# IN TOUCH





#### **MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER**

Although we are heading towards the end of the academic year there has still been plenty going on at SJBC as you can see from this week's edition of In Touch. As we start the final week of normal lessons, we are encouraging all our students to keep learning and stay focused right up to the end of the term!

You'll see that our new equipment packs have been a huge success and students have adapted well to the new routine. At the end of this week, please store them away safely to ensure that your child keeps theirs safe over the summer so that they are ready to learn as soon as they return to school in September. Equipment packs will not be needed on Sports Day (Monday 21st July) and end of term day (Tuesday 22nd July) - on these two days students who bring a phone to school should only bring their Yondr pouch.

Friday sees our much cherished annual Cultural Day and Evening. Families are warmly encoraged to attend this celebration of our diverse school community. Please get your tickets in advance on Parentmail to avoid disappointment if the event is sold out! Please note that school will finish early on Friday, at 1.55pm to allow time to set up for the event which begins at 5pm. We look forward to seeing you there!

## "For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function..."

Romans 12:4

As we gather to celebrate the rich tapestry of cultures among us, we honour more than tradition—we honour unity in difference. Every language spoken, every costume worn, every dance performed tells a story of belonging and pride. May this coming Cultural Evening remind us that diversity is not a challenge to overcome, but a gift to embrace—and that in our many voices, we form one beautiful chorus.

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- 14<sup>th</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> July Year 12 Work Experience
- 17th July DOE Expedition
- 18<sup>th</sup> July Cultural evening (5-7pm), school ends 1:55pm)
- 21st July whole school sports day
- 22<sup>nd</sup> July end of term liturgy and whole school picnic
- 22<sup>nd</sup> July End of Day 1pm

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#### YEAR 7 HISTORY TOUR OF CENTRAL LONDON

A group of our Year 7 history students were lucky enough to take part in a fascinating guided tour of central London, led by expert Blue Badge Guide, Louise Chapman. The tour brought to life many of the topics they've studied this year and gave students a deeper appreciation of the rich history surrounding them.







Highlights included visits to the Houses of Parliament, Westminster Abbey, and the historic statues around Parliament Square. On Whitehall, students stood on the very spot where King Charles I was executed, while learning more about the controversial role of Oliver Cromwell in that chapter of history.

Outside Westminster Abbey, students reflected on its national significance, with particular interest in the tomb of Mary, Queen of Scots, whose life they have recently explored in class. The group also visited Downing Street, the iconic Horse Guards Parade, and were thrilled to witness the Changing of the Guard, which that day featured Nepalese soldiers.







A well-earned rest in St James's Park gave students a chance to enjoy the sunshine - and spot the famous pelicans - before the ended Buckingham tour at Palace. On the way, they passed Pall Mall, which was being decorated with French ahead of the French President's visit to King Charles later that day.



It was a wonderful day that helped history leap off the page and into real life. Thank you to Louise Chapman, and our Chair of Governors, Jane Hargrave for making this possible.

#### **SPOTLIGHT ON YEAR 10 HISTORIANS**

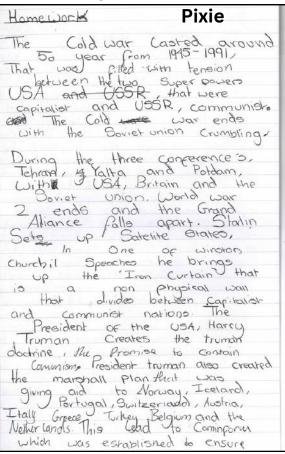
This term, our Year 10 History students have been developing their extended writing skills using the Hochman Method – a structured approach that builds from sentence-level work to full essays. Over the past few months, students in 10C have made remarkable progress, growing in both confidence and clarity.

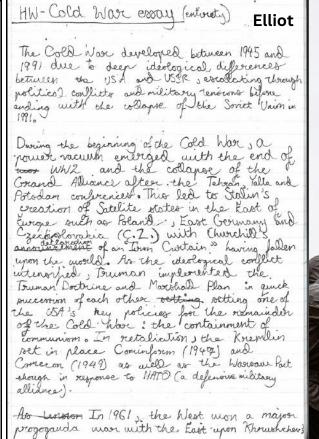


To round off their Cold War unit, they were challenged to write a five-paragraph summary – not something they'll be expected to do in the real exam, but a brilliant way to practise extended written expression. The results were impressive, and a real testament to their focus and effort. Mr Denny was thrilled to share their work with the wider school and give these students a deserved special mention for their work:

- **Elliot** for his strong writing style and deep understanding of the topic.
- Sophie for her incredibly detailed response, packed with historical knowledge.
- **Pixie**, who worked through her learning challenges with determination and produced a thoughtful, insightful essay.
- **Shyanne**, who has made huge strides in her attendance and engagement and it really shows.
- **Liliia**, who joined us as an EAL student and is now showing real progress and growing independence.
- Zara, a new addition to the school, whose recent work shows fantastic potential.
- Honey, whose effort and consistency have revealed just how much she is capable of.

