

IN TOUCH



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

One thing that parents and carers will know is that being organised is sometimes a challenge for teenagers. For that reasons we are introducing our new compulsory 'SJBC Equipment Folder' to support all our students in being ready to learn every day at school. Please take a moment to familiarise yourself with the details of this below. It is especially important that all our students are organised and prepared ahead of their forthcoming summer PPE examinations. Your child should be revising for these exams which take place at the end of this month.

Finally I'd like to say thank you to all the parents who responded to the latest Parent Pulse survey. As you will see in this edition of In Touch, the feedback has been very positive and you've given us some excellent suggestions for how we can do even better. We welcome your views on how we can work together for the benefit for our students.



“But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit... will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.” – John 14:26

As exam season continues, these words offer a quiet reassurance. For students feeling the weight of revision and testing, and for parents supporting them through it all, the Holy Spirit is present—bringing calm, wisdom, and gentle reminders of God's peace. This time can feel intense, but we are not meant to walk through it alone. In the pressure, may there be moments of stillness. In the effort, may there be strength beyond our own. We pray this season brings clarity of mind, peace of heart, and a deep sense of God's guiding presence—for every student and every family.

KEY DATES

- 10th June -PTFA Meeting
- 19th June - Sports Awards Evening
- 20th June – Year 11 Prom
- 26th June – Year 13 Prom
- 30th June - Year 7 – 10, 12 PPE2 End of Year Exams

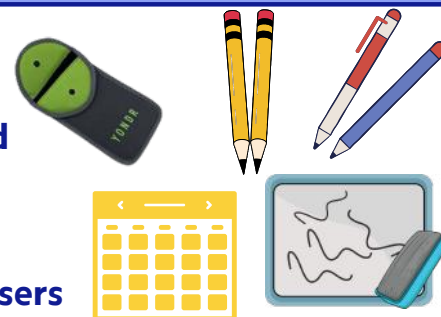




At St John Bosco College, we know that being well-prepared each day is key to academic success and a calm, focused learning environment.

That's why we're excited to introduce the next phase of our learning strategy: the SJBC Equipment Folder. From next week, every student will be provided with a folder containing the essential items they need for every lesson, every day. This includes:

- **2 pens**
- **2 pencils**
- **A mini whiteboard**
- **Timetable**
- **Yondr pouch**
- **Knowledge organisers**



These items are clearly outlined in the visual guide (see image), and will form part of students' daily readiness check each morning.

To launch this initiative all students will be provided with this complete equipment pack for free.

Why this change?

Nine months ago, SJBC became a phone-free space, creating a calmer school atmosphere, improving focus in lessons, and strengthening face-to-face relationships. As we move into phase two of this culture shift, we're applying the same high standards and clarity to everyday equipment. Just as we expect students to arrive with their phone locked away, we now expect all students to bring their fully equipped folder every single day.

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Daily Checks & Expectations

Each morning, tutors will check that students have their complete folder with all required items. If something is missing, students will need to either:

Purchase a replacement from the school office (available via ParentMail or cash), or
Return home to collect it before joining lessons.

Yondr Pouch: Now part of your equipment

As part of this update, students will now keep their Yondr pouch inside their Equipment Folder. Each student will be allocated their own pouch, which they are responsible for bringing to school daily and keeping in good working order.

Looking Ahead

This system is designed to support students in developing independence, organisation and personal responsibility. These may seem like small habits—but they make a big difference.

