ST JOHN BOSCO COLLEGE

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We are excited to announce that we have moved our school's information system from SIMS to Arbor. Adopting Arbor will allow us to communicate with you more efficiently through its web-based system. To begin with we will be using Arbor for you to see your child's attendance, behaviour, homework and timetable, as well as trips, clubs and events that they're involved with. It will also give you the chance to alert us to any changes in your contact details or consent preferences. We are not currently using Arbor for school meal payments and will continue to use our current ParentMail app for those.

We are really looking forward to getting started with Arbor and invite all our parents to familiarise themselves using the link below.

Getting started with Arbor

We have sent all registered primary guardians, who have a valid email address on our system, an email inviting you to log in. Please look out for this email and log on when you get it. If you do not receive it please check your 'junk folder' in case it landed in there, or contact us at the school to update your email address.

We hope you are looking forward to using this new feature as much as we are!

If you have any queries please email us info@sjbc.wandsworth.sch.uk

Let's aim for 100% attendance!

We actively encourage all our pupils to aim for 100% attendance each week to give themselves the best possible chance of success at school. The link between good attendance at school and good educational outcomes is well-established and backed up by lots of evidence. You can read more about the <u>impact of attendance on your child's education here</u>. We know however that children do sometimes become unwell, and it can be difficult for parents to know whether to send them in to school when they are feeling unwell. <u>This guide from the NHS</u> will help you to make a good decision.



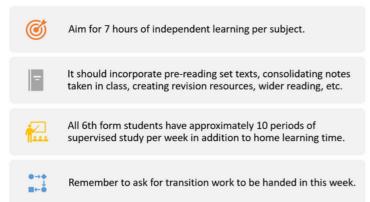
INDEPENDENT LEARNING

Independent learning is a crucial component in ensuring your child maximises their learning potential. Research firmly indicates that students who consistently engage with their homework assignments can achieve an additional five months of academic progress. This disciplined approach to learning is something we are keen to foster in all our students.

Understanding the potential for homework to become overwhelming, we have taken steps to ensure a balanced workload for our students. Below, you will find a schedule that outlines the homework assignments across different subjects, aiming to promote effective time management.

We encourage you to familiarise yourself with the new Arbor platform, where you can easily monitor the homework set for each subject. This platform serves as a valuable tool for staying informed about your child's homework obligations and progress. Your role is important in working with us to enable the academic growth and well-being of your child.

KS5 Independent Learning expectations



Independent Learning Schedule Y7/8 (3 week cycle)

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3
Maths	Maths	Maths
English	English	English
Science	Science	Science
Design Technology	Geography	RE
History	Art	Performing Arts
Food	MFL	PE
Technology		Computing

Independent Learning Schedule Y9 (3 week cvcle)

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Week 1	Week 2	Week 3
Maths	Maths	Maths
English	English	English
Science	Science	Science
Design Technology	Geography	RE
History	MFL	PE
Food	Art	Performing Arts
Food Technology	Music	Computing

Independent Learning Schedule KS4 (3 week cycle)

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3
Maths	Maths	Maths
English	English	English
Science	Science	Science
RE	RE	RE
Option A	Option B	Option C

FOR YOUR INTEREST

NHS Wandsworth **Talking Therapies**

NHS Wandsworth offers free online workshops this month. Click here to follow the link or go to the Workshops in our Parents section on our website

Jpcoming workshops

CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC CHURCH, BRIXTON HILL, SEEKS PART-TIME PARISH SECRETARY: The Parish of

Corpus Christi, Brixton Hill are looking to employ a Parish Secretary for 20 hours a week on a salary of £13-£14 p.h. depending on experience. If you are interested in applying

for the role, please email hr@rcaos.org.uk. The full job

description can be found on the parish website or by

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Parish Priest

Deadline for applications: Friday 22nd September 2023.

Fr Matthew O'Gorman





We've chosen Arbor to help us manage our school.

Arbor is a simple, smart and cloud-based MIS (Management Information System), which helps us work faster, smarter and more collaboratively as a school. The Arbor App and Parent Portal mean we can keep you informed about your child's life at school in a much more accessible way. Log into Arbor to see and update your child's information, get live updates and make payments or bookings on the go! The Parent Portal works on Google Chrome (computer or laptop) and you can download the Arbor App from the App Store or Google Play Store on your phone (Android 5.0; iOS 10.0 and upwards).

How to get started

1.Wait for your welcome email from us telling you Arbor is ready - you won't be able to log in before

2.Click the link in your welcome email to set up your password
3.Go to the App or Google Play Store on your phone and search 'Arbor'
4.Click 'Install' on Android or 'Get' on iPhone then open the App
5.Enter your email, select the school, then enter your password
6.Accept the Terms & Conditions and enter your child's birthday

Need help using Arbor?

Contact the school office if you have questions about Arbor, the App or Parent Portal. Tell us the type and model of your phone, e.g. an iPhone SE, and include screenshots or screen recordings.

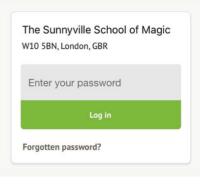
To safeguard student data in line with General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR), Arbor only works directly with schools. **Some tips to try:**

1.Ensure your username is the email address you use for Arbor.Ask us to check the email address linked to your account.2.Reset your password from the login page, or ask us to do this.

3.If the login email was sent to you more than 96 hours ago, the password link will have expired. Ask us to send it again.4.Ask the school office to check that your email address has not

been used twice - e.g. on another guardian or child's profile. 5.Enter the birthday of one of your children to log in.

6.Only relatives who are **Primary Guardians** of a child can access the Arbor App. Ask us to check you can access Arbor.



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