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Lilia The Cold war lasted from 1945 to 1991. It was between the USSA and the USA, They had different ideas the USA supported capitalism, and the USSA supported communism. They did not fight the directly but competed for power and weapons. They also took part in other wars like Korea, Vietnam and Afgharistan After World war two, the USSR and USA both wanted more control. The USA dropped atomic bombs on Japan. This made the USSR feet threatement. The Cold War began and ended in 1991 when the USSR collapsed. At the end of Cold War, leaders met in Tenran, Yalka and Potsdom. Germany was devided into 4. The USSR took over Eastern Europe, which became known as the Iron Curtain. The USA started the Truman Doctrone and Marshell plan The USSR made Cominform and Comecon. They blocked West berlin, but the USA responded with the Berlin Arfit In Hungary, people tried to rebel, but the USSR stopped them. In the 1960s, many people escaped from East Berlin. The USSR built the Berlin Wall. Cuba became communist in 1959 and got help from the USSR. In 1962, the USA, found Soviet misiles in Cuba. This led to the Cuban Missile Crisis, but war was avoided, In 1968, the Prague Spring happened, but the USSR seat in troops to stop it. In the 19700, the USA and USSR tried to reduce tension. They signed SALT 1 and the Helsinki accords. But in 1979, the USSR invaded Afghanistan. Tension rose again. In the 1980s, the USA started the Second Cold War, Regan

History Homework Sophie Explain what the cold war was ? The Cold War, which was between 1945-1991, was between the USA and the UssR and the competition between their ideologies of communism and Capitilism, arms and overall influence over the world The Power vaccum left after WWZ, and left everything up for graps. However this enaca with the atomic bombing of Hirosnima & Nagasaki. The Aftersa war ended with the collapse of the soviet Union in 1991 After the puring and lefter the www conferences were neld to talk about the current events. These conferences theid at yalta, potsdom and rentan) were neta attended by the Grand Alliance, which congested of Britian, & Russia and America. After wwo ended the Grand Alliance fell apart as they no longer had any reason to pretend to be friends. During one of the conferences nowever, statin was promised president truman promised station eastern european countries would be soviet. So when he & station eventually set up satellite states in these countries, relations between the Assiance began to fall as Churchill announced that there was now an Iron currain in for Evorpe. However the exception to this was Bearin, within Germany, Due to this, President Trumoun decided ne would take his own precentions against Communism. So in 1947 the Truman Docterine was signed which was made to contain communism and to to year

We're proud of all our Year 10 historians and look forward to seeing how their hard work translates into success in the year ahead.

#### CONGRATULATIONS BEATRICE - NATIONAL PORTUGUESE STUDENT OF THE YEAR!

We're incredibly proud to share that Beatrice R in Year 10 has been named Year 10 - Portuguese Student of the Year across the entire UK!

This is an amazing achievement, and Beatrice has been invited (alongside her very proud parents!) to a prestigious awards evening at the Residence of His Excellency, the Ambassador of Portugal in Belgravia Square. As part of her prize, Beatrice also received £100 – well deserved!





A huge shout-out to Mr Ferreira, whose passion and commitment to teaching Portuguese shines through every day. He truly lives out our RUAH values, and it's thanks to his inspiring teaching that students like Beatrice achieve such incredible success.





**Did YOU KNOW?** Just two years ago, the highest Portuguese A-Level mark in the UK was achieved by a student from SJBC — taught by Mr Ferreira — and that student was not even a native speaker. They learned Portuguese from scratch, right here at our school!

Languages open doors. Well done, Beatrice – you've made the whole SJBC community proud!

#### **EDEN COURT CARE HOME VISIT**

Ms Tharsis and a group of of her top y9 French students visited the Eden Court Care Home on Battersea Park Road to read to and with the elderly residents - in French!

Well done to Katia, Danielle, Amelle, Naturelle Isabella and Raymond for making some of our elders feel valued and respected ... it was RUAH in action. Tres bien et merci beacoup!











Ms Tharsis also taught everyone a beautiful song in French/Creole and Naturelle, Isabella and Danielle delighted the residents with their musical talents.

#### **EQUIPMENT PACKS & GETTING READY FOR SEPTEMBER**

We're proud of how well our students have responded to the launch of the new equipment packs this term. A huge thank you to parents and carers for your support in helping us build strong habits that ensure students are always ready to

learn.