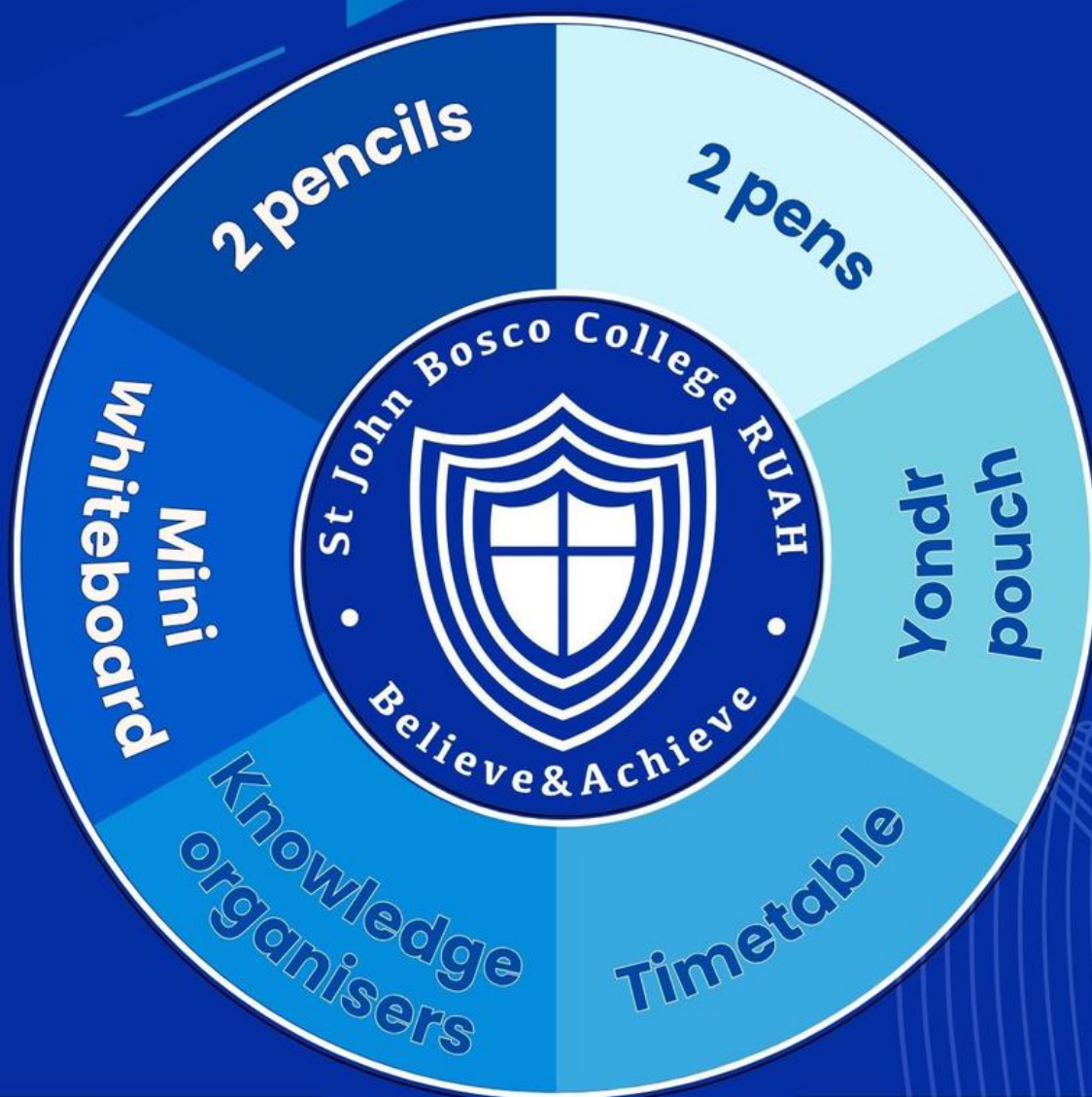
We are proud of how our students have embraced the phone-free culture at SJBC, and we are confident that this next step will have a similarly positive impact.



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BE PREPARED FOR LEARNING

You must bring your 'Equipment Folder' in your school bag, and it will be checked daily.
These are essential items you need with you in every lesson, every day.



