

# IN TOUCH



## MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

This week's edition of In Touch reflects a strong and positive start to the new term. I would like to congratulate our Years 7–10 students on the calm and focused way they completed their PPE examinations. Please do ask them about their results and where they can look to improve further when these are shared in the coming weeks.

Looking ahead, we are pleased to be hosting our Careers Fair this week, giving students valuable opportunities to engage with employers and explore future pathways.

We also look forward to celebrating the Feast of St John Bosco at the end of the month. We have our tutor group trips on Friday 30 January and the following day, Saturday 31 January, students are invited to attend a special Youth Day organised by the Salesians. You can find out more below.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.



***"The Lord will perfect that which concerns me." Psalm 138:8***

With the PPE exams now complete, we give thanks for the strength and perseverance that carried us through. Well done for your dedication and faithfulness. As we look ahead, may we move forward with renewed focus and peace, trusting that God continues to guide our steps and bring His work in us to completion.

## KEY DATES

2026 JANUARY						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

- 27<sup>th</sup> January - Careers Fair in the RUA Hall
- 30<sup>th</sup> January - Don Bosco Feast Day
- 5<sup>th</sup> February - Year 7 Parents' Evening



## WELL DONE TO YEARS 7–10 – PPES AND ATTENDANCE

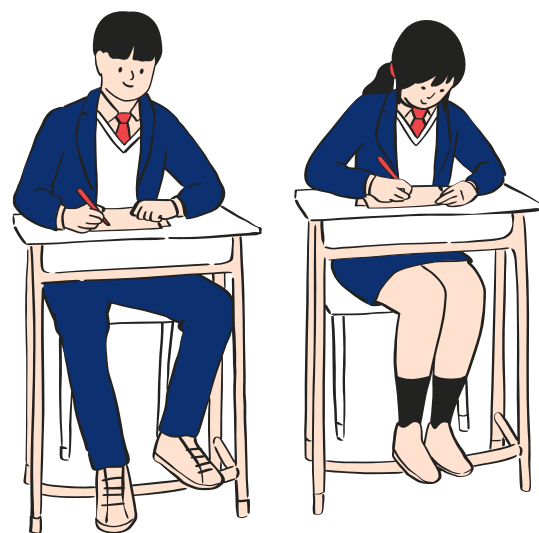
We would like to congratulate all students in Years 7–10 who took part in their PPEs. It was excellent to see pupils approaching their assessments with focus, resilience and a strong work ethic. Staff were impressed with the calm and purposeful way students engaged with their exams.

We are also delighted to share that whole-school attendance reached 95% on some days, which is a fantastic achievement and reflects the commitment of our students and families. High attendance is vital, particularly for year groups sitting exams, as every lesson directly supports learning, confidence and outcomes.

100% attendance (or as close as possible to that) is crucial. Missing lessons can have a significant impact on progress, revision and exam readiness, and consistent attendance is one of the strongest predictors of academic success.

Thank you to parents and carers for your continued support in ensuring students are present, punctual and ready to learn. Your partnership makes a real difference.

The next round of PPEs will be for Years 11–13 and will take place straight after the February half-term. Further details will be shared in due course.



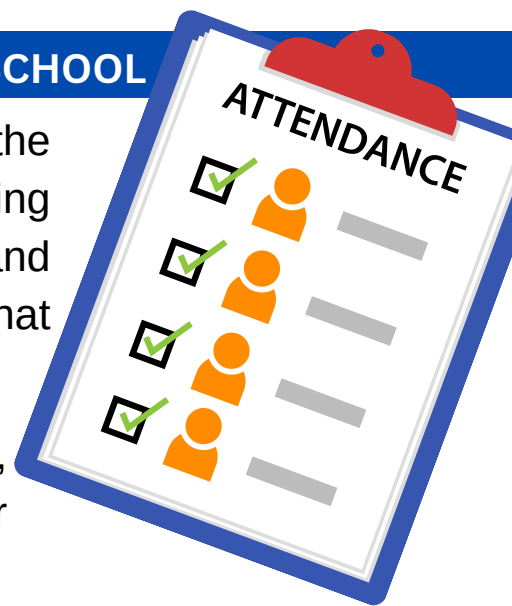
## THE IMPORTANCE OF ATTENDANCE IN SECONDARY SCHOOL

Regular attendance in secondary school is one of the strongest factors in a child's academic success, wellbeing and confidence. Every lesson builds on the last, and missing school can quickly create gaps in learning that are hard to close, particularly in exam years.

