

IN TOUCH



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

As we celebrate the season of Harvest, we are reminded that every act of giving, no matter how small, contributes to something far greater. This time of year encourages us to reflect on gratitude and generosity – values that continue to shine brightly within our school community.

Our recent Harvest Festival was a wonderful example of this spirit in action. I would like to thank all families for their generous donations, which will make a real difference to those most in need within our local community.

As the half term progresses, it is also heartening to see our students engaging so positively in school life – from academic trips and enrichment activities to their commitment to healthy living and productive study routines at home.

May we continue to build on this sense of purpose and kindness in the weeks ahead, as we work together to nurture every young person's growth in faith, learning and service.



“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up” Galatians 6:9

Harvest reminds us that every act of giving, no matter how small, helps to nurture hope in others. As we gather our donations and give thanks for God's abundance, we are called to share that goodness with those in need. In giving generously, we take part in God's work — sowing seeds of kindness that will one day blossom into a harvest of love.

KEY DATES

OCTOBER 2025						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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- Wednesday 8th October - Open Morning (9:00-11:00am)
- Thursday 23rd October - 6th form Open Evening, (4:30pm - 7:00pm)school closes at 1:50pm)
- Friday 24th October - Sixth Form Social Event



HARVEST FESTIVAL – THANK YOU & LAST CHANCE TO DONATE

On Friday we celebrated our Harvest Festival with a beautiful Mass in the church. Our students' behaviour was exemplary – it was inspiring to see them so engaged and respectful throughout the service.



A huge thank you to all our families for the amazing generosity you have already shown. We have received mountains of food to share with those less fortunate, which will be distributed through the Wandsworth Food Bank.



If you would still like to contribute, there is one final opportunity **this coming week**. Any additional donations can be left at Reception before the students, together with Fr Greg, take everything to the food bank in mid-October.



HONOURING THE LEGACY OF SEAN DEVEREUX



Parents may have heard students talk about our Devereux base, but not everyone knows the inspiring story behind its name. Sean Devereux was a former Salesian pupil and teacher who later became an aid worker in Africa. While working in Somalia during a time of war, Sean provided food and care for families in need. He bravely spoke out when supplies were stolen from the hungry, and in 1993 he was tragically killed for standing up for what was right.

Sean's mother, Maureen Devereux, set up a foundation in his memory to continue his work. Earlier this year, our Devereux students raised an impressive £415 for the charity, and we were honoured to welcome Maureen into school last week to receive the cheque.

Despite being nearly 90, Maureen spoke with warmth and energy as she met students from the base and the student council. She shared moving stories of Sean's courage, and her own resilience after his death. Both her visit and her words left a lasting impression, reminding us all of the power of compassion, bravery, and hope.



YEAR 13 GEOGRAPHY FIELD TRIP TO SITGES AND BARCELONA

Last week our Year 13 Geographers travelled to Sitges and Barcelona for their A-Level fieldwork trip, combining coastal studies with urban geography in two fascinating settings.

After a late arrival on Thursday evening, students began their first morning exploring Sitges' historic streets, home to gothic, medieval, and modernist Catalan architecture. They then moved to the beachfront, where they learned how to carry out coastal management fieldwork, practising with clinometers, ranging staffs and data measures before collecting profiles across eight of Sitges' beaches.



Day two took the group into Barcelona, focusing on their “urban change and regeneration” unit. In El Raval, once notorious for poverty and crime, they examined how the area was transformed ahead of the 1992 Olympic Games. The students witnessed both the successes of regeneration and some of the social challenges that remain today, gaining valuable real-world insights into the complexities of urban change.



On the third day, the group continued their coastal fieldwork by carrying out detailed pebble analysis—480 pebbles in total—to investigate wave and wind patterns. This was followed by a cultural walking tour of Barcelona, from Gaudí's breathtaking Sagrada Família to the atmospheric Gothic Quarter, before returning to Sitges for a well-deserved evening of paella and ice cream.



The final day allowed time to enjoy Sitges one last time before the journey home, which included a little unexpected drama: an aborted landing at Heathrow due to wake turbulence from another aircraft. The pilot circled for a second approach, giving students one more view of London before landing safely.

