

IN TOUCH



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Thank you to all the parents, carers, governors and members of our wider community who joined us for our Annual Prize Evening last Thursday. It was a very special occasion, giving us the opportunity to celebrate the achievements, progress, resilience and contribution of so many of our students. We were also delighted to welcome Anne Reyersbach as our guest speaker and former student Adriana Carbosa, whose story was an inspiring reminder of what can be achieved through ambition, determination and hard work.

This week's edition also reflects the breadth of opportunities available to our students, including the visit of acclaimed Portuguese author Lúcia Jorge, the Year 11 Geography residential in Somerset, and our celebrations for the European Day of Languages.

Looking ahead, our Open Evening takes place this Thursday, 1 October, from 5.00–7.00pm. This is one of the most important events in our school calendar, and I would be very grateful if parents and carers could help us spread the word among friends, neighbours and families who may be considering secondary school choices. We are proud of what St John Bosco College has to offer and look forward to welcoming prospective families into school.

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



"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart."

Colossians 3:23

As we celebrate the achievements of our school community, let us take time to recognise not only the successes we see, but also the effort, determination and courage that make them possible. Every step forward, however small, is something to be proud of. Through **R**espect, **U**nderstanding, **A**ffection and **H**umour, may we celebrate one another's successes, encourage each other to keep growing, and remember that each of us has gifts and talents worth sharing.

KEY DATES

- **Thursday 1 October** - Open Evening (17:00-19:00) - early finish at 13:50
- **Thursday 8 October** - Open Morning (09:00-11:00)
- **Thursday 15 October** - Open Morning (09:00-11:00)
- **Thursday 22 October** - Sixth Form Open Evening (17:00-19:00) - early finish 13:50

2026 SEPTEMBER						
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A WONDERFUL EVENING OF CELEBRATION AT SJBC

Last Thursday, our school community came together for a truly memorable Annual SJBC Prize Evening, celebrating the hard work, achievements and successes of our students over the previous academic year. The Sports Hall was filled with prize winners and their families, alongside staff, governors and friends of the school, making it a wonderful celebration of everything our young people have achieved.



We were especially delighted to welcome Anne Reyersbach, one of the founders of the Lord Dubs Lecture Society, as our guest speaker. Anne spoke movingly about education as a fundamental human right, reminding our students how precious access to education is and of its power to protect dignity, opportunity and freedom. She also reflected on the importance of inclusion and recognising that there is far more that unites us than divides us.

It was equally special to welcome back Adriana Carbosa, a former SJBC student, who joined us to present awards and share her story. Adriana arrived at SJBC from Spain in Year 10 with very little English. Just four years later, she left Year 13 having completed A levels in Psychology, English and Biology. She subsequently graduated with an honours degree in Law and is now working as a solicitor in corporate law in central London. Her story of determination, aspiration and hard work made her a wonderful role model for our students, and we are delighted that she will return later this year to deliver a Bosco Talk.

At the heart of the evening, of course, were our students. Awards recognised not only high attainment and academic achievement, but also exceptional progress, contribution to school life, sportsmanship, our RUAH values, resilience and the determination to overcome challenges.



We are enormously proud of every student who received an award and grateful to the families, staff and wider community who have supported them along the way. It was a joyful reminder that success comes in many different forms – and that every young person has something to contribute and something to celebrate.

We are already looking forward to next year's Prize Evening and to celebrating everything our students will accomplish in the year ahead.

AN INSPIRING VISIT FROM LÍDIA JORGE

We were incredibly privileged this week to welcome acclaimed Portuguese author Lídia Jorge to St John Bosco College, thanks to Camões London. Our Portuguese students, joined by young people from other local schools, had the remarkable opportunity to hear directly from one of the most important voices in contemporary Portuguese literature.

Lídia Jorge is the 2026 winner of the Prémio Camões, the most prestigious literary award in the Portuguese language. Her writing explores themes including memory, identity, the experience of women, Portugal's colonial past and the profound social changes that followed the 1974 revolution. Her celebrated novel *A Costa dos Murmúrios* (The Murmuring Coast), which examines the Portuguese colonial war in Mozambique through a woman's perspective, has also previously featured as a set text for A Level Portuguese examinations.



