

IN TOUCH



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

As we continue through this busy half term, it has been heartening to see the dedication, ambition and generosity that our students bring to school life each day.

Among this week's highlights we celebrate our Year 8 football team's impressive victory against Harris Battersea in which they showed great character and determination in order to prevail. We also highlight the culinary talents of our Dish of the Week winners who produced outstanding mini carrot muffins, reflecting the real creativity and pride in their work.

Across the school, students continue to benefit from rich opportunities beyond the classroom. Sixth Formers in Health and Social Care and Applied Science gained a valuable insight into careers within the dental health sector. Meanwhile, our Year 10 students thrived during the national BIMA Digital Careers Day, producing innovative digital solutions and showcasing their skills in research, teamwork and creative thinking.

As a community rooted in service, we look ahead to Monday's bake sale, where students and staff will raise funds for those affected by Hurricane Melissa in the Caribbean. We also prepare to gather for Carols in the Square on 2 December, marking the beginning of Advent with reflection, joy and togetherness. As we approach the season of Advent, may we remain committed to uplifting one another and working with purpose, gratitude and hope.



"Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and He will establish your plans." Proverbs 16:3

As we strive toward our goals, we're reminded that every effort, no matter how small, carries meaning.

When we pursue achievement with humility and gratitude, we honor the purpose placed within us.

May our dedication inspire others, and may our successes reflect the strength, resilience, and hope we share as a community. In uplifting one another, we discover the true fulfillment that comes from growing, and achieving, together.

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KEY DATES

- **24th November** - Bake sale raising funds for all those affected by Hurricane Melissa
- **2nd December** - Start of Advent - Carols in the Square (6:00pm)
- **4th December** - Year 12 & 13 Parents Evening - (4:25-6:30pm)
- **11th December** - Year 11 Parents Evening - (4:25-6:30pm)
- **11th December** - High achievers event (6.30pm)



SJBC YEAR 8 BOYS FOOTBALL MATCH REPORT

SJBC's Year 8 team produced a brilliant comeback performance in their away fixture against Harris Battersea, winning 4–1 after initially going a goal down.

Despite the early setback, the team showed excellent character and composure. William was outstanding in goal throughout, making several key saves to keep SJBC in control once they turned the game around. Whbet delivered one of the highlights of the match with a fantastic goal.



Captain Luis led by example, organising the team brilliantly and driving the midfield with maturity beyond his years. The match also saw a number of exciting debuts, with Lloyd, Keane, Harit and Javaeh, all making strong impressions and contributing to the team's dominant display.

A well-deserved victory and a proud day for the Year 8 squad.

DISH OF THE WEEK – YEAR 7 MINI MUFFIN STARS

Congratulations to our Dish of the Week winners, Julia B and Elizabeth W in Year 7. This week's winning creation was a batch of beautifully prepared carrot mini muffins, which impressed Ms Henry with both their flavour and presentation.

She described the muffins as “delicious, moist, and aesthetically wow”—a testament to the girls' growing skills and pride in their work.

Well done to Julia and Elizabeth for their creativity, effort and fantastic attitude in the Food Technology kitchen. We look forward to celebrating more culinary talent in the coming weeks.



GUEST SPEAKER INSPIRES SIXTH FORM SCIENCE AND HEALTH STUDENTS

This week, our Year 12 and 13 Health and Social Care students, along with Year 13 Applied Science, enjoyed a visit from guest speaker Nzinga Aidoo-Bell, a Dental Hygienist and Therapist. Nzinga generously shared her professional journey, her training, and the realities of working within the dental health sector.



Students were fully engaged throughout the session, asking thoughtful and insightful questions that demonstrated real curiosity about future health-related careers. We extend our thanks to Ms Burke for organising this excellent opportunity for our sixth form learners.

YEAR 10 SHINE AT BIMA DIGITAL CAREERS DAY

Last week, we were delighted to welcome Guillaume and Frankie from Flipside, a leading London-based digital product agency within the Weber Shandwick group. As our valued industry partners, they delivered a BIMA Day workshop for Year 10 Computer Science and Creative iMedia students.



BIMA Day, run nationally by the British Interactive Media Association, provides young people with an authentic insight into digital careers by connecting them with top agencies across the country. This year, students worked in teams to respond to a real brief from either Hello Fresh or Aston Martin, identifying a problem and designing a creative digital solution. Students researched, planned and presented their ideas — many making excellent use of AI tools to enhance their work.

The winning team, Mohammed, Julien and Jayden, created a vibrant Hello Fresh box concept featuring QR-coded recipes, family activities and even printed jokes, with the box designed to be reused for arts and crafts. Their pitch has been submitted to BIMA's national judging panel, giving SJBC the chance to win £500 for the school.

We extend our sincere thanks to the Computing and Media departments for supporting the event, and a special thank you to Ms Vincent, whose hard work and coordination made the day possible.



SLEEP OUT FUNDRAISER – THANK YOU

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Sleep Out last week. Whether you took part, donated, or helped in the background, your generosity and spirit made the event a real success. We are delighted to share that we raised over £1,300 for The Passage, a charity dedicated to supporting people experiencing homelessness and helping them move towards a safe, stable and secure future.



Your kindness will directly contribute to providing vital services such as hot meals, advice, shelter, and long-term support for some of the most vulnerable members of our community. Thank you for showing such compassion and for living out our RUAH values so powerfully.



BOSCO DISCOVERY TALK – RICHARD BERLIE



This week, our Sixth Form enjoyed a thought-provoking Bosco Discovery Talk from Richard Berlie, Headteacher of St Anthony's,

an independent prep school in North London. Richard, who grew up in Battersea and attended Salesian College, spoke passionately about the many opportunities within the education sector.

He also shared insightful reflections on university pathways, career choices, and making purposeful decisions about the future. Our students found his honesty and experience both motivating and reassuring as they consider their next steps.

Thank you to Richard for his time and shared wisdom!

RUNNERS WANTED



12 APRIL 2026

Local Battersea charity has
coveted charity places in the
2026 London Landmarks Half Marathon!



Date: Sunday 12 April 2026

Registration fee: £30

Location: Pall Mall, London, SW1

Minimum sponsorship: £395



Find out more:
mikaerefoundation.org/llhm

FRIDAY MASS AT 8AM



We warmly invite all the students to join us for Mass every Friday morning at 8:00 am in the school chapel.

This is a wonderful opportunity to come together as a community, reflect, and start the day with peace and grace.

Whether you come every week or it's your first time, all are welcome. We look forward to seeing you there!

CAKE SALE



LET'S COME TOGETHER AS A SCHOOL COMMUNITY TO SUPPORT THE VICTIMS OF HURRICANE MELISSA IN JAMAICA, CUBA AND HAITI

Bake sale

CARIBBEAN TREATS ON SALE INCLUDE:

MINI FRIED DUMPLINGS

FRITTERS

FISHCAKES

PLANTAIN CHIPS

AND MUCH MORE!

CASH ONLY!

MONDAY 24TH NOVEMBER 2025

BREAK 1 AND BREAK 2

Free Beginners English lessons

Limited
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of students at St John
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4:00– 6.00 PM HERE AT SCHOOL**

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