Good attendance helps students develop routines, resilience and positive habits that prepare them for further education, employment and adult life.

Parents can support strong attendance by establishing consistent morning and evening routines, ensuring good sleep habits, checking timetables and equipment the night before, and encouraging attendance even on days when motivation is low.

Unless a child is genuinely unwell, attending school every day and arriving on time sends a powerful message about the value of education and helps students achieve their full potential.





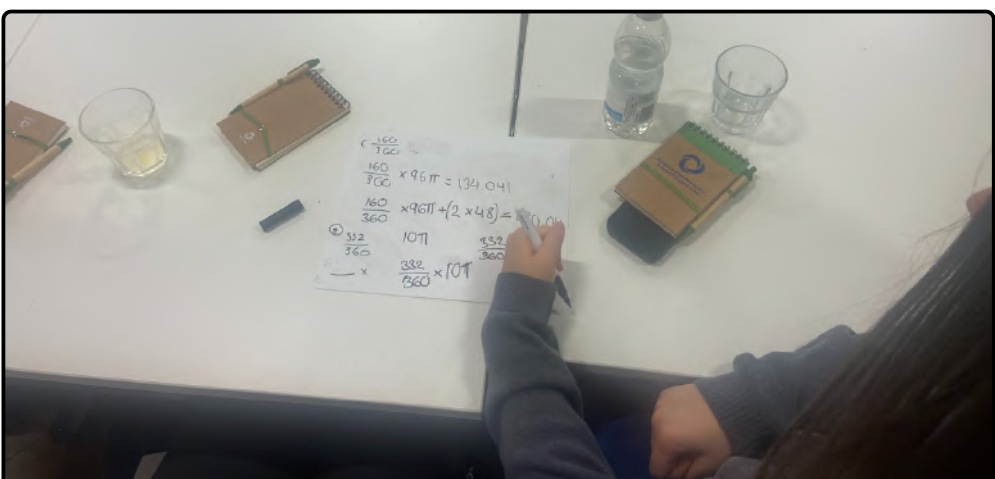
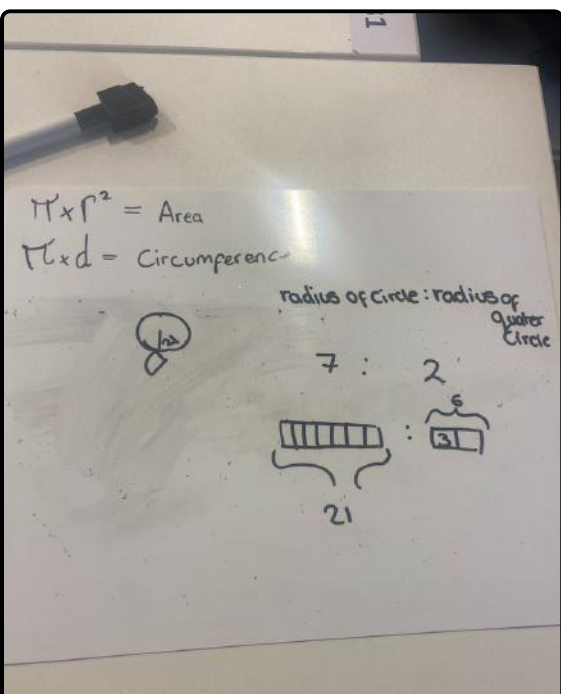
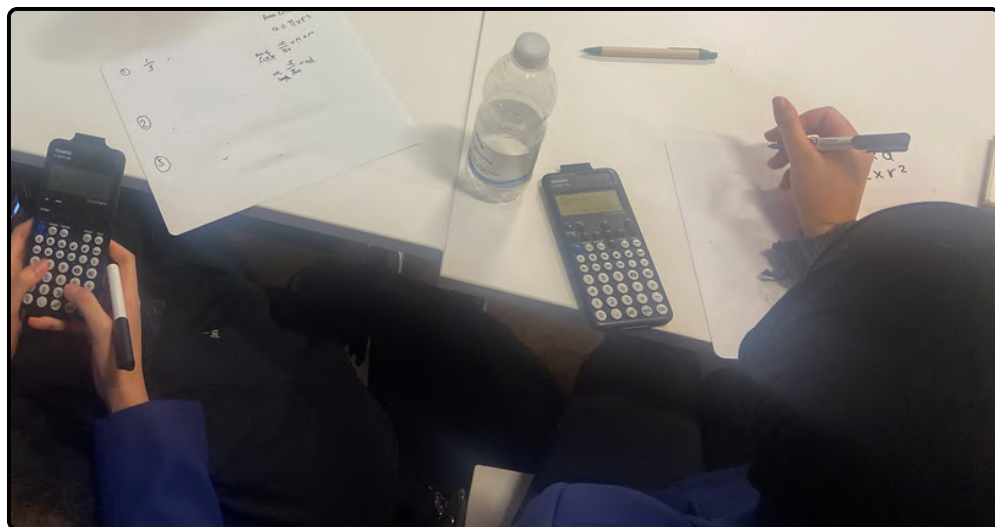
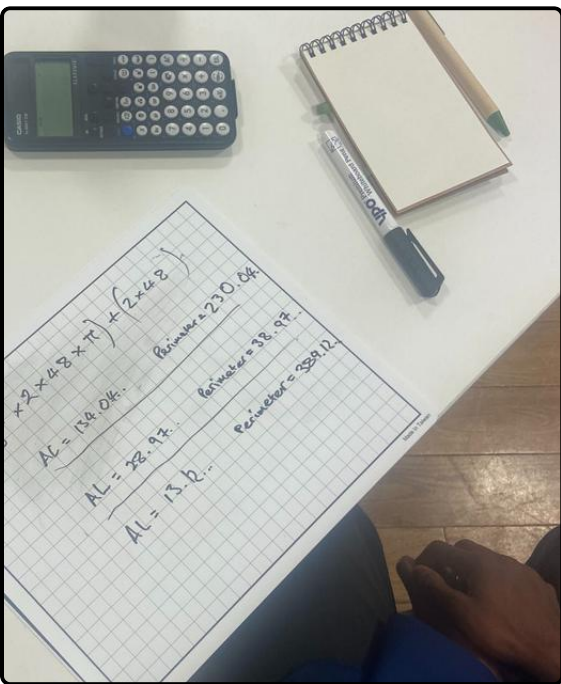
# MATHS MASTERCLASS AT IMPERIAL COLLEGE LONDON

