



# PROSPECTUS 2018

*"It is not enough for young people to be loved*

*-they must know that they are loved."*



*...strive for excellence*

# WELCOME TO ST JOHN BOSCO COLLEGE

The Sixth Form opened in September 2012, providing a wide range of both A Level and A Level equivalent qualifications.

It's an exciting time to join the SJBC Sixth Form as it is a growing sixth form based around the needs of all our students. SJBC is developing into a thriving community of dynamic, happy and highly successful students. We ensure a supportive and caring environment in which every student matters. Students are encouraged and challenged to achieve their best and reach their full potential.

We aim to become an "outstanding" Sixth Form. Most students are expected to apply for university and are given support with the UCAS (university admission application) process.

Our motto is 'Strive for Excellence' and being part of our sixth form programme ensures that our students develop not just their academic knowledge but also the skills and attributes needed to be successful in a rapidly changing world.

We offer a wide range of curriculum choices and enrichment opportunities for all of our students. Every student is also required to give their time to support other students of the school and local community in line with our Salesian ethos. They can become reading mentors, and offer classroom support. We also hope to train some Sixth Formers next year to become anti-bullying mentors to support our lower school students.





# WHY CHOOSE SJBC?

It is an exciting time to join SJBC and below are some points to consider when choosing where to study for your A-Level or Level 3 BTEC courses:

- A year on year improvement in results
- We aim to build a curriculum around what you want to study and your interests
- High percentage of students going to first choice universities
- Small class sizes
- A fantastic enrichment programme
- University access programmes
- 'State of the Art' facilities including an all day coffee area
- Excellent teaching and support

## MAIN AIMS:

- ✓ To build a Christian community founded on the values of the Gospel
- ✓ To provide clear progression from GCSE to A Levels
- ✓ To provide access to university, colleges and employment
- ✓ To provide excellent teaching, with strong support for Independent study
- ✓ To provide a rich, extra-curricular programme

## CAREERS

We have a dedicated careers advisor and are continually developing our careers service. A diverse programme is followed throughout the Sixth Form to incorporate advice and help for higher education or careers. This includes interviews, outside speakers and visits to universities.





# WHAT KIND OF STUDENTS ARE WE LOOKING FOR?

We are looking for students with passion, ambition, enthusiasm, intelligence and drive to make the most of the two years in Sixth Form, to 'Strive for Excellence' and make the most of every opportunity.

## HOW DO I APPLY?

The courses on offer are listed later in the prospectus.

Application forms can be requested at reception or downloaded from our website

**[www.sjbc.wandsworth.sch.uk](http://www.sjbc.wandsworth.sch.uk/students/sixth-form-college)  
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Once you have chosen your courses, you should send in your application form as soon as possible.

## EXPECTATIONS

Expectations are high and to realise them we encourage self-discipline and self-motivation. We help all our students to develop respect for their own work and for the work of others.

We consider excellent relationships between staff and students to be crucial in the development of a culture which help our students to be successful in all they do.

All members of staff are passionate about helping our students to achieve excellence.

# SIXTH FORM COMMITTEE AND LEADERSHIP

Students have the opportunity to apply for a number of leadership opportunities such as ULAS ambassadors and/or prefects.

There are also other leadership opportunities, for example there are paired reading and mathematics schemes where Sixth Formers support younger students with reading and numeracy skills. All this helps students' enhance their CV's and personal statements ready for any application.

Our students are serious about achieving their objectives but they also know how to enjoy themselves. We encourage different ideas and views so every opinion is well-respected and this gives much variety to Sixth Form life!



*"the college has a positive and harmonious ethos"*

*- Ofsted 2013, Diocesan Inspection 2014*

# FACILITIES

The building of the school was completed in 2015 and therefore boasts some superb 'state of the art' facilities. The Sixth Form has a new independent study area which has access to computers and literature. There are also a number of study areas available at all times, furthermore the students have access to further IT and our magnificent Apple MAC computer room.

The Sixth Form area is managed by the students through the Sixth Form Committee and staff. The Learning Resources Centre (LRC) is another area available for quiet study and is also equipped with IT. The Sixth Form students also have a separate modern dining area and hopefully a new all day coffee area.

# ENRICHMENT PROGRAMME

Enrichment and extra-curricular activities are very important at SJBC. We believe that every student should have the opportunity to participate in something non-curricular based to broaden their horizons. Apart from university visits, our work experience programme, Wandsworth Enterprise week, and the various subject specific trips that are on offer; we also run a compulsory enrichment programme where students have to sign up and complete some of the following courses/awards which are timetabled every week, these include: Sound Engineering, Up-cycling, Music Production, Drama, Sports/Circuits/Gym, Police Cadets and London Life Savers.



*"...the school encourages*

*independent study..."*

*-Year 13 Student*





# HOW SHOULD I CHOOSE MY SUBJECTS?

Our advice is that you specialise in what interests you most. We are always happy to talk through your options before you make an application — just call or email.

We can give you the information you need about what individual subjects are like, as well as advice on likely university and employer requirements for particular degree courses and career choices.

Whatever choice you make, you can expect excellent teaching, small class sizes and our full support as you work towards a successful and fulfilling future.

We aim to offer courses to suit all our students and are always looking to broaden our curriculum.

## SUCCESS STORIES

Our Sixth Formers have gone onto further studies at several top universities and we are working towards sending students to more Russell Group universities in the near future.



## COURSES

English Literature  
Mathematics  
Biology  
Chemistry  
Physics  
R.E.  
Philosophy  
History  
Geography  
Art  
Health and Social Care  
Music  
Business Studies  
Economics  
Psychology  
Product Design  
Media Studies  
French and Spanish  
Physical Education  
BTEC Sport  
BTEC Science  
ICT  
Government and Politics  
Music



*"...we all work together to  
achieve our best..." -Year 12 Student*

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