

IN TOUCH



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

This week's edition of In Touch highlights the creative talents of many of our students in art and literature. A big 'well done' to all the prize winners featured.

I'd like to draw your attention to the Bosco Summer Camp that is running during the summer holidays. Please do share details of this with friends and family who have children in years 5 and 6 at Primary school.

This week at school, we will be joining the whole country focusing on safeguarding and ensuring that every child is safe at all times. Please find a few moments to read the advice in this edition to find out more.

Finally please do keep our year 11 and 13 students in your prayers. They've made a great start to their exams this week but there is still quite a long way to go before they can relax. We wish them well with their revision this weekend.



***"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."* - Philippians 4:13**

As our students continue through this exam season, we are reminded that strength, peace, and perseverance are found not only in preparation but also in faith. This verse from Philippians offers encouragement during moments of pressure or fatigue—reminding us that with Christ, we are never alone in our efforts.

In this season, the quiet support of family, the encouragement of teachers, and the power of prayer all help create a steady foundation from which young people can face each day with confidence and hope.



KEY DATES

- Thursday 22nd May - Yr 12 Compass project
- Friday, 23th May - Feast of Mary Help Of Christians
- Friday, 23th May - Break up for half term
- 2nd June - return to school (8.30 am normal lessons)
- 3-5th June - Yr 10 Retreat – Salesian House



JUBILEE YEAR ART WINNER ANNOUNCED!

We're excited to announce the winner of our Jubilee Year Art Competition. An incredible 27 forms voted, and with a huge 20 votes, there was a clear favourite.

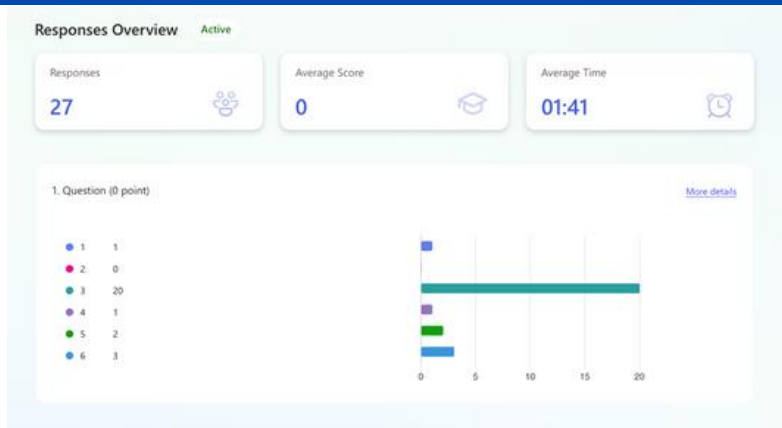
Congratulations to Valentine B in Year 12, whose breathtaking pencil drawing captured hearts across the school.

The artwork shows Jesus walking up the stairs to heaven, accompanied by the verse from *Matthew 21:22*:
"If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for."

It's a moving reminder of the power of prayer in our lives, especially during this Jubilee Year of hope, faith, and renewal.

Valentine's beautiful piece will soon be proudly displayed on the canteen windows for the whole school community to reflect on and enjoy.

A truly stunning piece of art - well done, Valentine!



CELEBRATING A YOUNG POET – DYLAN R (YEAR 9)

We're incredibly proud to share that Dylan R in Year 9 has had his poem "The Arisen Man" published by KidSpirit in their international Poem Corner!

