

# IN TOUCH



## Sparx Maths

We are excited to inform you that all pupils from year 7-11 will be using Sparx Maths to complete their weekly maths homework. Sparx provides a highly personalised weekly homework to students, tailored to their attainment level and working speed.

We know you want to support your child's maths progress, so we want to explain how Sparx works and how you can help your child complete their homework each week.

### **What is Sparx Maths Homework and how can you help your child?**

- The majority of each week's homework will be based on recently learnt topics, but it will also include some questions from previous topics to help reinforce their learning.
- Students access their homework on their online Sparx account
- While homework is accessed online, it is predominantly a written homework and students should record their work in a workbook. Sparx has a "bookwork checks" system to help students form this habit.
- Every question in Sparx has a support video attached so that your child can get help independently.
- Please check the weekly email you'll get from Sparx and praise your child for starting or completing their homework. Encourage them to finish it before the deadline if they haven't already done so and seek support from their teacher if they need, before the deadline day.
- Try not to help your child with a question until they've had a go first. It is essential they try to complete their homework independently so that Sparx can give them questions that are at the right level for them. Remember they can watch the support videos if they need to.

We hope you agree that Sparx will play an exciting and important role in growing your child's understanding, success and confidence in maths!

As we get into Autumn and the weather gets colder and wetter, please ensure that your child has a plain school coloured coat to school (black, grey, navy with no large logos). It should be warm and also have a hood. Please remember that hoodies are not allowed at all and should not be worn on the journey to school.



## London Borough of Culture 2025

Wandsworth Council is leading the whole borough in a bid to win the title of London Borough of Culture 2025.

The bid will build on the fantastic creativity found throughout the borough, from award-winning cultural organisations to freelance creatives and grassroots community groups.

Wandsworth is home to vibrant neighbourhoods and a thriving arts scene, and wants to showcase our borough's culture to London and the world.

Throughout this summer and autumn we're listening to residents, community and voluntary groups, arts organisations, schools, businesses and other groups to help shape our bid.

Get involved by completing the online survey and sharing what you love about Wandsworth.

From dance and music to food and heritage, there are so many ways that we all experience our own culture and other people's.

Have a look here for more information: <https://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/culture>



## FOR YOUR INTEREST - LEARN TO PLAY



In conjunction with Music for All's Learn to Play weekend, which encourages people to try out music in their local area, World Heart Beat invites young people (aged 6-19 years) to try a musical instrument of their choice on Saturday 7 October (11am-1pm) at World Heart Beat Embassy Gardens, Nine Elms.

Whether you are new to music, play an instrument or are in a band already, come and find out more about our state-of-the-art music learning space in the heart of Nine Elms, as well as meet with students and teachers first-hand.

They will be running drop in sessions between 11am and 1pm.

If you would like any more information, please get in touch: [info@worldheartbeat.org](mailto:info@worldheartbeat.org)



### KEY DATES

**Monday 2 October**

● Harvest Collection Week

**Friday 6 October**

● Harvest Mass

**Friday 6 October**

● Year 7 welcome barbecue

**Thursday 12 October**

● 6th Form Open Evening

**23-31 October**

● half term

**Wednesday 1 November**

● school starts

## #lookingtothefuture

**Best of luck to our Y11 students taking part in RCSA BME Residential at the University of Cambridge!**



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## ST JOHN BOSCO PTFA SPONSORSHIP TREE

Dear Friends of SJBC,

The PTFA sponsorship tree offers you the opportunity to make a positive contribution to the education of young people at SJBC.

For each stone leaf sponsored, the donation received will provide us with much-needed funds to enrich the lives of our students.

The sponsorship tree will have pride of place in our school grounds, housed close to the historic 'ambulacrum', providing a link between the past and present of the school.

The name of each donor will be inscribed on a leaf or stone, providing a permanent reminder of their generosity and contribution to the school.

### DONATIONS

Small gold pebbles £25

Light green leaves £50

Dark green leaves £100

Large gold stones £200

If you would like to donate, you can do one of the following:

- Bring cash to school reception in an envelope clearly marked 'PTA donation'
- Pay online via ParentMail (only for staff and parents)
- Direct payments into the PTA account

Bank: NatWest Bank

Account Number: 69616736

Sort Code: 60 22 28

Please put "Donation Tree" as a reference when making payment

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