Before Christmas, a group of eight year 11 students attended a maths masterclass at Imperial College London. The students spent the day looking at how to be an efficient mathematician and learning how to be efficient when given a GCSE question. During the masterclass, we focused on velocity-time graphs, circles, arcs, and finally vectors.



We were very lucky to have a tour of the campus, by some STEM students, followed by a talk from an aspiring astronaut, Dr Jackie Bell.

Overall, we had an incredible time and enjoyed all the talks and will hopefully apply these to our next PPEs.



## A WIDE RANGE OF SPORTS CLUBS FOR ALL STUDENTS

We are delighted to offer a rich and varied programme of extra-curricular sports clubs for students across all year groups. Our clubs run every weekday and are designed to promote physical health, teamwork, confidence and enjoyment, alongside developing sporting skills.

Across the week, students can take part in a wide range of activities including football, basketball, netball, volleyball, badminton, dance, Girls in Sport sessions, and sixth-form football. Sessions are led by experienced staff and take place in our excellent facilities, including the Sports Hall, MUGA, Gym and Activity Suite.



Clubs are inclusive and open to different year groups depending on the activity, with specific sessions available for Year 7–8, Year 9–10, U14 and U16 teams, as well as all-years participation clubs. This ensures that every student has the opportunity to get involved at a level that suits them.

We strongly encourage parents and carers to support their child's participation in these clubs. Regular attendance helps students build routines, stay active after school, and develop positive relationships beyond the classroom.