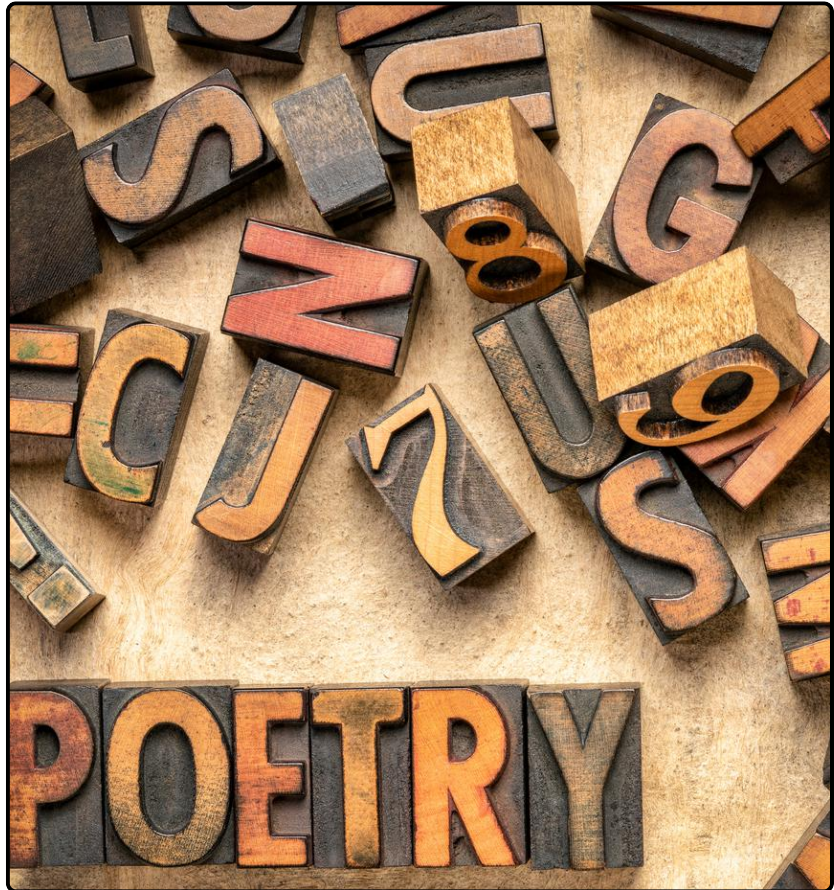
Dylan's powerful writing stood out for its depth and originality, and it's amazing to see his work recognised on a global platform.

You can read his published poem here:

[!\[\]\(c3d993ca47bfe2a953c700506ce31fa0_img.jpg\) The Arisen Man – KidSpirit](#)

Well done, Dylan – we're all inspired by your creativity and talent!

KidSpirit



REMINDER: ITEMS NOT ALLOWED IN SCHOOL

We kindly remind all families that students should not bring the following items into school:

- Aerosol sprays of any kind
- Metal combs (**plastic combs are permitted**)
- Fizzy drinks
- Chewing gum
- Sweets, crisps, biscuits, or juices in large or multi-portion packets



As a general rule, nothing should be brought to school unless it directly supports learning in class. These rules are in place to help keep our school environment safe, focused, and healthy for all students.

Thank you for your continued support.

AMAZON WEX - WORK EXPERIENCE PARTNERSHIP

We recently had the pleasure of hosting Jo from Amazon to announce the launch of the Year 10 work experience partnership.

Following on from the rousing success of our Year 13 Digital T Level students (also pictured), we have been able to build on this partnership to include a lucky select few of our Year 10 students.



This partnership highlights the strength of our T Level offer, and the many opportunities it brings in for other year groups. The Year 10 students showed curiosity and enthusiasm at the prospect of spending a week with one of the world's largest organisations and having the chance to learn what potential opportunities await them after leaving us in Year 13.



What an incredible afternoon we had on 14th May as part of our Bosco Discovery Talks series!



Dr Avis Whyte, Public Law and Tort Lecturer at the University of Westminster, captivated students from Year 12 with her thought-provoking presentation on the everyday relevance of law.

Students were fully engaged as Dr Whyte broke down the key elements of tort law—duty of care, breach, and causation—and illustrated them using real-life, relatable examples. From environmental laws that govern the air we breathe, to the consumer and privacy laws that come into play the moment we unlock our phones—every part of daily life is shaped by legal frameworks.

Dr Whyte also explored the power of law to create social change, sharing insights from her co-edited book *The Long Walk to Equality*. Her passionate advocacy for justice and her ability to make complex legal ideas accessible left a lasting impression on students and staff alike.





 Closes 24th May

We would be very grateful if you could take a few minutes to complete our short parent survey before it closes on Friday 24th May.

Your feedback is extremely valuable in helping us understand what we're doing well and where we can improve. It's an important part of how we continue to build a school community that supports every child to thrive.

Please click the link below to complete the survey:

Complete the survey [here](#)

Thank you for your support.



EXCITING SUMMER CAMP OPPORTUNITY AT ST. JOHN BOSCO COLLEGE!

We are thrilled to announce that this year's summer break will bring an exciting opportunity for our students—a vibrant and enriching Summer Camp, hosted at St. John Bosco College in collaboration with Sacred Heart Parish and members of our school staff.

Taking place over **two weeks in August (11th–15th and 18th–22nd)**, the camp promises a fun-filled, educational, and safe environment where young people can explore their creativity, build friendships, and develop new skills.

The programme will include a wide variety of engaging activities such as drama, music, art, sports, baking, gardening, science workshops, team-building games, and reflective sessions—all designed to cater to the interests and growth of our students.