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It was an extraordinary opportunity for our students to encounter a formidable literary voice in person: to hear about the experiences, history and ideas behind the literature and to see that the texts we study belong to a living cultural tradition.

We are hugely grateful to Camões London for making this inspiring encounter possible and for bringing together students from SJBC and other local schools. An experience our young people will remember for a long time!

YEAR 11 GEOGRAPHY RESIDENTIAL – SOMERSET

Our Year 11 Geography students recently travelled to Somerset for a fantastic weekend of fieldwork, learning and adventure, putting their GCSE Geography skills into practice beyond the classroom.

At Porlock Bay, students investigated coastal processes, exploring patterns of longshore drift and examining how attrition affects the size and shape of pebbles along the beach. It was a great opportunity to see the geographical processes they have studied in lessons happening in a real coastal environment.



The group also visited Taunton Town Centre, where students investigated three different urban regeneration schemes, including the Castle Green area. Using a range of fieldwork techniques, including Environmental Quality Surveys, they collected and analysed data to assess how successful the schemes have been in improving the urban environment.

Our base for the weekend was Nettlecombe Court, a beautiful Grade II listed building surrounded by the Somerset countryside. After busy days of fieldwork, there was also time to relax and enjoy being together, with Saturday evening's campfire, toasted marshmallows and s'mores proving a particular highlight!



Most importantly, our Year 11 students were fantastic ambassadors for St John Bosco College throughout the residential. Their behaviour, enthusiasm and positive attitude were a credit to themselves and to the school.

A brilliant weekend filled with Geography, new experiences, friendship and plenty of memories. Well done to everyone involved!

EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES

As part of our wider celebrations for European Day of Languages, a group of SJBC students visited Europe House in London on 24 September for a special celebration of European languages and cultures. Students had a fantastic time exploring different countries, tasting food from across Europe and putting their language skills into practice through a range of activities. A huge thank you to Ms Tharsis and the MFL team for making this opportunity possible.



Did you know that our language results are above the national average? If you are interested in studying Spanish, French or Portuguese at GCSE or A Level, speak to Ms Tharsis to find out more. We also support students to take public examinations in their home language. If you would like to find out more about this, please contact Ms Moniak at mmoniak@sjbc.wandsworth.sch.uk



We're using Arbor's free Parent Portal and Arbor App

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

The Sunnyville School of Magic
W10 5BN, London, GBR

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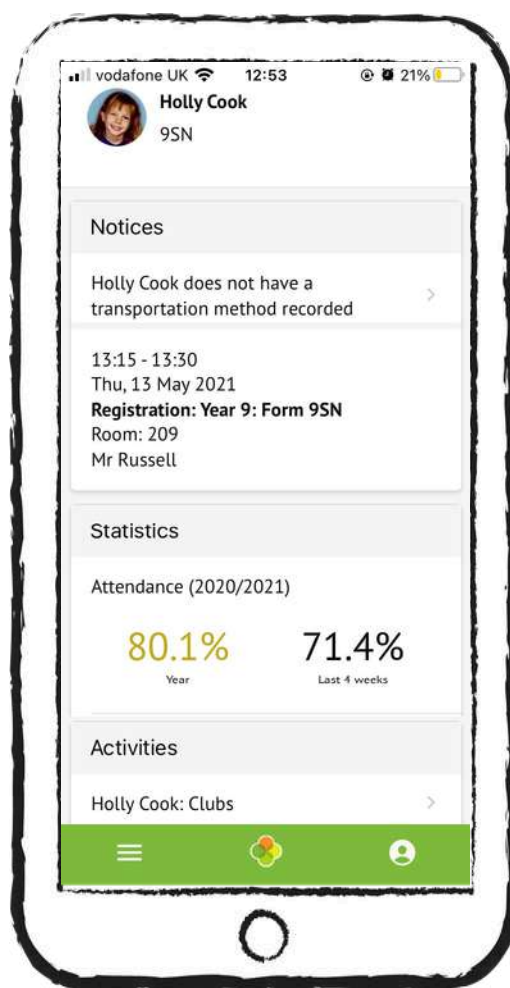
Need help using Arbor?

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.





PARENTS/CARERS WORKSHOP

Session 2

Contextual Safeguarding & Exploitation

Learn how to recognise risks beyond the home and keep your children safe.

