

# IN TOUCH



## MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

A highlight of this week was our whole school mass to mark the Feast of St John Bosco, which brought the whole school community together in prayer and celebration of this important date in the Salesian year.

It was also a busy week for our personal development programme with students from different year groups taking part in a wide range of activities aimed at broadening their horizons and deepening their understanding of the world around them. We expect all our students to aim high and to think ambitiously about their futures and to engage thoughtfully with new ideas beyond the classroom.

It was a pleasure to see so many parents who attend the Year 7 Parents' Evening on Thursday. Thank you for taking the time to engage in valuable conversations about your child's progress and next steps. We look forward to welcoming parents of children in year 10 to their event on Thursday this week.

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



***“Return to me with all your heart.” Joel 2:12***

As we prepare for the season of Lent, we are invited to reflect on our choices, our relationships, and our journey of faith. Lent encourages us to pause, to grow through prayer and kindness, and to make space for God in our daily lives. May this time help our school community to act with compassion, support one another, and move forward with renewed hope and purpose.



## KEY DATES

- 12<sup>th</sup> February - Year 10 Parents' Evening, 4:15-6:30pm  
- Parents e-safety workshop, 5:00-6:00pm
- 13<sup>th</sup> February - Break up for half-term
- 23<sup>rd</sup> February - return to school
- 23<sup>rd</sup> February – start of Year 11, 12, 13 Mocks Week



# ST JOHN BOSCO FEAST MASS

We began the week by coming together as a school community to celebrate Mass in honour of the Feast of St John Bosco, our patron saint and the inspiration behind the ethos of our school. St John Bosco believed deeply in being present with young people and in an education that forms not only the mind, but the whole person – creating future citizens who can contribute meaningfully to society and earn their own bread with dignity.



The Mass offered a valuable moment of reflection on these values and their continued relevance in our daily work with students. It was wonderful to see students, staff and the wider community united in prayer, reinforcing our shared sense of purpose and belonging.



# 10 tips to put loving kindness into your life

1. At the end of the day remember the good things that have happened.
2. Allow yourself to be cared for and praised by others and say thank you.
3. Notice how good and patient people are around you even if they sometimes aren't kind.
4. When people get into a moaning session distract the focus to make it more hopeful.
5. Tell people you appreciate them and praise them often.
6. Don't let your plans become so fixed that you can't help out a friend.
7. Forgive other people for not being perfect and trust them with a fresh start.
8. Risk being kind to someone who seems a bit scary.
9. Pray for those who are having a hard time.
10. Be gentle and kind to yourself when things go wrong.



# ALF DUBS ANNUAL LECTURE 2026

We are delighted to share that two of our Year 12 student leaders, along with staff, were fortunate to be invited to attend the 2026 Alf Dubs Annual Lecture, a local educational event held in Battersea.

The Alf Dubs Lecture Trust is a charitable organisation that exists to advance the education of the public in human rights and refugee issues through a public annual lecture. It was founded to honour the legacy of Alf Dubs, Baron Dubs, a British politician and lifelong advocate for the rights of refugees and displaced people.

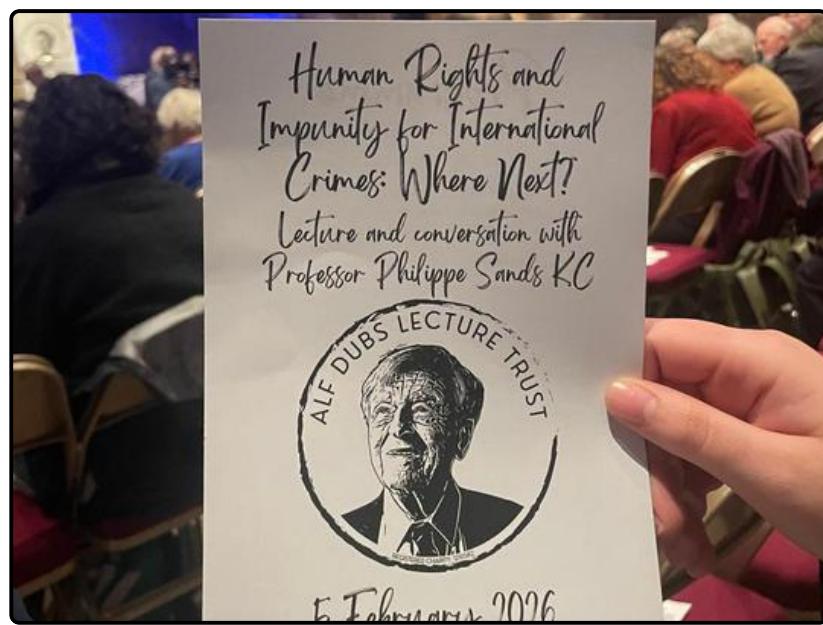


This year's lecture was delivered by Professor Philippe Sands KC, a distinguished international human rights lawyer and author. Professor Sands spoke powerfully about the history of international law, the current threats and challenges it faces, and the importance of defending justice and human rights globally.