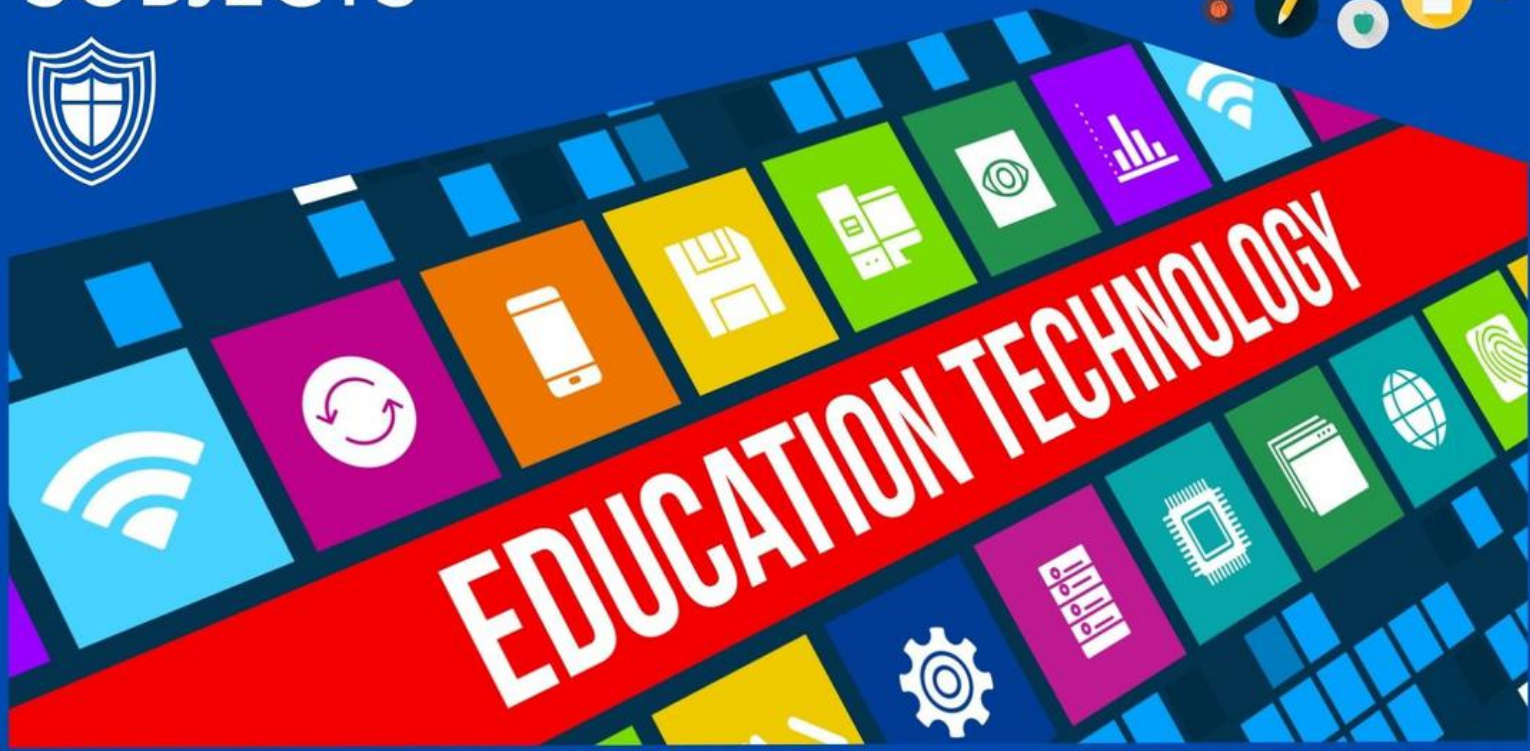
Equipment

You will be provided with a pencil case, white board, Yondr pouch and termly knowledge organisers at the beginning of the academic year.
It is your responsibility to look after these items.

Replacements

If you require a replacement, or top up, these will be available from the school office and can be purchased by ParentMail or by cash.

ONLINE PLATFORMS FOR KS3 AND KS4 SUBJECTS



STUDENTS UTILISE VARIOUS ONLINE PLATFORMS FOR EFFECTIVE LEARNING IN SUBJECTS LIKE SCIENCE, MATHS, AND MORE.

KS4



- Business
- Computer Science,
- DT,
- English,
- History,
- Science,
- Social Science,

KS3



- Science,
- Computer Science

Maths Homework Resources for KS3 and KS4



Seneca a comprehensive platform designed to enhance students' understanding and retention of information.

Sparx is the primary platform for Maths, providing interactive lessons tailored to meet each student's learning needs effectively.

visit our
homework page



HOMEWORK MATTERS – UPDATE TO OUR CENTRAL DETENTION SYSTEM

At SJBC, we believe that homework plays a vital role in consolidating learning and building strong study habits. Evidence from the Education Endowment Foundation (EEF, 2021) suggests that effective homework can lead to as much as five months of additional progress each year.

