

IN TOUCH



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

As we move towards the final weeks of the school year, this edition of In Touch highlights another busy and varied week at St John Bosco College. It was a pleasure to welcome our incoming Year 7 students for their Induction Day, giving them the opportunity to experience lessons across the curriculum and begin to familiarise themselves with the school ahead of September. We look forward to welcoming their parents and carers to our Welcome Evening this Monday evening.

This edition also celebrates a number of activities involving our current students. Congratulations to the Year 7 and 8 students who took part in the Junior Mathematical Challenge, and well done to our Year 10 Geography students who helped to remove six large bags of plastic waste during their River Thames clean-up. Our Year 12 Philosophy and Ethics students have also enjoyed a valuable visit to the Ladywell Franciscan Centre, combining study, discussion and reflection.

We are now looking forward to our Cultural Day and Cultural Evening on Friday, which will provide a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the many cultures and traditions represented within our school community. I hope that you will all be able to join us for what promises to be an enjoyable evening of food, music and performance.

Finally, with very high temperatures forecast, please ensure that your child brings a refillable water bottle to school each day. Students will be encouraged to refill their bottles regularly and stay properly hydrated throughout the day. We will, of course, continue to monitor conditions and take appropriate measures to support students during the hot weather.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and partnership.



"Let all that you do be done in love."

Philippians 4:6–7

This week, as we celebrate our International Evening, we give thanks for the rich diversity of our school community and the many cultures, traditions, and talents that we are privileged to share. May this celebration remind us that our differences are a source of strength and joy, and that by learning from one another with kindness, respect, and understanding, we build a community where everyone is valued and belongs.

KEY DATES

- Tuesday 7th July - Art & Photography Exhibition
- Thursday 9th July - Year 13 Enrolment Day
- **Friday 10th July - school closes 1.50pm and then Cultural Evening - buy tickets in advance on ParentMail**

2026 JULY						
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YEAR 7 INDUCTION DAY AT SJBC

On Tuesday 30th June, SJBC held the Year 7 Induction Day for our incoming Year 7 students. Throughout the day they stepped into the shoes of a typical Year 7 student and experienced a range of exciting lessons from across the curriculum. They challenged themselves, developed new skills, and gained a valuable insight into life in secondary school.

In English, they entered the imaginative world of Alice in Wonderland by reading an engaging extract and exploring the writer's use of language techniques, including similes. They then applied their new knowledge and vocabulary to write an imaginative story based on their experiences of the day at school.



In Maths, they developed their algebra skills by learning how to collect like terms and simplify algebraic expressions. This gave them an introduction to the mathematical concepts they will build on in Year 7.

In Science, they carried out a practical investigation using chromatography to discover the different colours hidden inside a felt-tip pen. Through this hands-on experiment, they were introduced to Year 7 Chemistry topics 'Elements and compounds' which includes separating mixtures.



In Religious Education (RE) students explored the inspiring life of Don Bosco, learning about the challenges he faced during his early years and how his determination and compassion shaped the mission that continues to inspire people today, and how this affects learning at SJBC.

In Art, the students expressed their creativity by sculpting clay faces that reflected different emotions and expressions associated with starting a new school. They also created oil pastel monoprints inspired by nature, experimenting with colour, texture, and printmaking techniques.



MATHS CHALLENGE

A huge congratulations to all of our Year 7 and Year 8 students who took part in the Junior Mathematical Challenge!

We're incredibly proud of everyone who participated and showed determination, problem-solving skills, and a positive attitude.



GEOGRAPHY Y10 RIVER THAMES CLEAN-UP

Last week some of our Year 10 Geographers went to Church Draw Dock on the bank of the River Thames to participate in a beach clean-up during low tide. We managed to collect over 6 large bin bags worth of plastic waste from this small section of the river, highlighting the consequences of not disposing of our rubbish responsibly. We were rewarded with a glimpse of a Grey Seal and a local resident confirmed to us that the seal had been sighted for several days along this stretch of the river. Today there are some 3,000 seals living in the River Thames according to the ZSL (Zoological Society of London).



SHARP SAFEGUARDING REPORTING SYSTEM

Parents and carers are reminded that any concerns about a student's wellbeing, mental health or bullying can be reported through the SHARP system on the school website. This is a safe and simple way to share concerns with the school so that we can follow up and provide support where needed. We encourage families to use this system if they are worried about their own child or another young person in our school community.



<https://www.sjbc.wandsworth.sch.uk/page/?title=Safeguarding&pid=673>

YR 12 TRIP TO LADYWELL

At the beginning of July, the Philosophy and Ethics A Level students visited the Ladywell Franciscan Centre in Godalming for a workshop on Christianity and Secularism. As part of the workshop they visited Guildford Cathedral and the Shrine of Our Lady of Godalming.



Students had to identify why there was a rise in secularism in the West and whether Christianity and belief in God still had a role to play in our world today. Students managed to recognise the healthy state of pilgrimages and humanity's search for a deeper meaning in life, particularly at times of national crises and important moments in peoples' lives, such as baptisms and weddings. They also saw the value of Liberation Theology and the role that St Oscar Romero had to play in that.

We celebrated Holy Mass, prayed at the shrine, and had night prayer so that the two days were a mix of study and prayer.



CULTURAL DAY AND CULTURAL EVENING – FRIDAY 10TH JULY 2026

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Please support us by ensuring that your child comes to school dressed appropriately.

Students may wear full cultural attire, a cultural top or T-shirt with a large country flag worn with school uniform skirt or trousers, or an official national football shirt worn with school uniform skirt or trousers.

Students may wear pumps, sandals or school shoes. Trainers are only permitted if students are wearing either full cultural attire or a full official national football kit.

Please ensure that students do not wear hoodies, jeans, tracksuits, hats, caps, Crocs, earrings, nose studs or make-up. Clothing must be appropriate for school, and stomachs/belly buttons must be fully covered. If a student's clothing is not in line with expectations, they may be sent home to change into full school uniform.



Students are also asked to bring a £2 donation at the school gate. Every contribution helps to support the PTFA and make the day even more special.

Please note that school will close early at 1.50pm on Friday 10th July so that we can prepare for Cultural Evening.

There are still tickets available for Cultural Evening, which promises to be an amazing celebration of music, food, performance and community. Tickets are available on ParentMail, so please buy them quickly before they sell out. All children attending Cultural Evening must be accompanied by an adult.

We are looking forward to a joyful, colourful and respectful celebration of the many cultures represented in our school community.





SJBC CULTURAL EVENING 2026

Friday 10th July 2026

Time: 5:00pm - 7:00pm

Location: St John Bosco College

"Many Cultures, One Community, Infinite Connections."

- Experience cultures from across the world and every continent
- Enjoy delicious food from around the world / Live BBQ (Barbecue)
- Live music and dance performances
- Talent show and drumming workshops
- Cultural dress and fashion show

TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW ON PARENTMAIL

Ticket prices include entry and a portion of food:

- Adult + Child Ticket: **£10**
- Additional Children: **£5 each**
- Additional Adult Ticket: **£7**

COME TOGETHER ★ CELEBRATE DIVERSITY ★ CREATE MEMORIES!

'IT IS NOT ENOUGH FOR EVERY CHILD TO BE LOVED, THEY MUST KNOW THAT THEY ARE LOVED'



2026 ART EXHIBITION

MONDAY 6TH & TUESDAY 7TH JULY

3:30 - 5:30PM

SJBC welcomes you to the annual Art & Photography Exhibition, showcasing the fabulous work from our 2026 Year 11 and Year 13 students.

