

IN TOUCH



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

As we near the beginning of the Easter holidays, this week's edition of In Touch reflects the strong sense of community, achievement and generosity that has characterised the Spring term at St John Bosco College. It has been particularly encouraging to see students engaging so positively in a wide range of activities, from our Lenten fundraising event, supporting children in Nigeria, to the celebration of success at our Key Stage 3 Rewards Evening, where students were recognised for their effort, progress and contribution to school life.

Alongside these moments of celebration, students have continued to benefit from a rich programme of enrichment, including visits, guest speakers and collaborative opportunities such as the Marymount partnership, all of which help to broaden horizons and deepen learning beyond the classroom.

As we approach the final days of term, I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents and carers of the importance of continued strong attendance. Every day in school matters, and maintaining good attendance right up to the end of term ensures that students make the most of all learning opportunities and finish the term positively.

Finally, a reminder that school will close early at 1.00pm on Friday, and we thank you in advance for your support in ensuring appropriate arrangements are in place for students. Thank you, as always, for your continued support throughout this term.



Our Weekly Lenten Guide to Loving Kindness

TIP 5

Tell people you appreciate them
and praise them often.



2026							MARCH						
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KEY DATES

- Thursday 26th March - Year 12/13 Parents' Evening (4:15-6:30)
- Friday 27 March - early close at 1pm
- Monday 13th April - Summer Term starts
- Tuesday 14th April - Wellbeing Drop-in Session for Spanish Speaking Parents (4:30pm)



LENTEN EVENT

On Friday, our school community came together with open hearts, showing true generosity and compassion.

As part of our Lenten journey, we held a cake and toy sale to support street children in Ibadan, Nigeria. Led by our dedicated Year 8 Chaplaincy Team and Sr. Pat, the event was filled with joy, kindness, and a real sense of purpose.



A heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed in any way—your support truly made a difference. A very special thank you to Mr. Harrison Pinder and his family, for their incredibly generous donation of toys and gifts.

Moments like this remind us that even the smallest acts of love can bring hope to others. This is our faith in action.



KS3 REWARDS EVENING CELEBRATES STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Last week we were delighted to host our Key Stage 3 Rewards Evening, a special occasion celebrating the effort, progress and achievements of students across Years 7, 8 and 9.

It was a really warm and uplifting evening for our school community, with students receiving recognition for their academic attainment, subject excellence, improvement, homework completion and contributions to the wider life of the school.



We are very grateful to Ms Haigh and Mr Scott, whose careful organisation ensured the evening ran smoothly and allowed us to celebrate the many successes of our students.

Among the many students recognised were:

Hugo (Year 7) – outstanding academic attainment across the year group

Anaaya (Year 8) – excellent achievement across multiple subjects

Katherine (Year 9) – highest overall attainment in Year 9

Reem (Year 9) – contribution to the spiritual life of the school

Ahmeer (Year 7) – service and commitment to the faith community

Jina (Year 8) – dedication to unity and service within the school



Evenings such as this remind us how much can be achieved when students demonstrate commitment, perseverance and a positive attitude to learning.

Students were also reminded that the celebrations continue later in the year. We look forward to our Sports Awards Evening in June, and the prestigious Grand Prize Evening in September, where many more students will be recognised for their achievements.

We congratulate all award recipients and thank parents for their continued support in encouraging students to work hard and aim high.



CREATIVE JOURNALISM PROJECT AWARDS CEREMONY

We're excited to celebrate the achievements of some of our fantastic Year 8 students who recently attended a special awards event at the Wandsworth Civic Suite.

A huge congratulations to Covenant, Eliza, Liam, Aliana, Kaylor and Precious, who took part in a Creative Journalism Workshop hosted by Welcome to Wandsworth. As part of the project, students conducted a professional interview with someone working at Sky News — and their hard work truly paid off.



We are incredibly proud to announce that they won an award for their fantastic interview skills, thoughtful questions, and professional presentation.

The group attended the awards show with Mr Nicholls, where they enjoyed a brilliant red carpet experience, snacks, and plenty of photos to remember the occasion. What an amazing achievement and a wonderful opportunity to experience the world of journalism first-hand.



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YEAR 9 & 10 THEATRE TRIP – INTO THE WOODS

Students in Years 9 and 10 recently enjoyed a theatre trip to see the musical *Into the Woods*, a celebrated production by Stephen Sondheim that cleverly weaves together familiar fairy tale characters including Cinderella, Little Red Riding Hood and Jack from *Jack and the Beanstalk*. The musical explores the consequences of wishes and the challenges of growing up through humour, music and storytelling.



