

IN TOUCH



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

This week's edition of In Touch highlights the many ways in which our students continue to grow in confidence, curiosity and compassion, both in and beyond the classroom. It has been particularly pleasing to see students embracing a range of enriching opportunities that broaden their learning and raise aspirations.

We are proud of the students who represented the school at the Debate Mate competition at Imperial College London, demonstrating impressive confidence, resilience and maturity in a challenging academic environment. Experiences such as these help to develop the critical thinking and communication skills that are so important for future success. Similarly, our Year 10 Psychology students enjoyed an engaging visit to the Twist Museum, where they were able to bring their classroom learning to life by exploring the science of perception and illusion.

This edition also celebrates the strong sense of community that characterises life at St John Bosco College. Our Sixth Form students recently organised a fundraising food event to support street children in Nigeria, raising £250 through their teamwork, generosity and commitment to serving others. Their initiative is a wonderful example of how our students live out the values we seek to nurture in our school community.

Meanwhile, across the school we have been marking World Book Day with a series of activities designed to encourage a love of reading. Developing strong reading habits remains one of the most powerful ways students can strengthen their learning across all subjects, and we are grateful to families for supporting this at home.



Our Weekly Lenten Guide to Loving Kindness

TIP 3

Notice how good and patient people are around you even if they sometimes aren't kind.



KEY DATES

- 10th March – Year 9 Options Evening
- 12th March – KS3 Celebration Evening (6.00pm)
- 9th March - 19th March – British Science Week
- 10th March - Y9 KS4 Taster sessions
- 11th March - Yr 6 Welcome Evening, 4pm

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BIMA Digital Day | Parent & Teacher Lunch and Learn

Join the BIMA Digital day parents evening to discover what a career in digital could look like for your children.

Over the past three years our Media and Digital students have had the opportunity to take part in BIMA day and experience what a creative digital career could look like for them, learning from award-winning agencies.



BIMA are now launching online webinars so the parents and children can join together. They will cover the types of jobs available, salaries and culture. And of course routes into the jobs themselves.

Every November, BIMA (British Interactive Media Association) visits around 200 schools to run an interactive workshop in order to inspire students to think about a career in digital.

Every year the students leave the day excited to learn more, but we want to ensure that inspiration lives on when they get home.

This webinar is free to attend and open to any parent that would like to know more about careers in digital for their children. Register [here](#) to attend:

For general information about BIMA Day, visit [BIMA day website](#).

NEWSLETTER REQUEST – BRITISH SIGN LANGUAGE SUPPORT

We are currently looking for a volunteer who may be able to support with British Sign Language (BSL) translation at our Incoming Year 7 Welcome Evening on Wednesday 11th March.

If any parents or members of our school community know someone who is able to assist with BSL interpretation for this event, we would be very grateful to hear from you. This support would help ensure that all families are able to fully access the information shared during the evening.

If you or someone you know may be able to help, please contact Ms Ahmad by email (RAhmad@sjbc.wandsworth.sch.uk) and she will be happy to provide further details.

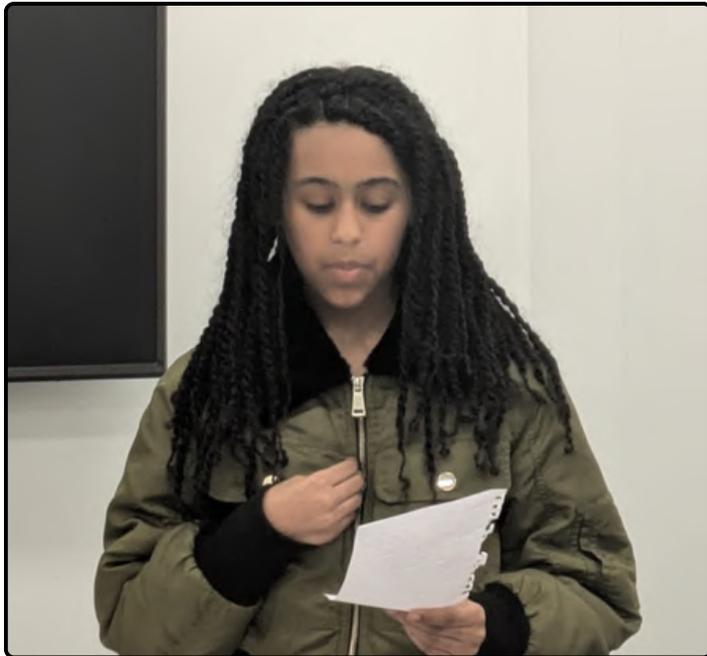
Thank you for supporting our efforts to ensure that all members of our school community feel welcomed and included.