Who is it for?

- Parents & carers of young people aged 9+
- Wandsworth residents only

What you'll gain

Build safeguarding confidence

Understand exploitation
and risks beyond home

Practical tools to
spot risks early

Guest Speakers

1. George Turner from Carney's Community
2. Davis Williams from Manhood Academy
3. Young Person & Parent with Lived Experience

Thursday,
8 October 2026

6:00pm – 8:00pm

Caius House

2 Holman Rd

London SW11 3RL

Online: **Microsoft Teams**

 Free food provided at
the in-person session

 Only 25 in person
spaces available



Register Now

Scan the QR code to secure your place

More workshops coming soon on **Online Safety & Knife Crime Awareness**



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OPEN EVENTS

OPEN EVENING

THURS 1ST OCT | 5PM - 7PM

OPEN MORNINGS

THURS 8TH & THURS 15TH OCT | 9AM - 11AM



REGISTER INTEREST

Wandsworth Family Hubs

Online Workshops for Parents & Carers

Sep - Dec 2026

Grab yourself a cuppa and enjoy some helpful tips and support on a range of topics aimed at **under 5s** from Wandsworth colleagues and partners, **all online and interactive.**

Date & Time	Workshop	Delivered by:
Monday 28 Sep 1 to 2.15pm	Enjoying Time with Your Child Part 1: Understanding Their Behaviour	Daniel Sellwood & Phoebe Oliver Educational Psychologists
Wednesday 7 Oct 1 to 2.15pm	Enjoying Time with Your Child Part 2: Strategies to Support Positive Behaviour	Amy Couprie & Phoebe Oliver Educational Psychologists
Monday 12 Oct 1 to 2.15pm	Supporting Your Child with Social Communication Differences	Joanna Hardman Highly Specialist Speech and Language Therapist
Wednesday 21 Oct 10 to 11.15am	Supporting Your Child's Health, Development and School Readiness for families with SEND children	SEND Health Visitor
Monday 9 Nov 1 to 2.15pm	Introduction to Solids	Health Visiting Team
Monday 23 Nov 1 to 2.15pm	Sleep Hygiene for children with SEND	SEND Allkind
Monday 7 Dec 1 to 2.15pm	Learning Through Play	Early Years Team

To book onto a workshop you can scan the QR code or click on the link below
<https://forms.office.com/e/qXdqNSEn20>



For more information contact
Hannah.skaife@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk





**Calling all schools
across Wandsworth!**

Litter Transformed: The Re-Create Challenge



As part of our drive to promote recycling, we are encouraging and challenging pupils to create their very own masterpieces using clean, recycled materials and everyday litter!

What's up for grabs?

- £200 cash prize for the winning school
- First, second, and third-place prizes for individual student creators

Grab your plastics, cardboard and tins and turn litter into something unique!

**REGISTER
NOW!**



Deadline: Thursday 8th October 2026



Email: Grace.brady@krinkelsuk.co.uk



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FINAL REMINDER: FREE SCHOOL MEALS 2026

The way families apply for Free School Meals has changed. If your child is eligible, you now need to apply to make sure they can continue receiving free meals in school.

If you have not applied, the school will **not be able to continue providing Free School Meals from Monday 21 September.**



Please do not miss out – apply today using link below



We have written to families about this previously, and this is a **final reminder.**

Free School Meal eligibility will not automatically renew each year, so even if your child has received Free School Meals before, you still need to make sure the application has been completed.

Please apply as soon as possible using the link below.

It is also important to apply because the school receives **additional funding linked to eligible pupils.** This funding helps us provide wider support, opportunities and resources for your child and other pupils across the school.

Please do not miss out – apply today using this link:

<https://fsm.lgfl.net/>

There is an FAQ section within the tracker to assist with any queries:

<https://lgfl.net/services/free-school-meals/faq>

Is my child eligible for free school meals?

From September 2026, free school meals in England have expanded to all children in households receiving Universal Credit, regardless of how much you earn.

It's one of the biggest changes to free school meals in years, with over half a million more children expected to qualify.

Run a free eligibility check now to find out straight away whether your child qualifies for free school meals.



<https://fsm.lgfl.net/app>