

IN TOUCH



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Our Open Evening was a great success earlier this week and it was great to see so many of you who already have children at SJBC. If you know families looking for a secondary school place who weren't able to attend then please do spread the word that they can join us for our Open Mornings on 23 September and 8 October. These offer a chance to see the school in action, meet our staff, and get a feel for life at St John Bosco. Further details inside this edition of In Touch.

We're also very much looking forward to a busy and exciting week ahead. On Monday, we are pleased to welcome Battersea MP Marsha De Cordova who will be joining us to observe our family lunch and experience our community in full swing.

Later in the week, on Thursday evening, Marsha will be joining us as guest of honour as we host our Annual Prize Giving Ceremony, where we celebrate the successes of our students during the last academic year. School will close at 1:50pm on the day to prepare for the event.

The event is by invitation only and if your child has won an award, I would urge you to come along and join us in recognising their achievements.



"Blessed are those whose strength is in you, whose hearts are set on pilgrimage."

1 Psalm 84:5

As we journey together as a school community, our pilgrimage reminds us of the call to be Pilgrims of Hope in this Holy Year. To walk in faith is to trust God's guidance, to carry hope into the world, and to encourage one another along the way. May our steps, both in prayer and in daily life, always lead us closer to Christ and inspire us to bring His light and hope to others.

KEY DATES



- Tuesday 23rd September - Open Morning (9:00-11:00am)
- Thursday 25th September- Prize Evening -
(school closes at 1:50pm)
- Wednesday 8th October - Open Morning (9:00-11:00am)



VISIT OUR OPEN MORNINGS



Explore our school, drop into lessons and hear a talk from the Headteacher and senior students.

**Open Morning tours will take place from
9:00am to 11:00am**

**Tuesday 23 September 2025 and
Wednesday 8 October 2025**

Parents and children are warmly welcomed to visit the school **on any day at 9:00am** for a bespoke tour of the school and a chance to see us in action.

PILGRIMAGE OF HOPE

On Thursday, 18th September 2025, the Devereux Students embarked on a profound spiritual journey of pilgrimage. Carrying crosses as symbols of faith, they moved prayerfully from the school's main cross to the statue of Our Lady, and finally to the Sacred Heart statue in the Salesian Garden.



The atmosphere was deeply moving and soul-stirring, filled with heartfelt prayers and songs of praise. This act of devotion not only strengthened their personal faith but also united them as a community, leaving a lasting imprint of reverence and reflection.



AUTUMN TERM EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS

At SJBC we are proud to offer a wide range of after-school clubs this term – giving students the chance to develop new skills, discover talents, and make lasting friendships outside the classroom. Taking part in a club builds confidence, promotes teamwork, and helps students live out our RUAH ethos.

This half term, opportunities include:

- **Sports:** Football, Volleyball, Rugby, Netball, Basketball, and Badminton
- **Creative:** Pop-rock Band, Choir, Comics Club, and Warhammer
- **Academic & Enrichment:** Robotics Club, Chess Club, Maths Past Paper Society, Touch Typing, Access Oxbridge, and Homework Club



 Clubs on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday will start at 3.40pm and finish at 4.40pm

 Clubs on Wednesday and Friday will start at 2.40pm and finish at 3.40pm



We encourage all students to get involved – extra-curricular activities are a vital part of school life and an excellent way to support personal growth, wellbeing, and achievement.



Autumn 1 Term Extra Curricular Timetable

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
🎵 Pop-rock Band 3.23 (Lunchtime) Mr Carli 🏐 Volleyball Sports Hall Mr Khandabhattu ⚽ Year 7 & 8 Boys Football MUGA Mr Rowland 🔧 Homework Club St Francis Learning Support	🏠 Access Oxbridge 3.09 Ms Coppinger 🏐 Girls in Sport Sports Hall Ms Lewis 🏐 Rugby Battersea Park Mr Hay & Mr Clausen 🔧 Homework Club St Francis Learning Support	🏐 Netball Sports Hall Ms Asante 🔧 Robotics Club 1.10 Ms Perrineau-Daley 🔧 Touch Typing Library (8am) Ms Wojciechowska	🎵 SJBC Journal 3.09 Ms Coppinger 🎵 Warhammer 1.09 Ms Murugan 🎮 Chess Club Library (8am) Mr Clausen 🏐 Basketball Sports Hall Father Greg 📖 Comics Club 1.24 Mr Di Paolo 🔧 Homework Club St Francis Learning Support 📖 Maths Past Paper Society (KS4) 1.05 Ms Hagh	🎵 Choir 3.23 Mr Berner 🎵 Dungeons & Dragons 0.18 Ms Donalson 🏐 Badminton Sports Hall Mr Khandabhattu 🏐 Duke of Edinburgh 2.21 Ms Post ⚽ Year 9 & 10 Boys Football MUGA Mr Parke