SJBC STUDENTS ATTEND DEBATE MATE COMPETITION AT IMPERIAL

Last Saturday, Ms Hallmark accompanied a group of students from our Debate Mate Club to participate in a debate competition at Imperial College London, competing alongside students from a range of other schools.

This was SJBC's first time participating in this event. Our students demonstrated exceptional courage, resilience and maturity in what was a highly competitive environment. Despite the challenge and natural nerves that come with debating at this level, students represented the school with great pride and professionalism. Although we did not secure a top placing on this occasion, the experience was extremely valuable, enjoyable and motivating for all involved.



Debate Mate plays an important role in developing students' confidence, communication, critical thinking, and literacy skills. It also provides valuable opportunities for students to visit leading universities and participate in competitions beyond the classroom, helping to raise aspirations and strengthen future pathways, including university and employment applications.

We encourage all students to consider joining the Debate Mate Club and taking advantage of this enriching opportunity.



SIXTH FORM STUDENTS RAISE FUNDS FOR CHILDREN IN NIGERIA - LOVE

We are incredibly proud of our Sixth Form students, who recently organised and hosted a fundraising food event in support of street children in Ibadan, Nigeria.

Students worked together to plan, prepare and cook a range of dishes, demonstrating impressive teamwork, commitment and generosity throughout the event. Thanks to their efforts, they raised £250, which will go directly towards supporting vulnerable children in Ibadan.



This initiative reflects the strong sense of compassion and social responsibility we seek to nurture at St John Bosco College. Our students showed that the idea of working for the common good is not simply something we talk about, but something we actively live out as a community.



In the true Salesian spirit of St John Bosco, who dedicated his life to supporting and uplifting young people most in need, our Sixth Form students have shown how faith, service and action go hand in hand. Their generosity reminds us that even small acts of kindness can have a powerful impact beyond our own community.

We would like to thank the staff who supported the event and, most importantly, congratulate our wonderful Sixth Form students for their leadership, initiative and compassion. They are a credit to the school and a wonderful example of our RUAH values in action.



CELEBRATING WORLD BOOK DAY AT SJBC

This week we have been celebrating World Book Day through a week-long series of events across the school. On World Book Day itself, some of our staff joined in the spirit of the day by dressing up as their favourite literary characters a wonderful way to share their love of reading and spark conversations with students about books.

One of the highlights of the week was a Year 10 trip to Shakespeare's Globe Theatre to see a modern production of Romeo and Juliet organised by Ms Milokjovic. The production was set in a modern urban world and captivated students from the start with its high-energy performances, exciting fight scenes and impressive bike stunts. There were gasps, cheers and plenty of excitement throughout, as students experienced Shakespeare's tragedy brought vividly to life on stage.

