupils about the career paths that they have forged – including architecture, IT and the Civil Service. We will be building up this network so that we can encourage all our past pupils to support the school in any way that they can. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Mr Pinder at school for further details.

Uniform and Personal Appearance

As a school we are very proud of the way that our pupils dress for school and our rules on jewellery and extreme hair styles are designed to ensure that this remains the case. Please support us by ensuring that your child returns to school after the break with full school uniform and without any fresh piercings or inappropriate hairstyles.

Healthy Eating

Please can I remind parents that large bottles and cartons of sweetened or fizzy drinks are not allowed in school and neither are large packets of sweets, crisps or biscuits. Please support us in our efforts to ensure that our children have a healthy diet whilst in school by reminding your child that any items found in school will be confiscated and not returned.

Easter Holiday

We break up for Easter at 12.00 pm, today, Friday 5 April 2019. School starts again at 8.35 am on Tuesday 23 April 2019. I wish you all the blessings of this holy season and would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a happy, relaxing and safe holiday.

Yours faithfully



Mr P Dunne
Headteacher

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