Led by experienced and enthusiastic staff, this is a fantastic opportunity for children to stay active, make friends, and have a memorable summer.

Camp Details:



Location: St. John Bosco College, Parkham Street, Battersea, SW11 3DQ



Dates: 11–15 August and 18–22 August 2025



Time: 9:30 AM – 3:30 PM



Cost: £25 per week / £50 for two weeks



Contact: 07349 868215



Email: batterseayouthministry@salesians.org.uk



Register Here: [form](#) or scan the QR code on the poster below

Spaces are limited, so we encourage early registration. We can't wait to welcome your child to what promises to be a joyful and inspiring summer camp experience!

HOPE

9-13
years
(year 5 - year 9)

BOSCO Camp



2025

batterseayouthministry@salesians.org.uk

Week 1
11th August to
15th August

Week 2
18th August to
22nd August



Cost
£25 per week

Deadline
15th July 2025



9.30am to 3.30pm

St John Bosco
College,
Parkham Street,
Battersea
SW11 3DQ

SCAN FOR REGISTRATION



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TEAMWORK, EDUCATIVE GAMES, CREATIVE WORKSHOPS
(DRAMA, MUSIC, ART, SPORT, BAKING, GARDENING, SCIENCE,...) REFLECTIVE MOMENTS.

Safeguarding Awareness week

SAFEGUARDING IS A PRIORITY AT SJBC

What is safeguarding?

Safeguarding ensures that every child regardless of their age, disability, gender reassignment, race, religion or belief, sex, or sexual orientation, has a right to equal protection from harm. It's the steps that people take to protect children and vulnerable people from harm.



Examples of safeguarding concerns to look out for:



Physical

A group of children pushing or hitting a smaller child when an adult isn't looking.



Emotional

A crying child running towards their parent who responds in a harsh manner using inappropriate language.



Sexual

A teenage girl walking home being catcalled and harassed, or being touched without consent.



Neglect

A child wearing the same dirty clothes every day and stealing food from other children.



How can you help?

If you ever see anything happen to a child that makes you feel uncomfortable, please let your safeguarding lead / person know. You're not causing problems - you could save a child from unnecessary harm. Any one of these things might not mean anything, but if your safeguarding lead / person isn't told, then they can't help.

Speak to:

**your child Head of House,
Mr Sullivan or Ms Ouedraogo**

Social media safeguarding concerns



With children spending more and more time online it's important that parents and carers understand the risks associated with social media platforms.



TikTok



Instagram



X



Whatsapp



Yubo



Tinder



Wink



Snapchat



Facebook

Stranger danger/grooming Many of these platforms encourage connecting with new people which brings with it a risk of connecting with people who are seeking to take advantage of young people and potentially groom them. There's also the possibility of 'catfishing', where people create fake profiles to take advantage of other users.

Over-sharing A lot of these platforms encourage people to share every aspect of their lives, including personal information. Many apps also have location sharing which allows other users to see where you've been, and even where you live. Instagram, for example, encourages use of the location finder when sharing photos and videos.

Cyberbullying Many of these platforms allow users to send private messages which can be harmful. Often the anonymity of being online means people send messages or make comments they wouldn't say in person. There has also been a rise in people's content being uploaded without their consent.

Inappropriate content It can be easy for inappropriate content to be shared on social media. Snapchat, for example, has become an app for sexting and sharing intimate images due to the ability for photos and videos to disappear after they're viewed.

STAY IN CONTROL OF YOUR TECH

- DON'T LET SOCIAL MEDIA TAKE OVER YOUR TIME OR MOOD.
- STAY SAFE ONLINE
- THINK BEFORE YOU SHARE
- DON'T TALK TO PEOPLE YOU DON'T KNOW
- PROTECT YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION
- RESPECT OTHERS
- HAVE TECH-FREE TIME EVERY DAY
- BUILD PEOPLE UP, NOT SHUT THEM OUT
- TALK, DON'T TYPE



YEAR 11



YOUR FUTURE STARTS NOW!

The Library is open every day after school until 5pm – and it's the perfect place for You to get ahead.

- Quiet, focused space to revise
- No distractions – just determination
- Tables, Wi-Fi, and the support you need
- Stacks of past papers for every subject – ready for you to pick up and work on



**The more You practise,
the better You get.**

Give a past paper to your teacher – they'll mark it and help you improve!

**GCSES ARE AROUND THE CORNER
– USE EVERY MINUTE WISELY.**

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