## EXTRA CURRICULAR SPORTS

### WEEKLY SPORTS CLUBS SCHEDULE

DAY	CLUB	LOCATION	TEACHER
Monday	All Years Volleyball/Badminton	Sports Hall	BKU
Monday	Year 7 & 8 Football Club	MUGA	YAZ
Tuesday	U14 Boys Basketball	Sports Hall	ICE
Tuesday	All Years Girls in Sport	Gym/Activity Suite	LLS
Tuesday	Years 9 & 10 Football Club	MUGA	YAZ
Wednesday	All Years Dance Club	Activity Suite	BKU
Wednesday	All Years Netball	MUGA	RSE
Wednesday	6th Form Football	Sports Hall	Old Salesians FC
Thursday	U16 Boys Basketball	Sports Hall	ICE
Friday	Girls Basketball	Sports Hall	ICE



# LINKEDIN SESSION - JAMES MALTBY KING'S COLLEGE LONDON IN ASSOCIATION WITH VALIANTYS



Year 12 welcomed James Maltby, on behalf of Valiantys, to share his knowledge and expertise with our students as part of the Bosco Discovery talks series.



James shared tips and guidance on how to land a role with your dream company by having a consistent presence on LinkedIn, being bold enough to talk about your passions, and curious enough to connect with people you admire. These qualities secured James a role with Visa ahead of completing his Psychology degree at King's College London. As a former state school student, James reminded the students of the importance of building and growing a professional network early.

## Key takeaways;

- Have a professional photo of yourself
- Be consistent - post once a week
- Consider how you are engaging with others - what are they going to say when I leave the room?
- Showcase your personality, passions and interest
- Follow the company on LinkedIn to show a genuine interest in what they do as companies often check if applicants are following the on the platform

The students also had an opportunity to create a LinkedIn post for Valiantys using hashtags and engaging content. Thank you to Ms Vincent for organising this amazing opportunity.



# LONDON MAYOR AND MOPAC YOUTH SURVEY

The Mayor of London invites young people aged 11–16 (Years 7–11) to take part in the Youth Survey for London, delivered in partnership with MOPAC. The survey gives students the opportunity to share their views on a range of crime and safety issues, helping to shape improvements in how the police and other criminal justice services work with and support young people across the capital.



We are particularly keen to hear from students in Wandsworth to ensure that voices from all areas of London are represented. As the survey is anonymous, we are unable to see which schools have already participated, and we apologise if this is a repeat request.

If your child has not yet had the opportunity to complete the survey, we would greatly appreciate your support in encouraging their participation. The survey may be completed during lessons, as homework, or independently at home, using a smartphone, tablet, or computer. The survey will close on 30 January 2026.

The survey can be accessed via the following link:

<https://www.londonvoice.org.uk/whatdoYOUTHink>

## Thank you for your help with this important work.

*Your data will be used by MOPAC solely for the purpose of improving the service you receive and will never be shared or published in a way in which people will be able to know who you are. By filling in this survey you agree that we will process your data in line with MOPAC's privacy policy. For more information, please go to [www.london.gov.uk/mopac-privacy-policy](http://www.london.gov.uk/mopac-privacy-policy) or contact MOPAC at [enquiries@mopac.london.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@mopac.london.gov.uk).*

*Any information that you provide will be processed in line with the requirements of the UK Data Protection Act and the UK General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).*

If you have any problems completing the survey, you can contact us at [evidenceandinsight@mopac.london.gov.uk](mailto:evidenceandinsight@mopac.london.gov.uk).

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Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read 'Sadiq Khan'.

**Sir Sadiq Khan**  
Mayor of London



# FEAST OF ST. JOHN BOSCO - INVITATION

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope this message finds you well. The Salesians of Don Bosco, Battersea, are delighted to invite your child to our **Youth Day** in celebration of the **Feast of St John Bosco on Saturday, 31 January 2026**.

This special day will be filled with lively activities and meaningful moments designed to help young people grow in faith, build friendships, discover new skills, and share joy together—just as Don Bosco dreamed for every young person. The programme will include **team challenges, educational games, creative workshops, and reflective times for prayer and inspiration**.

