

IN TOUCH



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

As we continue through this season of giving and solidarity, it has been heartening to see our students living out our Salesian values so generously in their words and actions. This week's edition highlights just some of the ways in which our community has come together in service, compassion and shared purpose.

We were honoured to gather for our Remembrance Day Mass, where students, staff, governors and alumni joined in a moving act of reflection and gratitude. It was a powerful reminder of the importance of peace and the responsibility each of us carries to foster understanding in our world. This edition also celebrates the generosity and courage of the many students and staff who took part in this year's Big Sleep Out. Their willingness to step out of their comfort zones in solidarity with those experiencing homelessness reflects the very best of our RUAH ethos and demonstrates how small acts of sacrifice can make a significant difference. As Fr Greg said afterwards, this is 'love in action'.

Looking ahead, we are preparing for several important events in the coming weeks, including Anti-Bullying Week, our fundraising cake sale supporting communities affected by the hurricane in Jamaica, and the start of Advent marked by Carols in the Square on 2 December. These occasions continue to strengthen the bonds within our community and offer opportunities for both celebration and service.



"Serve one another humbly in love." Galatians 5:13

As we enter this season of giving and solidarity, we are reminded that every act of kindness, no matter how small, carries the power to uplift someone in need. When we choose compassion, we reflect the love we are called to share with the world.

May our hearts be guided by generosity and our actions rooted in empathy. Let us stand together as a community that brings hope where there is hardship, light where there is struggle, and encouragement where there is doubt. In serving others, we discover the strength, unity, and purpose that bind us together.

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KEY DATES

- **17th November** - Anti bullying week
- **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)



REMEMBRANCE DAY 2025

Last Sunday, the SJBC community gathered to commemorate Remembrance Day 2025 with a solemn Mass of remembrance. Students, staff, Governors and alumni came together to honour and reflect on the sacrifices of those who gave their lives for our freedom.



This meaningful occasion provided an opportunity for our younger students to connect with older members of the SJBC community, fostering a spirit of unity, respect, and shared remembrance. It was a poignant reminder of the importance of gratitude, reflection, and peace.



DISH OF THE WEEK – SPAGHETTI BOLOGNAISE

This week's culinary star is **Eiliyah D (Year 8)**, who cooked a delicious Spaghetti Bolognese that Ms Henry described as "good enough to be eaten in Italy!" A huge well done to Eiliyah D for his skill, effort and passion in the kitchen.



CINEMA TRIP TO BATTERSEA POWER STATION

This weeks Modern Foreign Languages department cinema visit was a great success. As part of the Into Film Festival 2025, students watched a moving and informative film, The Most Precious of Cargoes, that offered powerful insight into the Holocaust and the devastating effects of war — perfectly supporting our curriculum goals in History and Languages.



It also provided an excellent opportunity for language development: French students benefited from the French audio and English subtitles, while Spanish and Portuguese learners made meaningful links through shared vocabulary.

Students represented the school with maturity and enthusiasm — well done to all, and thank you to Ms Cruz for organising this enriching experience.

WEAR RED DAY – WEDNESDAY 19TH NOVEMBER

Next Wednesday, 19th November, our school community will be supporting Aid to the Church in Need, a charity that helps persecuted Christians and those suffering because of their faith around the world. Their work provides emergency aid, shelter, education, and hope to families living in crisis and danger.



To show our solidarity, students are invited to wear something red for the day and donate £1 in cash at the gate.

This event is part of our RUAH ethos — showing Respect, Understanding, Affection and Humour through compassion and action. Thank you for helping us make a difference.

BIG SLEEP OUT

On Friday night, over 60 students - backed by an incredible team of staff - stepped out of their comfort zones for the Great Sleep Out. Their mission? To shine a light on the struggles faced by our homeless brothers and sisters.

And they delivered.

Our students didn't just talk about the Gospel value of loving your neighbour - they lived it. They raised an impressive amount of money for local shelters and proved their compassion by trading warm beds for sleeping bags on the classroom floors.



One night. One choice. One powerful message:

This is what love looks like.

All money raised will go to The Passage, a leading Westminster-based charity that provides food, shelter, and long-term support to help people move away from homelessness for good

Thank you to all the staff who made this possible!

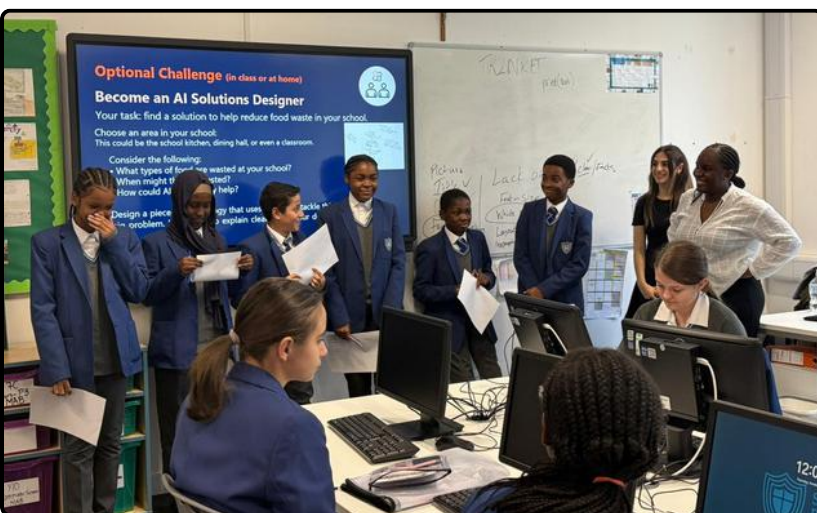


ACCENTURE VISIT

On Oct 16th Thursday, we had some very exciting visitors from Accenture who joined us for an inspiring session from P2 to P3!