To further support students in developing consistent routines, we are extending our centralised homework detention system - **currently used for Years 7, 10 and 12** - to include **Years 8 and 9, starting from Monday 9th June**.

If homework is not completed or is missed, a next-day central detention will be issued, and parents will receive an automatic email notification.

We are proud of our students and all that they are achieving. By maintaining **high expectations and consistent systems**, we aim to ensure that every student is supported to fulfil their potential.

Thank you for your continued support.



ENGLISH CLASSES FOR PARENTS

FREE BEGINNERS ENGLISH LESSONS

for parents and families of students at St John Bosco College

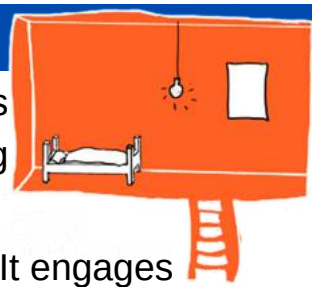
Classes every Thursday
term time only
4:30 – 6.30 pm
here at school

Improve language skills, make new friends and get a head start in a new country. Plus, it's all at your child's school, here at St John Bosco's college, so no hassle for you!

New to England? Let's help your child thrive! Sign up for our free beginners English lessons at school.

Please email
dparrott@sjbc.wandsworth.sch.uk
to reserve a place





Working with Catja de Haas Architects. Our students took part in The Giant Dolls' House Project. Making rooms from modelling and scrap materials.

The giant dolls house project is a social arts project. It engages participants in thinking about their home and environment and raises awareness for homelessness and refugees.

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The project is on display at the Battersea Arts Centre from 10-18th June. We encourage all families to have a look at our outstanding Yr 9 work . Thank you to Mr Pinder, Head of DT for making this possible.





This week, our Year 12 students were treated to an inspiring Discovery Talk from Old Salesian Ben Andoh,

an international expert in risk management, culture, and ethical leadership. With a distinguished career spanning over 20 years in top-tier financial institutions such as Citi, Barclays, and Ecobank, Ben shared his journey from Salesian College to leading global teams across Europe, Africa, Asia, and the U.S.



Currently Group Head of Culture, Conduct & Ethics at Ecobank Transnational, Ben spoke passionately about the importance of character, resilience, and lifelong learning. Students were captivated by his reflections, especially when he shared:

"All of my success started here (Salesian College)."

"Be hungry for success."

"Expand your scope. Speak to everyone. Be resilient!"

He also encouraged students to form strong, lasting friendships, telling them,

"My best friends now – 35 years later – are still from Salesian times."



Ben's humility, wisdom, and global perspective offered our Sixth Formers an unforgettable glimpse into how strong values and hard work can take you anywhere. We are incredibly grateful to him for giving back to our school community with such authenticity and warmth.



PARENT PULSE SURVEY – THANK YOU FOR YOUR FEEDBACK!

A big thank you to all parents and carers who took part in our recent Parent Pulse Survey. Your feedback helps us celebrate what's working well and focus our efforts where they are most needed. We're pleased to share a snapshot of the results with you.



WHAT YOU TOLD US WE'RE DOING WELL



90%

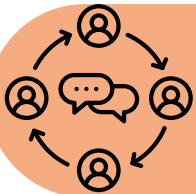
A BROAD AND BALANCED CURRICULUM

Over 90% of you told us you're happy with the range of subjects on offer. Thank you! We're proud of the options we provide and will continue to enrich and review our curriculum each year.



HIGH EXPECTATIONS AND PROGRESS

The vast majority of parents believe we have high expectations and that students are achieving well – a fantastic endorsement of our hardworking staff and students.



CLEAR COMMUNICATION ON PROGRESS

Nearly 9 in 10 parents feel well-informed about their child's progress. We'll continue to build on our systems for reporting and feedback to make this even better.



CLUBS, ACTIVITIES AND ENRICHMENT

You told us your children enjoy taking part in our wide range of clubs and opportunities beyond the classroom – we love seeing their talents shine in different ways!