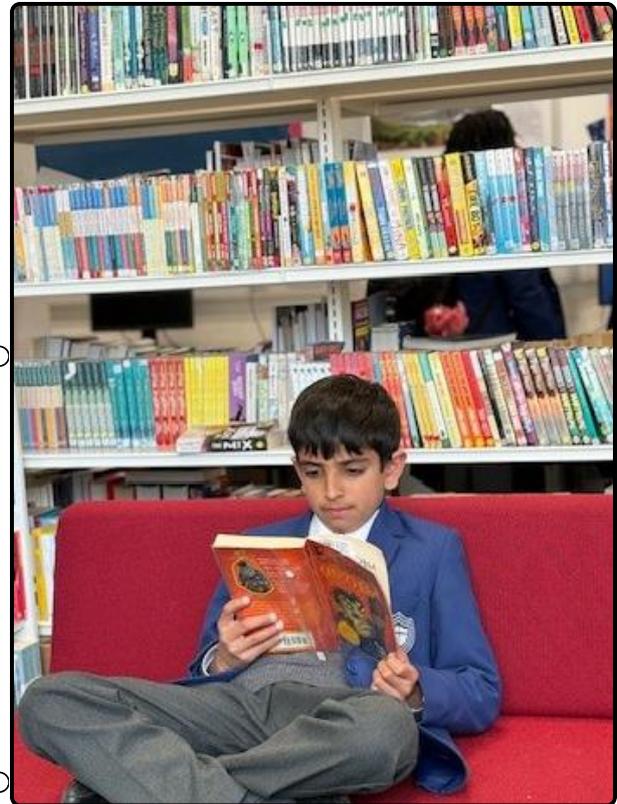


Reading remains one of the most important habits we can encourage in young people. It strengthens vocabulary, improves concentration, develops empathy and imagination, and supports success across all subjects. It is particularly fitting that 2026 has been designated the National Year of Reading in the UK, a national initiative designed to celebrate reading and encourage children and young people to read more widely and more often.



At SJBC we are fortunate to have a well-stocked school library, regularly updated with many of the latest books that young people enjoy reading. Students are strongly encouraged to make use of this fantastic resource, whether they are looking for a gripping novel, a graphic novel, non-fiction, or a quiet space to read.

For parents and carers, encouraging teenagers to read for pleasure is one of the most powerful ways you can support their learning. Research consistently shows that students who read regularly outside of school make stronger academic progress and develop greater confidence in language and communication.



Three simple ways you can support reading at home:

- Encourage your child to read regularly, even if it is just 10–15 minutes a day.
- Show interest in what they are reading – asking them about the story or characters can make a big difference.
- Help create a routine where reading is a normal part of the evening, just like homework.

Our celebrations will continue next week with a “Book Sprint” tutor-time read, where students will take part in short, focused reading sessions designed to build stamina and enjoyment in reading.

We look forward to continuing to build a strong culture of reading across our school community.

YEAR 10 PSYCHOLOGY TRIP TO THE TWIST MUSEUM

Our Year 10 Psychology students enjoyed a fascinating visit to the Twist Museum in London, where they explored how our minds interpret what we see and how easily our perceptions can be fooled.



The museum is dedicated to the science of illusions and perception, making it a perfect destination for psychology students. Throughout the visit, students were able to interact with a wide range of exhibits designed to demonstrate how the brain processes visual information.

One of the highlights was experiencing the famous Ames Room illusion. This cleverly designed room appears completely normal, but it is actually built at an unusual angle. When two people stand in opposite corners, one person suddenly appears giant while the other looks tiny. The illusion works because our brains assume the room is rectangular, even though it is not. This demonstrates how the brain relies on assumptions about the world when interpreting what we see.



Students also explored the Müller-Lyer illusion, a classic example used in psychology. In this illusion, two lines of exactly the same length appear different because of the arrows at their ends. One line has arrowheads pointing inwards and the other outwards, tricking the brain into perceiving one line as longer than the other. This activity helped students understand how visual cues influence perception.



The trip was a superb and highly engaging learning experience, bringing psychological concepts to life and allowing students to experience first-hand how fascinating the study of the human mind can be.

A big thank you to Mr Fadairo for organising such an enjoyable and enriching trip for our students.

CELEBRATING INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY AT SJBC

To mark International Women's Day, staff and students at SJBC took part in a number of events celebrating the achievements of women in sport.

Our PE staff were honoured to be invited by our local MP, Marsha De Cordova, to attend an event celebrating women in sport. The event brought together athletes, educators and community leaders to recognise the contribution of women in sport and to discuss how we can continue to encourage and support girls to participate and thrive in physical activity and competitive sport.

Closer to home, Year 10 and Year 12 students also took part in a "Rox Queen" event, designed to empower young women through sport, confidence-building and teamwork. The event was a fantastic experience for our students and a great opportunity for them to connect with other young women passionate about sport and leadership.

We will be sharing more about the Rox Queen event and our students' experiences in next week's edition of InTouch.



Hear, Hear!

I visited the UK Parliament

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MEET THE GOVERNORS

PARENT DROP-IN



Mon 16 March 2026



3:00–3:30pm



Pop in to meet our Governors,
ask questions, and share your views.

It's a great chance to hear how governors
support the school, discuss priorities like
standards, wellbeing and SEND,
and help shape what happens next.

**No booking needed —
just drop in.**