As we look ahead to September, each student will be issued with a new set of Knowledge Organisers for all subjects. These are essential learning tools and will play a key role in helping your child succeed.

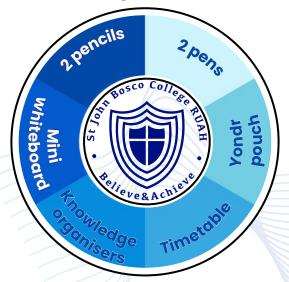
# From Tuesday 3rd September, we will be expecting all students to:

- Keep their equipment packs including white boards and Yondr pouches Knowledge Organisers safe
- Bring them to school every day in their equipment pouch

Please note that a replacement pack will cost £20, so it's important students take care of them — we want to encourage responsibility and independence in all our learners.



Your continued support makes a real difference. We've had a great start and we're looking forward to an even stronger September.



## **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.

#### **WANDSWORTH TOWN HALL TRIP YEAR 9**

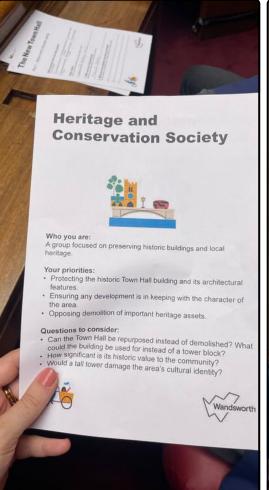
Year 9 Art Students visited Wandsworth Town Hall for a Town Planning workshop. Students met with local Wandsworth councillors to discuss issues in the local area and what a councillor's role is.





Students worked in groups alongside two other local secondary schools to start to form a debate. Students were split into different characters and were asked to think from multiple individuals' points of view. They were asked to discuss whether we should 'knock down Wandsworth Town Hall to build a block of 60 new 1-bed flats for single working professionals'. They argued for and again, with the impact on families, traffic, local businesses, housing crisis, employment, pollution, money, loss of historic building etc...

All students were brilliant representatives of the school and offered insightful contributions.







### **CELEBRATING OUR JACK PETCHEY AWARD WINNERS – JUNE 2025**

We're delighted to share the latest winners of the Jack Petchey Achievement Awards – a scheme that recognises and celebrates the achievements of young people and supports youth-led projects across London and Essex.

Thank you to all the students and staff who submitted nominations this round. We're proud to recognise the following students for their outstanding contribution to school life:

- Anaaya N (Year 7) A consistently kind and helpful student, Anaaya is a reading ambassador who inspires others. She has chosen new manga books for the library as her award.
- **Hana B (Year 7)** Described as a "shining star," Hana is involved in Chaplaincy, the Ukrainian student group, Crochet Club and more. She embodies the spirit of RUAH. Her reward will be confirmed shortly.
- Lushay A (Year 8) A dedicated Debate Mate participant, Lushay has grown in confidence and is an excellent role model. She's chosen to treat the debate team to lunch and provide new club equipment.
- Vanecia S (Year 9) A fantastic all-rounder who excels in every setting from the classroom to extra-curricular activities. She's requested gardening tools and seeds for our Eco Society.
- Max F (Year 10) Always cheerful and helpful, Max is a brilliant role model across the school. His reward will be equipment to enhance playtimes and social spaces.
- Sahar & Hadiqa (Year 12) These students led the organisation of our Interfaith Dinner during Lent and Ramadan, a powerful evening of unity and celebration attended by staff, students, governors and families.

Well done to all of our winners – we are proud of each of you!



#### **CAKE SALE FUNDRAISER**

On Tuesday 15th July, we will be holding a cake sale at breaktime (and possibly lunchtime) in support of Ashalayam, a Salesian charity based in

Kolkata, India.

Ashalayam provides shelter, education, food and care for street children and young people who have no family support. It's a cause very close to Fr Andrew's heart, and one our school community has supported for many years.



To help us raise as much as possible, we are kindly asking students to bring in a small amount of cash on the day to buy cakes and treats. All proceeds will go directly to Ashalayam and the incredible work they do.

Thank you for your support – together we can make a real difference in the lives of some of the world's most vulnerable children.





#### WHAT CAN YOU WEAR TO SCHOOL ON CULTURAL DAY?

## What can you wear to school on Cultural Day?

- Full cultural attire (top, bottoms, and headscarf/wrap)
- Cultural attire top or T-shirt with large country flag with uniform skirt or trousers
- Official national football shirt with uniform skirt or trousers
- Footwear: Pumps/sandals/school shoes
- Trainers can <u>only</u> be worn with <u>FULL</u> official national football kit or <u>FULL</u> cultural attire.

## What you cannot wear to school on Cultural Day?

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