SUPPORTING PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

Many of you praised our work around values, character, and student wellbeing – which sit right at the heart of what we do at SJBC.

WHAT WE'RE WORKING ON



We also heard your ideas for what we could improve – thank you for your honesty and insight. Here's what we're already working on:

CURRICULUM OVERVIEWS

Some parents would like clearer information about what their child is learning across the year. We're developing updated curriculum maps for each year group which will be shared on our website and in year group communications from September.

CLUBS FOR ALL

A few of you mentioned wanting to see a wider range of activities – including life skills, sports, and support clubs. We are refreshing our enrichment offer and will be making sure it is inclusive, accessible and varied.

CAREERS AND FUTURES

Some parents were unsure about how careers are taught in school. We'll be sharing more about our careers programme (including trips, speakers and support in tutor time) through this regular newsletters and on our website from the Autumn term.

A FEW OF YOUR GREAT SUGGESTIONS

"I think they should learn more IT and computing – it's so important for the future."



"Would love to see more public speaking and structured debate."

"More mental health support and understanding in school."

Thank you again for taking the time to share your views – they are helping us shape the best possible experience for every student at St John Bosco College.

YEAR 12 COMPASS PROJECT – A TASTE OF THE CRUISE INDUSTRY

Our Year 12 students taking part in the Compass Project had a unique opportunity this week to explore the luxury cruise industry first-hand. Hosted by Uniworld at Ruben's at the Palace Hotel, the group learned about the rise of high-end river cruising and how companies tailor their marketing strategies to appeal to different customer groups.



As part of the experience, students were also treated to a taste of luxury – including smoked salmon and caviar (though some are still working on acquiring a taste for it!).



It was an inspiring and informative session that offered real-world insights into a fast-growing global industry.

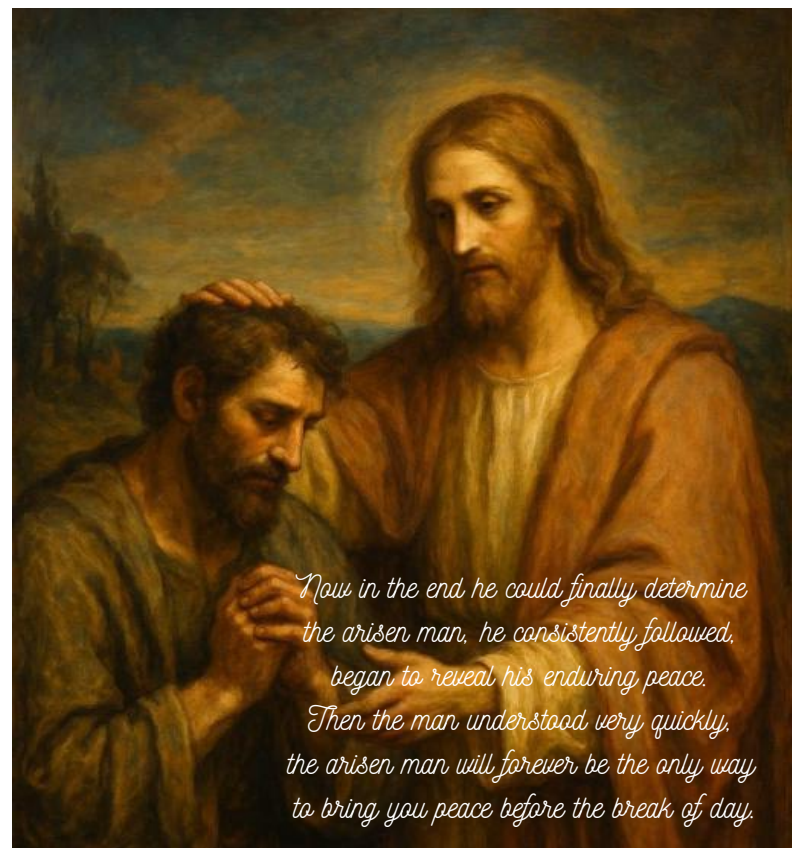
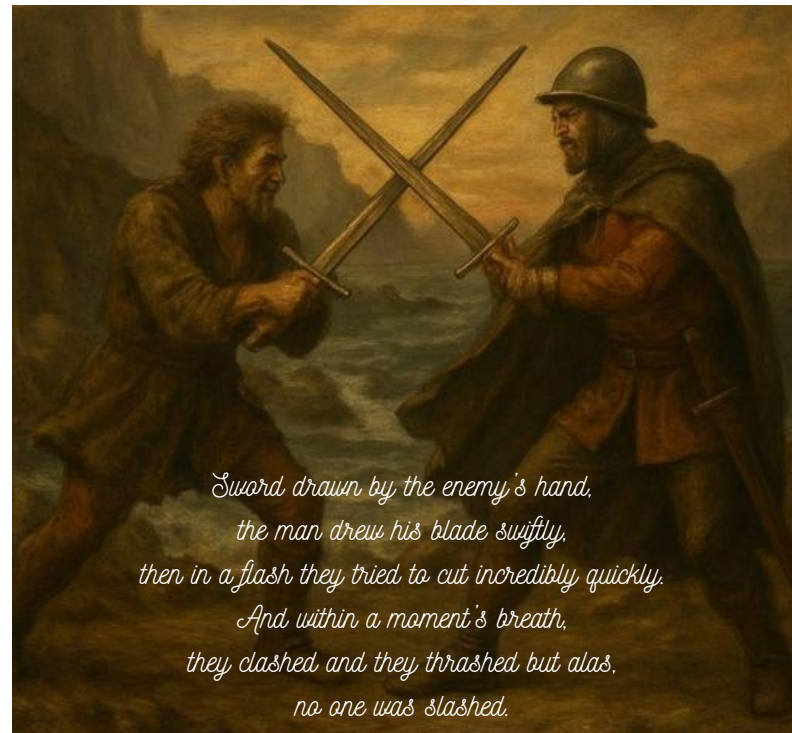
Last month Dylan R in Year 10 has had his poem, "The Arisen Man," published by KidSpirit in their international Poem Corner! His writing was selected for its powerful depth and originality, and it's fantastic to see Dylan's voice recognised on a global platform.