🎵 Creativity

🏠 Justice

📖 Media

🏐 Lifestyle

🔧 STEAM

🏠 Access Oxbridge

DISH OF THE WEEK

Well done to Saffron P, Carolinne C and Angel D from year 9, for producing exquisite fruit tarts with crème pâtissière during the practical lesson. Your skill, effort, and attention to detail really shone through excellent work.



CELEBRATING OUTSTANDING LANGUAGE RESULTS

We are delighted to share the fantastic news that a number of our students achieved a 100% score in at least one of their national GCSE Modern Foreign Language exams in 2025. This is a remarkable achievement and reflects their talent, dedication, and hard work.

In French Higher, congratulations to Elliot M. (Year 10 last year), who achieved full marks in both the Speaking and Listening exams.

In Spanish Higher, well done to Tatiana A. P., Amy E. L., Ethan F. M., Shayla G., Giselle H., Annie J., and Manuel O. M. – all of whom were in Year 10 last year. From Year 11 last year, congratulations to Sara P. G., Cesar F. M., Violeta P. G., and Dean Y. M.

In Spanish Foundation, we celebrate Juan David Q. P. (Year 11 last year) for achieving 100%.

And in Portuguese Higher, congratulations to Gabriel S. (Year 11 last year).

Languages open doors – to travel, culture, further study, and careers.

We are incredibly proud of these students for their achievement and the inspiration they bring to our school community.



BERTHA EARTH LAUNCH WITH YEAR 7

On Tuesday, we were delighted to welcome Bertha Earth back to SJBC to launch this year's programme with our Year 7 students. This is the third year of our partnership with Bertha Earth, whose mission is to empower young people to become change-makers through storytelling and care for the natural environment.



The day began with an interactive assembly introducing the Bertha Earth values of caring, commitment, and connection. Every Year 7 student then took part in a storytelling workshop which explored our deep connection – and more recent disconnection – with the earth. It was wonderful to see our young people so engaged, reflective, and enthusiastic.

We now look forward to receiving applications from Year 7 students who are interested in becoming our 2025/26 Bertha Earth Ambassadors.



We are delighted to share an exciting new initiative for our Sixth Form students: **the Sixth Form Afterschool Assessment Centre.**

This will be a fantastic resource to help Year 12 and Year 13 students consolidate their learning, close knowledge gaps, and build confidence throughout the year.

HOW IT WORKS

- Each department will run one weekly session (on a set timetable) to avoid clashes.
- Sessions will take place after school in the Sixth Form Study Centre. Students are expected to arrive promptly for 3.30 or 2.40pm depending on the day.
- Assessments will last up to 45 minutes (56 minutes for students entitled to extra time).
- Formats are flexible (including open book), though practical assessments are not possible.
- Non-attendance will be treated seriously and followed up with students and parents.



WHY IT MATTERS

This initiative will give our Sixth Formers a regular, structured space to practise exam skills, revisit key knowledge, and develop confidence in a supportive environment.



HOW PARENTS CAN HELP

- Encourage your child to attend every session scheduled for them.
- Talk to them about using this as a chance to prepare steadily across the year, so they feel confident and well-equipped for exams.
- Reinforce the importance of commitment and punctuality.



With your support, the Afterschool Assessment Centre will provide our students with an excellent platform to achieve their very best.

Upcoming Events For Secondary Parents Autumn Term 2025

Supporting your teenager's mental health webinars

10TH SEPT 25
7.30 PM-8.30 PM



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Mental Health During
the Teenage years

17TH SEPT 25
12.30 PM-1.30 PM



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23RD SEPT 25
1 PM-2 PM



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Getting into school -
common challenges and
supporting school
avoidance

24TH SEPT 25
6 PM-7 PM



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To view further event details and descriptions, and to book on to any of the webinars, please scan the QR Code or follow the link to our Eventbrite collection.

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We also provide free 1:1 early help support programmes for young people to support with anxiety or low mood. Speak to your school to find out more.