The Youth Day is open to all young people **aged 9 and above**. We also warmly welcome **young adults** who would like to join us as helpers and animators. The celebration will take place at **St John Bosco College, Parkham Street, Battersea, SW11 3DQ**, from **9.30am to 4.00pm**.

If you would like your child to take part in this joyful and meaningful day, please complete the registration form by scanning the QR code or using the link provided: <https://forms.gle/TNuXtH9WQkdEX5kc6>

For any further information, please contact:  
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Salesian Battersea Youth Ministry  
Bro. Nhan Le



**Feast of St. John Bosco**  
**SJBC, Saturday, 31<sup>st</sup> January 2026**  
**9.30am – 4pm**



**Theme:** 2026 *Strena* – *Do whatever he tells you, believers, free to serve*

**Participants:** Young people from year 5 and above

## Programme

9.30 am:	Welcoming and icebreaker
10.15 am – 11. 00 am:	Formative session: St. John Bosco
11.00 am – 12.45 pm:	Games
12.45 pm – 1.45 pm:	Lunch
1.45 pm – 2.45 pm:	Faith workshops – <i>Strena</i> 2026
2.45 pm – 3.15 pm:	Adoration
3.40 pm:	Finish



# FEAST OF ST. JOHN BOSCO

BELIEVERS, FREE TO SERVE

SATURDAY, 31<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY 2026

9:30 AM - 4:00 PM



**THEME: "DO WHATEVER HE TELLS YOU"**  
(2026 Strenna)



Join us @ **St. John Bosco College,**  
**Parkham Street, Battersea, SW11 3DQ.**

Activities

TEAMWORK, EDUCATIVE GAMES, CREATIVE WORKSHOPS &  
REFLECTIVE MOMENTS



Scan  
for registration

**PARTICIPANTS: YOUNG PEOPLE YEAR 5+**



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# CAREERS FAIR 2026



## CONNECT WITH TOP EMPLOYERS

- Explore apprenticeships and early career pathways
- Meet real employers and learn about different industries



### DATE

Tuesday 27th January



### TIME

Period 1 - 3



### LOCATION

RUAH Hall



### Companies include:



Civil Service



Department  
for Work &  
Pensions

INVEST/MENT  
20/20



talking  
tables  
plan it. host it. love it.



LONDON  
DIGITAL  
INSTITUTE



South Thames  
Colleges Group



TRANSPORT  
FOR LONDON  
EVERY JOURNEY MATTERS



ROYAL  
AIR FORCE



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Elevate  
Series

## GET YOUR QUESTIONS READY!



# ONLINE SAFETY TALK

THURSDAY 12TH FEBRUARY 2026  
5PM - 6PM VIRTUALLY

## ST JOHN BOSCO COLLEGE

The digital world is an ever developing and changing landscape. Children growing up in modern society have greater access to information, communication and creative tools than ever before. This brings many positives and opportunities for advancements, but it is important that as adults we keep an awareness of online risks, how to best mitigate these and manage conversations around the online world with our children.

We welcome all SJBC parents and carers to join us at **5pm on Thursday 12th February 2026** for this special online safety focused session, presented by experts from eduthing. We will look to provide practical advice and tips to help parents and carers manage their children's time online and make it as safe and enjoyable as possible. **What we'll cover:**

- **Social media platforms** (including WhatsApp and Snapchat)
- **Parental control and monitoring apps**
- **Child safety and tracking tools**
- **Dangers of gaming and chat functions**
- **Screen time and sleep hygiene**
- **Phishing and online scams**
- **AI – real vs fake and risks for vulnerable young people**
- **Digital family agreements and building open dialogue**

### HOW TO REGISTER:

Scan or click on the QR code to register for this session. Joining details will be automatically sent to you upon registering.





## Upcoming Events For Secondary Parents Spring Term 2026

### Supporting your teenager's mental health webinars

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.

**12TH JAN 26**  
**1 PM - 2 PM**

Screen Time, Social  
Media and gaming -  
what parents need  
to know

**14TH JAN 26**  
**7 PM - 8 PM**

**9TH FEB 26**  
**7 PM - 8.30 PM**

Supporting Siblings  
of Children with  
SEND

**10TH FEB 26**  
**1.30 PM - 3 PM**

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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