To bring Dylan's poem to life in a unique way, Brother Luka, one of the Salesian Brothers working with the school, used AI technology to generate visual interpretations of the poem's imagery – and the results are stunning. These artworks offer a whole new lens through which to appreciate the emotion and message of Dylan's piece.

You can read his whole poem here: [The Arisen Man – KidSpirit](#)

A huge congratulations to Dylan – your creativity and courage to share your voice inspire us all!



PPE EXAMS TIMETABLES

The students have been working with their form tutors learning how to make a revision timetable and how to spread their revision across subjects, especially those that they find hard. Students should make sure that when they revise, they condense their revision into short blocks of time (maximum 45 minutes) with regular short breaks in between. All the relevant revision lists for every subject and every year have been placed on the year group page on MS Teams, sent home via ParentMail and have been placed on the school’s website. Each of these revision lists have links to supplementary resources and online learning platforms. Parents are encouraged to frequently check in with their children to ensure revision has been taking place and to support them by providing them with a quiet, non-distracting area to revise.

Year 7 PPE Timetable

Year 7 - RUA Hall				
Monday 30th June	Tuesday 1st July	Wed 2nd July	Thursday 3rd July	Friday 4th July
Arrive for 8:35am Whole School Line Up				
Period 1 lessons	Period 1 lessons	Period 1 lessons	Period 1 lessons	Reading Age Assessment
Period 2 lessons	Period 2 lessons	Period 2 lessons	Period 2 lessons	
Break Time 10:30 - 10:45am				
Whole School Line Up 10:45am				
Period 3 - Exam Maths	Period 3 - Exam RE	Period 3 - Exam English	Period 3 - Exam History	Period 3 - Exam Science
Period 4 - Exam DT/Food	Period 4 - Exam MFL	Period 4 - Exam Geography	Period 4 - Exam PE	Period 4 - Exam Computing
Family Lunch Period 5				
13:50 Whole School Line Up, 14:00 Dismissal				

