

# IN TOUCH



## MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

I'd like to extend a very warm welcome back to school to all our families as we begin a new school year.

As you will know we enjoyed a successful summer of GCSE, A Level and T Level results, which followed hot on the heels of our 'outstanding' Catholic Schools' Inspectorate judgement in May. Consequently we are looking ahead with confidence to the new school year and the opportunities that it will bring for our students and for the wider school community.

We look forward to seeing you all at different events over the course of the next few weeks, starting with our mass and BBQ on Friday for parents of children in year 7. Please do come along to meet staff and other parents and get to know the school better.

Can I also ask you to continue to spread the word about the school amongst your family and social networks and encourage parents of primary aged children to attend our Open Evening on Tuesday 16 September, from 4.30-7.00pm



***And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."***

*Colossians 3:17*

As a new school year begins, we enter a season of fresh beginnings and new opportunities. Each classroom becomes a place where curiosity can grow, friendships can deepen, and gifts can be discovered. For students, teachers, and families alike, this is a time to step forward with courage, hope, and trust in God's guiding hand. May the year ahead be filled with learning, laughter, and the assurance that every step we take is part of a greater plan.

SEPTEMBER 2025						
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## KEY DATES

- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September - Year 7 BBQ
- Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> Open Evening (4:30 – 6:30pm)- school closes at 1:50pm
- Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> Prize Evening - school closes at 1:50pm







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.





## CELEBRATING SUMMER SUCCESS – GCSES AND SIXTH FORM

This August we were delighted to celebrate an outstanding set of results at both GCSE and Sixth Form. There was a real buzz in school as our Year 11s opened their envelopes and discovered their success, with some students gaining as many as 11 GCSEs at grades 8 and 9 – the very top marks. These results give them a brilliant foundation as they step confidently into Sixth Form.



Our Year 13s also shone, with fantastic A Level, Vocational and T Level achievements. From A\*s in Portuguese, high numbers of A grades in Maths, and strong results across Chemistry, Politics and Spanish, to Distinctions in Business, Digital Games and Sport – the hard work has paid off. Our very first T Level students are heading to prestigious apprenticeships with Amazon, while many others are off to Russell Group universities.



We are so proud of all our students – their effort, ambition and character truly inspire.



# JOURNEYING TOGETHER AS PILGRIMS OF HOPE: SJBC LIGHTS UP SUMMER 2025!



From August 11 to 22, SJBC came alive with the Don Bosco Summer Camp 2025! Over 70 young people gathered for an unforgettable experience under the inspiring theme Pilgrims of Hope.



For two weeks, the Salesian community filled each day with faith-filled activities, high-energy games, creative workshops, and uplifting Holy Masses and prayers. Laughter, learning, and friendship filled the air as the Salesian family journeyed together, discovering in a powerful way that we are all pilgrims of hope!





## GUINNESS WORLD RECORD COOKERY LESSON

We are proud to share that our students were part of a truly record-breaking experience last term!

On 1st July 2025, celebrity chef Jamie Oliver, together with his Ministry of Food Foundation and education partner Wonde, hosted a live global cook-along – and our students joined in.



The event set a new Guinness World Record for the Largest Cookery Lesson with an incredible 10,515 participants across 42 countries and 6 continents. From classrooms, home kitchens and even garden patios, young people came together to cook fresh pasta and a no-cook tomato sauce.

Our students cooked alongside thousands of others, guided live on Zoom by Jamie Oliver and chef Krzysztof Sumik. Not only did they get the chance to be part of history, they also learned valuable skills in preparing a simple, healthy meal – boosting their confidence and independence in the kitchen.

The event beat the previous record of 6,778 participants (set in 2015) and highlighted the importance of food education in schools. It was an unforgettable day for all involved, and we are delighted our young people were part of such a global celebration of cooking and learning.





# 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



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## 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.

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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.



# 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**

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