Once students arrived at the theatre, they were able to relax and enjoy the performance, and the effort involved in getting there made the experience feel even more rewarding.

In many ways, the evening echoed one of the musical's memorable lines about heading "into the woods, to grandmother's house and home before dark" – a short journey with a few unexpected moments along the way, but one that ultimately ends safely where it should.

We are very grateful to the staff who supported and supervised the visit, and particularly to Mr Berner, whose organisation ensured that students could enjoy this valuable cultural and educational experience.

Experiences such as these play an important role in helping students engage with live theatre, storytelling and performance, bringing the arts to life beyond the classroom.

BOSCO DISCOVERY TALKS - DAVID MALONE AND OLIVE ESSIEN OBE

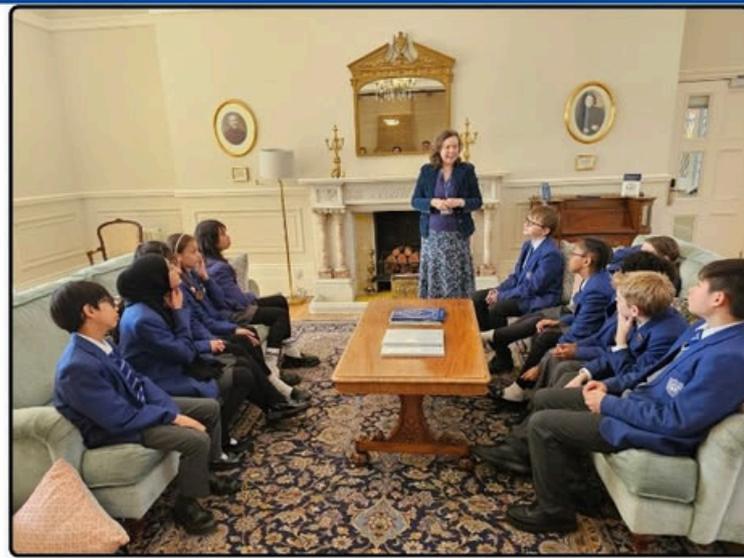


We were delighted to welcome David Malone and Olive Essien OBE, both senior prosecutors with the Crown Prosecution Service, to SJBC last week. David and Olive both delivered powerful talks about their careers in law and the journey that had taken them there. They spent time with the number of students who were keen to learn more about working in the legal profession. Students were also fascinated to see Olive's OBE award which she brought into school with her.

MARYMOUNT INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL VISIT

This week, 11 of our Year 7 students began an exciting outreach and collaborative experience by visiting Marymount International School for a joint event. Our students proudly shared our school's history and ethos while learning about theirs as well.

This marks the beginning of a wonderful journey of friendship and collaboration between the two schools. We look forward to welcoming them to our school in May.



AMAZON DONATION

Our relationship with global companies continues to go from strength to strength.

One of our T Level placement partners, Amazon, selected SJBC to be a 'Twinning school'; one of the benefits includes a donation of over £3000 worth of much-needed musical equipment to support students in our Music Department.



PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION – YOUR VOTE MATTERS

We are pleased to share that two parents have put themselves forward for the role of Parent Governor at St John Bosco College.

Parent Governors play a vital role in the life of the school. They bring the parent perspective to the governing body, helping to shape strategic decisions, support school improvement, and ensure that the voices of families are heard at the highest level. This is an important responsibility, and your vote helps determine who will represent you.



Please take a moment to read about the candidates below and cast your vote using the link provided.

MEET THE CANDIDATES

DINA NEIM

My name is Dina Neim, and I am a parent of a child in Year 7. I am putting myself forward for the Parent Governor role because I am passionate about our children's education and want to contribute positively to the school community. With my background as a primary school teacher, I bring strong skills in education and customer service. I am committed to ensuring that every child at our school has the best possible environment to thrive, and I look forward to representing the voices of fellow parents on the governing body.

LLOYD SALMON

My name is Lloyd Salmon. I have a daughter in Year 9 and a son in Year 7, and I have lived, worked and studied in the borough. Like all parents, I am passionate about my children's education and try to support the school whenever possible. After careful consideration, I have decided to run for the position of Parent Governor at SJBC. If successful, I would see myself as a voice for all parents, all pupils, and the wider SJBC community.

HOW TO VOTE

Please cast your vote by following the link below:

[Parent Governor Election 2026 – Fill out form](#)

Voting will close on first day of term in April.

Thank you for taking the time to participate in this important process and for your continued support of our school community.



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9-13
years
(year 5 - year 9)



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16th August

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