Year 8 PPE Timetable

Year 8 - Sports Hall				
Monday 30th June	Tuesday 1st July	Wed 2nd July	Thursday 3rd July	Friday 4th July
Arrive for 8:35am Whole School Line Up				
Reading Age Assessment	Period 1 lessons	Period 1 lessons	Period 1 lessons	Period 1 lessons
	Period 2 lessons	Period 2 lessons	Period 2 lessons	Period 2 lessons
Break Time 10:30 - 10:45am				
Whole School Line Up 10:45am				
Period 3 - Exam History	Period 3 - Exam Science	Period 3 - Exam Maths	Period 3 - Exam English	Period 3 - Exam DT/Food
Period 4 - Exam RE	Period 4 - Exam MFL	Period 4 - Exam Computing	Period 4 - Exam PE	Period 4 - Exam Geography
Family Lunch Period 5				
13:50 Whole School Line Up, 14:00 Dismissal				

Year 9 PPE Timetable

Year 9 - Sports Hall				
Monday 30th June	Tuesday 1st July	Wed 2nd July	Thursday 3rd July	Friday 4th July
Arrive for 8:35am Whole School Line Up				
Period 1 lessons	Period 1 - Exam Science 1	Period 1&2 - Exam Drama / Music /Art / DT / Food exam in lesson	Reading Age Assessment	Period 1 lessons
Period 2 lessons	Period 2 Exam Computing			Period 2 lessons
Break Time 10:30 - 10:45am				
Whole School Line Up 10:45am				
Period 3 - Exam English	Period 3&4 - Exam Drama / Music /Art / DT / Food exam in lesson	Period 3 - Exam RE	Period 3 - Exam Maths	Period 3 - Exam Science 2
Period 4 - Exam Geography		Period 4 - Exam PE	Period 4 - Exam History	Period 4 - Exam MFL
Family Lunch Period 5				
13:50 Whole School Line Up, 14:00 Dismissal				

Year 12 June PPE Timetable

YEAR 12				
Monday 23rd June	Tuesday 24th June	Wednesday 25th June	Thursday 26th June	Friday 27th June
Morning Exams				
8:40 Line Up				
Exam 9:00 Option D & E Maths, History, Geography	Exam 9:00 Option C Sociology, DT	Exam 9:00 Option B Psychology	Exam 9:00 Option A Government and Politics, Spanish	Exam 9:00 Option E Philosophy & Ethics, Art, Maths
Afternoon Exams				
Exam Line Up 12:40 Covered Area				
Exam 13:00 Option B Psychology, Photography	Exam 13:00 Option A English, Government and Politics, Spanish	Exam 13:00 Option D History, Geography	Exam 13:00 Option C Sociology, DT	

Year 10 PPE Timetable

Year 10				
Monday 30th June	Tuesday 1st July	Wed 2nd July	Thursday 3rd July	Friday 4th July
Arrive for 8:35am Whole School Line Up				
Exam 9:00 Science - Biology	Exam 9:00 Maths (Non - Calc)	Exam 9:00 Science - Chemistry	Exam 9:00 Maths (Calculator)	Exam 9:00 Science - Physics
Break Time - 10:30 - 10:45				
Whole School Line Up 10:45am				
Portuguese Listening Exam	French Listening Exam	Further Maths / Polish Listening Exam	Spanish Listening Exam	Reading Age Assessment
Extended Period 3 Lessons 11:00 - 12:10				
Lunch 12:10 - 12:40				
Exam Line Up 12:40 Playground				
Exam 13:00 English Literature	Exam 13:00 RE	Exam 13:00 Option A Creative iMedia, DT, Spanish, Geography, French, History, Hospitality & Catering	Exam 13:00 Option C Computing, Art, PE, History, Performing Arts, Sociology, DT	Exam 13:00 Option B Portuguese, Business Studies, Music, DT, Psychology, Art, Geography



FREE RUGBY SESSIONS FOR GIRLS

Come join us for 6 weeks of Girls Rugby at Rosslyn Park over the summer term! The sessions will run on Sundays from 8th June - 13th July at The Rock (Rosslyn Park) 10:00-11:00 and are open to all girls of any ability aged 8 -18! The girls will learn various different rugby skills, for example kicking, and get the chance to train under our professional coaches at the club! Click [here](#) to book the tickets



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