

IN TOUCH



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

It was a pleasure to welcome students and staff back to school last week for the start of the new academic year. The week ended on a high note with our mass and barbeque for year 7 parents and families, an event which also comprised the official celebration of our 'outstanding' rating from the Catholic Schools' Inspectorate, which was attended by a number of VIP guests.

Mass was said by Fr Greg and he was joined by Fr Gerry Briody, Provincial of the Salesians, Fr John Dickson, Rector of the Battersea Community, Fr Mervyn and Fr David, both governors of the school and Fr Andrew our Head of RE. Their presence reminding us that we are very much a Salesian school. The celebration after mass was also very Salesian with plenty of laughter and play to accompany the barbeque held in the late afternoon sunshine. I am grateful to all who attended for making it a joyous occasion.

We were also delighted with the number of new parents at the event who signed up to be part of our PTFA (Parents, Teachers, and Friends of St John Bosco College). We encourage all our families to be engaged with this association, which helps to organise events and raise funds to spend for the children's benefit. Details of how you can get involved can be found in this edition of In Touch.



"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing."
1 Thessalonians 5:11

A new school year brings new beginnings - fresh chances to learn, grow, and shine. By getting involved in our school community, we not only discover our own gifts but also uplift those around us. Each act of kindness, each word of encouragement, helps create a place where everyone belongs. As we begin this journey together, may we build one another up in faith, hope, and love.

SEPTEMBER 2025						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

KEY DATES

- Tuesday 16th - Open Evening (4:30 – 6:30pm)- school closes at 1:50pm
- Tuesday 23rd - Open Morning
- Thursday 25th - Prize Evening - school closes at 1:50pm



MASS AND BARBEQUE FOR YEAR 7



5 reasons to join the PTFA

As parents, you are **AUTOMATICALLY** a member of the PTFA (Parents, Teachers & Friends Association) ... **your voice counts**. Taking an active role with the PTFA is critical to your child's success, so we've compiled a list of 5 reasons why helping the PTFA will greatly improve your child's experience of school.

1. What the PTFA does affects every parent (and pupil)

- Your ideas and involvement can help improve the quality of education for all the children at our school.
- See the smiles on their faces and know that you have played a part in making school a little more comfortable and fun!

2. It's **TOTALLY** flexible!

- There are a variety of small ways you can help and be involved – from designing a poster, donating a cake, selling raffle tickets, cleaning up after an event, helping out on a stall...so many ways.
- You don't have to attend PTFA meetings – you can use our contact details to send in ideas for discussion.

3. You'll feel more connected

- There's no better way to know what events are being planned, have your say or make new fundraising suggestions, than by offering your help and support.
- You'll get to know teachers and support staff on a more familiar basis.

4. Be a role model

- By getting involved with our PTFA, you'll show your children that not only are they important to you, but their education is as well.
- Getting involved illustrates good teamwork and community spirit as Saint John Bosco believed in the importance of connecting home life to school life.

5. Finally...

- Our children are only at school for a relatively short time. PTFA events such as Discos, Christmas Showcases, Leavers do and trips will be remembered fondly by our children for a lifetime.



JOIN THE SJB PTFA WHATSAPP GROUP!



As parents, you are already part of our Parents, Teachers & Friends Association (PTFA).

This WhatsApp group is for all parents – your place to stay connected, share ideas, and keep up to date with school news and events.



Scan the QR code or click the link below to join:

Why join?

- Get quick updates about school events and activities
- Connect with other parents in our community
- Share your ideas and support the school in fun, flexible ways
- Be part of the team that makes a difference in your child's school life

https://chat.whatsapp.com/l3CzN8XF36B5X0oJyfyWKx?mode=ac_t

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

We are delighted to share that our extra-curricular clubs for the Autumn Term are now starting. A wide variety of opportunities are available for students to develop their interests, build new skills, and contribute to our school community.

From sports and music to creative clubs and academic support, there is something for every student to enjoy. We strongly encourage students to get involved, make the most of these opportunities, and discover the many gifts and talents within our community.



Autumn 1 Term Extra Curricular Timetable

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Pop-rock Band 3.23 (Lunchtime) Mr Carli	Access Oxbridge 3.09 Ms Coppinger	Netball Sports Hall Ms Asante	SJB Journal 3.09 Ms Coppinger	Choir 3.23 Mr Berner
Volleyball Sports Hall Mr Khandabhatta	Girls in Sport Sports Hall Ms Louis	Robotics Club 1.10 Ms Perrineau-Coley	Warhammer 1.09 Ms Murugan	Dungeons & Dragons 0.18 Ms Donaldson
Year 7 & 8 Boys Football MUGA Mr Rowland	Rugby Bottersea Park Mr Hay & Mr Clausen	Touch Typing Library (8am) Ms Wojciechowska	Chess Club Library (8am) Mr Clausen	Badminton Sports Hall Mr Khandabhatta
Homework Club St Francis Learning Support	Homework Club St Francis Learning Support		Basketball Sports Hall Father Greg	Duke of Edinburgh 2.21 Ms Post
			Comics Club 1.24 Mr Di Paolo	Year 9 & 10 Boys Football MUGA Mr Parke
			Homework Club St Francis Learning Support	
			Maths Past Paper Society (KS4) 1.05 Ms Haigh	



Clubs on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday will start at 3.40pm and finish at 4.40pm



Clubs on Wednesday and Friday will start at 2.40pm and finish at 3.40pm



Creativity



Justice



Media



Lifestyle



STEAM



Access Oxbridge



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ST JOHN BOSCO PTFA SPONSORSHIP TREE



Dear Friends of SJBC,

The PTFA sponsorship tree offers you the opportunity to make a positive contribution to the education of young people at SJBC.