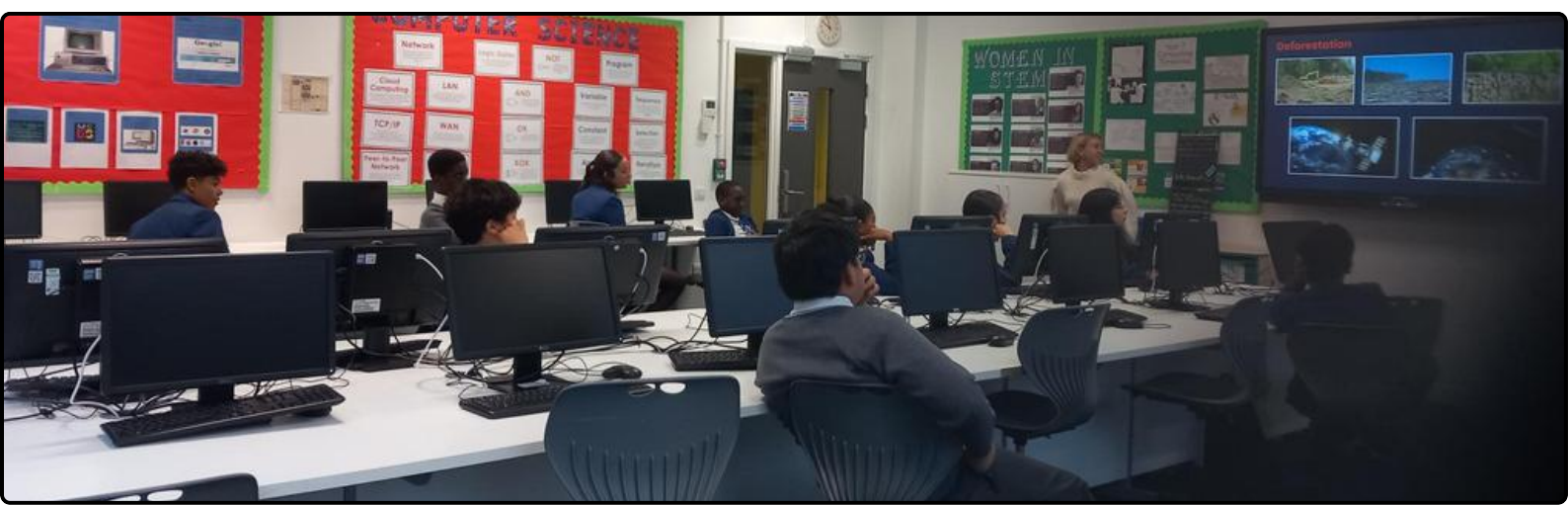
They ran two fantastic workshops during the computing lessons with a mix of curious minds from two Year 9 classes, as well as students from Year 8 and Year 7 – and it was all about Sustainable AI!

The students were completely hooked – diving into real-world examples, discovering how AI connects with sustainability, and exploring all the amazing career opportunities that lie at the intersection of computing, science, and the environment.



Highlights of the event was when Ruftan and Asena amazed everyone with their mini presentations, which they each put together in just 10 minutes! Their ideas on using AI to tackle food waste and improve waste separation for recycling right here in our school were not only super creative, but also very practical.

A huge thank you to Accenture for sparking such excitement and showing our students how the tech of tomorrow can help build a better world today.



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



SCAN AND JOIN THE SJBC PTFA WHATSAPP GROUP FOR ALL INFORMATION, EVENTS AND MESSAGES FROM THE SCHOOL.



SJBC PTFA
WhatsApp group



As parents, you are **AUTOMATICALLY** members of the PTFA... your voice counts.

The PTFA is a mixture of parents and friends of the school, who work together for the benefit of St John Bosco College.

Some are full-time parents; some work part-time or work full-time.

NONE of us are specialists in fundraising.

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1

YOU'LL FEEL MORE CONNECTED

- There's no better way to know what events are being planned, have your say or make new fundraising suggestions, than by offering your help and support.

2

YOU'LL BE PART OF A GREAT NETWORK

- Every PTFA event is an opportunity to meet other parents in the same situation as you.
- You will be part of a like-minded network of people who all share a common goal of improving the school for all our children.

3

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

- By volunteering to help the PTFA, you'll be able to use whatever skills you have for a noble cause.
- Our PTFA strives to establish a supportive and encouraging community for the entire school.

4

WHAT THE PTFA DOES AFFECTS EVERY PARENT (AND STUDENT)

- Your voice matters – the PTFA is made up of people elected to represent you, so help us to do this effectively.
- Your ideas and involvement can help improve the quality of education for all the children at our school.

5

IT'S FUN!

- Help plan fun events, socials and get-togethers
- Suggest NEW fun ways to raise funds
- Get your whole family involved!





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