His message was both thought-provoking and hopeful. While history shows that laws and boundaries are often tested in challenging times, we should not be despondent. Instead, we should take confidence from the resilience of legal principles over time and recognise that everyone has a role to play in upholding values and working towards a fairer, more just world.



We are very grateful to the Alf Dubs Lecture Trust for inviting our students and staff to this inspiring event and look forward to welcoming representatives of the Trust into school in the near future as we explore further ways to engage with their important work.



## CAREERS FAIR

Following our most successful Careers Fair yet - organised by Ms. Vincent - one of our generous employers, JCA Engineering, donated Amazon vouchers as prizes to students who provided the closest guesses for the total number of bolts in a jar.

These were awarded to three students, Sara, Jitesh, and Scott. Additionally, Naturelle received a voucher for earning multiple 'Star Student' nominations from visiting employers for demonstrating curiosity, passion, and thorough company research, as well as for leaving a lasting positive impression. Well done to you all!

A special thank you to JCA Engineering for your generous donation!



## OWN SHOES DAY

This week, we were delighted to celebrate a fantastic event organised by our talented Year 12 Business students. On Wednesday 4th February, they planned and delivered a special Own Trainers Day, which proved to be a great success.

Students and staff across the school took part, proudly wearing their favourite trainers while supporting a worthwhile initiative. The enthusiasm shown by everyone involved was wonderful to see, and thanks to the generosity of our school community, an impressive £170 was raised.



We would like to say a huge thank you to our Year 12 Business students for their hard work, creativity, and commitment in planning and running the event. Their efforts and teamwork truly made the day a success, and we are incredibly proud of what they achieved.



This week, we were thrilled to welcome Joanna Bogle, Catholic writer, historian and broadcaster, as our Bosco Talk speaker.

Joanna delivered a fascinating and thought-provoking talk exploring the history of London, with a particular focus on the lives of saints connected to the city and the lasting contribution they have made to our culture today. Students were especially engaged by her exploration of the word culture, which she explained comes from the Latin *cultus* – meaning something that is deeply important to an individual, something worth committing to fully, and even worth dying for. This helps us to understand why culture matters so deeply to people, why it shapes identity, and why respect for different cultures is so important in our society and in our own lives.



Our Sixth Form students were genuinely enthused by Joanna's visit. Her passion, clarity and intellectual energy were infectious, and students spoke positively about how inspiring it was to hear history, faith and contemporary culture brought together so powerfully.

We are very grateful to Joanna for her time, insight and for her ongoing connection with school life, and we look forward to welcoming her back again in the future.

## All Saints of London

### The Saints Who Shaped a City

- **Bertha of Kent** – Rekindled the flame
- **Augustine of Canterbury** – Launched the mission
- **Æthelburga of Barking** – Founded monastic life
- **Erkenwald of London** – Guided the Thames
- **Thomas More** – Defended conscience
- **Edmund Campion** – Witnessed in secret
- **John Henry Newman** – United faith and reason

Each saint weaves faith, history, and London's soul into one tapestry.



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## WHO CAN JOIN?

SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS (AGE 11-16)

COME ALONG, FIND OUT MORE & SIGN UP!

 RIVERSIDE RADIO, SOUTH WEST LONDON  
TASTER DAY ON SATURDAY 28 FEBRUARY  
LIMITED SPACES - DON'T MISS OUT!  
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# CLICKING WITH CONFIDENCE: HELPING CHILDREN STAY SAFE ONLINE

**FREE** Parent & Carer Online Safety Webinar

**eduthing**  
IT Services for Education

in conversation with  
**SCREENSAFE**

We are excited to again be celebrating the upcoming Safer Internet Day by hosting a virtual parent & carer support session with Anna Sarjantson, ScreenSafe and experts from the eduthing Professional Learning team, and you're invited!

**Join us in conversation as we explore the best ways to support our children and young people navigating the online world covering topics such as:**

- Q Artificial Intelligence - What to know and how to support your children and young people
- Q Resources to facilitate discussion with children and young people on online safety
- Q Top Tips and Tricks for Parents & Carers Q Particular Apps or Features to be aware of!
- Q Interactive Q&A Session

## ABOUT SCREENSAFE



I started Screen-Safe to help more parents, carers, teachers and anyone working with children, have access to support, the information they need now and the tools they need for the future when it comes to keeping our children and young people safer online. As a parent myself, I know just how challenging and sometimes, overwhelming it can be to navigate the digital world our children are growing up in. The online world can provide incredible opportunities but also some serious risks, especially where children are concerned.

We want them to be able to recognise the risks, be able to call out fake profiles or misinformation and have the confidence to say NO and get away from anything or anyone online that doesn't feel right or safe to them.