For each stone leaf sponsored, the donation received will provide us with much-needed funds to enrich the lives of our students.

The sponsorship tree will have pride of place in our school grounds, housed close to the historic 'ambulacrum', providing a link between the past and present of the school.

The name of each donor will be inscribed on a leaf or stone, providing a permanent reminder of their generosity and contribution to the school.

DONATIONS

Small gold pebbles £25

Light green leaves £50

Dark green leaves £100

Large gold stones £200

If you would like to donate, you can do one of the following:

- Bring cash to school reception in an envelope clearly marked 'PTA donation'
- Pay online via ParentMail (only for staff and parents)
- Direct payments into the PTA account

Bank: NatWest Bank

Account Name: St John Bosco College Parent Teachers Association

Account Number: 69632812

Sort Code: 602228

Please put "Donation Tree" as a reference when making payment

Telephone: 0207 924 8310 Email: info@sjbc.wandsworth.sch.uk

Twitter: @SJBC_London Web: www.sjbc.wandsworth.sch.uk

Parkham Street, Battersea, SW11 3DQ

Free Beginners English lessons

Limited
places

**for parents and families
of students at St John
Bosco College**

**CLASSES EVERY TUESDAY TERM TIME ONLY
4:00– 6.00 PM HERE AT SCHOOL**

New to England?

Let's help your child thrive!

**Sign up for our free beginners
English lessons at school.**



**Improve language skills, make
new friends and get a head start
in a new country.**

**Plus, it's all at your child's
school, here at St John
Bosco's college,
so no hassle for you!**



**PLEASE EMAIL
DPARROTT@SJBC.WANDSWORTH.SCH.UK
TO RESERVE A PLACE**

Upcoming Events For Secondary Parents Autumn Term 2025

Supporting your teenager's mental health webinars

10TH SEPT 25
7.30 PM-8.30 PM



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Mental Health During
the Teenage years

17TH SEPT 25
12.30 PM-1.30 PM



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23RD SEPT 25
1 PM-2 PM



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Getting into school -
common challenges and
supporting school
avoidance

24TH SEPT 25
6 PM-7 PM



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To view further event details and descriptions, and to book on to any of the webinars, please scan the QR Code or follow the link to our Eventbrite collection.

[Click here](#)



We also provide free 1:1 early help support programmes for young people to support with anxiety or low mood. Speak to your school to find out more.

ONLINE PLATFORMS FOR KS3 AND KS4 SUBJECTS



EDUCATION TECHNOLOGY

STUDENTS UTILISE VARIOUS ONLINE PLATFORMS FOR EFFECTIVE LEARNING IN SUBJECTS LIKE SCIENCE, MATHS, AND MORE.

KS4



- Business
- Computer Science,
- DT,
- English,
- History,
- Science,
- Social Science,

KS3



- Science,
- Computer Science

Maths Homework Resources for KS3 and KS4



MyGCSE Science for KS4 science



Seneca a comprehensive platform designed to enhance students' understanding and retention of information.

Sparx is the primary platform for Maths, providing interactive lessons tailored to meet each student's learning needs effectively.

My GCSE Science is a Learning Platform with Premium video tutorials, exam-style questions and revision resources.

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homework page





As we start the new school year, now is the perfect time to set good routines that will help your child thrive this term. Here are some top tips to support learning and wellbeing at home:

1. Talk about learning, not just friendships

Regular conversations about what your child is studying are just as important as asking about their friends. Each child has a set of knowledge organisers in their pack – these are a great tool for quick quizzes and discussion at home.



2. Create a good study space

Encourage your child to have a quiet place where they can concentrate. Daily study is best:



Years 7–9:

- around 90 minutes each day

Years 10–13:

- 2–3 hours each day
- Regular practice is far more effective than last-minute cramming.

3. Healthy routines matter

Plenty of sleep, limited screen time, and regular breaks all make a big difference to focus and wellbeing.



4. Be organised

Please check school bags the night before. Make sure books, homework, and equipment packs are ready so mornings are calmer and students arrive fully prepared. Students must begin school by 8.30. They are welcome to arrive from 8am when the canteen and library areas open.



5. Get involved in clubs

Our timetable of after-school clubs will be released next week. Encourage your child to sign up – it's a fantastic way to make friends, develop new skills, and enjoy school life.