A huge thank you to Mr Cooper for his meticulous planning, boundless energy, and commitment to ensuring that the trip was both academically enriching and thoroughly enjoyable—he even managed to make pebble counting fun!



Our Year 12 students recently took part in an inspiring Bosco Discovery Talk with Louise Chapman, a qualified London Blue Badge Guide.



Louise gave a fascinating insight into the capital's history, wealth and cultural life, explaining how the tourism industry shapes London and sharing what it's like to work as a professional tour guide. Most importantly, she inspired students to make the most of their own city – highlighting dozens of free opportunities to explore London's past, present and future, from world-class museums to Royal Parks, palaces, exhibitions and events.

We are very grateful to Louise for giving her time and expertise to our Sixth Formers – they left buzzing with ideas for new adventures right on their doorstep.

DISH OF THE WEEK SHOUT-OUT!

A massive well done to Siobhan McP. in Year 9, who created a homemade beef burger patty completely from scratch. Ms Henry was really proud of the juicy texture and said it looked like something straight out of a professional high-end burger restaurant!

Fantastic effort, Siobhan – well done!



HEALTHY SCHOOL, HEALTHY STUDENTS

At SJBC we are committed to being a healthy school, supporting both the wellbeing and learning of our students. To help us achieve this, we ask for your continued support with the following expectations:

-  No fizzy or energy drinks of any kind (including cans, bottles, or cartons).
-  No chewing gum at all.
-  Only small packets of crisps, sweets, or biscuits are permitted.
-  Single portions of cake or doughnuts are acceptable – but not large, share-sized packs.

Any items outside these expectations will be confiscated and not returned.

These rules are in place because we know that healthy bodies support healthy minds. Energy and fizzy drinks may give a short burst of energy, but they make it harder for students to concentrate and often lead to a “sugar crash” in lessons. Chewing gum not only creates hygiene and litter problems, but it also does not reflect a mindset of being ready to learn.

Thank you for working with us to ensure our students stay healthy, focused, and ready to succeed.

At SJBC, we are committed to healthy eating



Children are encouraged to look after the environment and bring bottles to fill up with water from the fountains



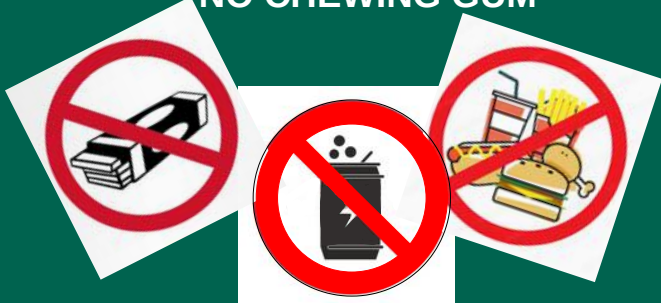
Single portions of crisps, biscuits, chocolates or fruit juice only



All fresh fruit and vegetables are encouraged



NO JUNK FOOD TO BE BROUGHT IN, NO FIZZY OR ENERGY DRINKS, NO CHEWING GUM



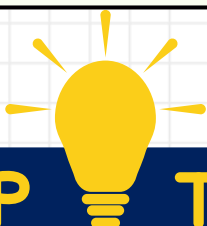
At SJBC, we know that regular homework is an important part of helping students achieve their very best. Homework is not just “extra work” – it gives pupils the chance to practise what they have learned in class, strengthen their understanding, and develop the self-discipline that will serve them well throughout their studies.



Parents play a vital role in supporting this process. Simple steps such as providing a quiet space, encouraging a regular routine, and showing interest in what your child is working on can make a big difference. These habits help students to see homework as a natural part of school life, building confidence and independence along the way.



By working together, staff, parents and students at SJBC can ensure that homework becomes a positive habit – one that helps every child reach their full potential and prepares them for future success.



TOP TIPS FOR PARENTS



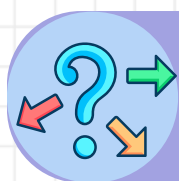
Set a routine:

Agree a regular time each day for homework to avoid last-minute stress.



Create the right space:

A quiet, well-lit spot away from distractions makes focusing easier.



Show interest:

Ask about assignments and celebrate effort as well as results.

All students Y7-11 have knowledge organiser with key information for PPEs in each subject in their folders

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