## ABOUT EDUTHING



eduthing are a leading technology provider to schools across the UK. As well as providing technical support to ensure teaching and learning runs smoothly, eduthing work with teachers, parents, carers and students with Computing, EdTech and Online Safety support and workshops.



We are passionate about ensuring the safety of children and young people when they experience the online world and immerse themselves in a safe and measured way.

## SESSION REGISTRATION

Click here to register for the upcoming session:

<https://eduthi.ng/SIDW-2026> Please note that this is a live session.



# 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.



# LIBRARY AFTER SCHOOL STUDY

## YEAR 10 - 13

The Library is open  
Monday to Thursday until 6pm  
and Fridays until 5pm.

- Quiet study space
- Staff support available
- Bank of past exam papers available



⚠ You may not be anywhere else on site  
unsupervised after school

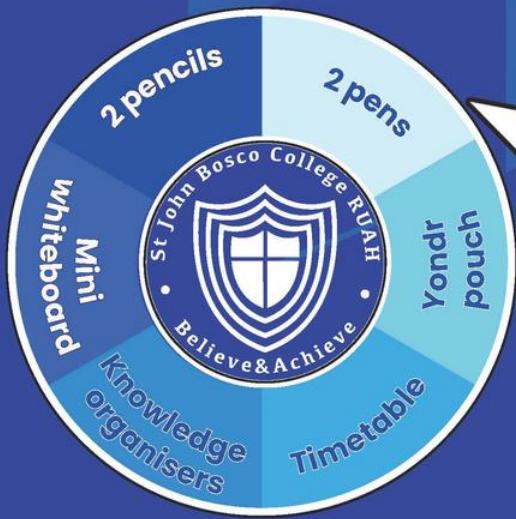
Use the space  
responsibly.

Don't leave your  
success to chance.  
Come to the library.  
Put the time in.  
Make it count.



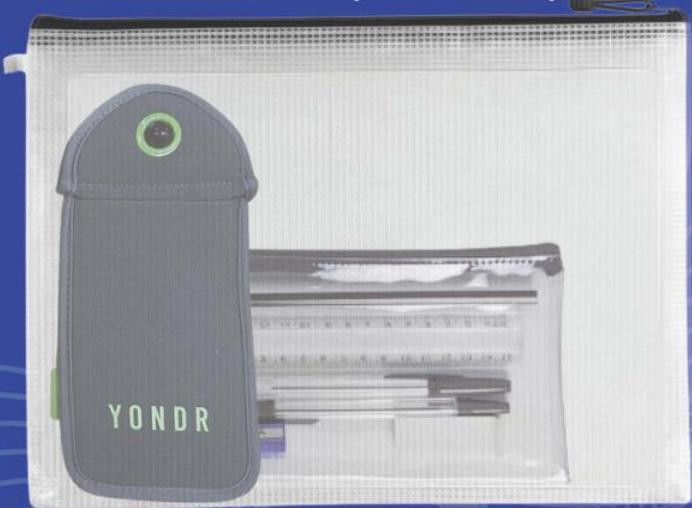


At SJBC, we believe being ready to learn starts with being equipped. Your Student Equipment Pack is a vital tool for your success – **pens, pencils, ruler, whiteboard, Yondr pouch** – everything you need to get the most from every lesson.



## Price List:

- **Yondr Pouch – £18**
- **Full Student Equipment Pack – £20**  
(Includes A5 Wallet, Yondr Pouch, A4 whiteboard and pencil case containing 2 x pens, 2 x pencils, whiteboard marker, 15cm ruler, pencil sharpener and eraser)
- **Replacement Pencil Case – £2.50**  
(Pencil case containing 2 x pens, 2 x pencils, whiteboard marker, 15cm ruler, pencil sharpener and eraser)
- **Stationery Top-Up Pack – £2.50**  
(Contains x 4 x pens, 4 x pencils and 2 x whiteboard markers)



**Don't get caught short in class. Keep your pack complete, stay ready, and make every lesson count!**

# Education Wellbeing Service Webinar

## Supporting your teenager with Exam Stress in the run up to big exams (Years 11-13)

Upcoming GCSE & A level exams (as well as BTECs etc) can be a stressful time for your teenager.

This workshop talks through some of the common challenges many young people face when their stress around revising or sitting an exam becomes too much. It will also cover how, as a parent or carer, you can best support your child to manage these feelings and do their best.



### LOCATION

Online - Hosted on Teams

Sign up to either event  
for free on Eventbrite  
by scanning the QR Code.

You can also check out  
our other events by  
[clicking here](#)

[wellbeinginschoolsevents@swlstg.nhs.uk](mailto:wellbeinginschoolsevents@swlstg.nhs.uk)

Monday 16th February

7.00-8.00pm



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Tuesday 17th February

1.00-2.00pm

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