

# IN TOUCH



## MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Welcome to this week's edition of In Touch from SJBC.

This week we are showcasing the many exciting things that our students have been engaged in over the past week with a particular focus on both the creative arts and science and technology.

Speaking of the creative arts I would urge you all to get your tickets for our school production of Annie which is taking place on the second and third of April. Space is limited and tickets are selling fast so please get yours and don't miss out!

Finally, can I remind all parents that you and your families are warmly invited to our interfaith showcase and dinner this Wednesday, but tickets must be booked by 10 am this Monday morning.



*"The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love."*

*Psalm 103:8*

Lent is a time to open our hearts to God's mercy and grace, allowing His love to transform us. Just as the psalm reminds us of God's patience and unending love, this season invites us to reflect on His kindness and seek His forgiveness. Through prayer, fasting, and repentance, we allow His mercy to cleanse us and lead us toward spiritual renewal. As we journey through this season, may we embrace God's compassion, trusting that His love will guide us to a deeper experience of His presence and draw us closer to His heart.



### KEY DATES

Wednesday 26th March

Thursday 27th March

Friday, 4th April

Interfaith Iftar meal and showcase

Year 12/13 Parents' evening (4:30pm)

whole school lent walk. School ends 12.30

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This week, our students were treated to an inspiring Bosco Discovery Talk from Ladi Ogunmekan, founder of Black In Sport, an organisation dedicated to celebrating Black achievement in sport and creating pathways for young people into a wide range of careers beyond the pitch.

Ladi founded Black In Sport in response to the racist backlash following the EURO 2020 Final. The organisation aims to change the narrative by amplifying diverse voices, providing access to professional networks, and offering opportunities for young people to thrive in the sports industry and beyond.

During the talk, Ladi shared powerful reflections on his own journey, the importance of representation, and how his faith has guided him in making good decisions throughout his life and career.



Our Sixth Form students asked thought-provoking questions about a range of topics, including how to choose a career path, what it was like to study during the Covid era, and how Ladi managed to launch his own business while still at university.

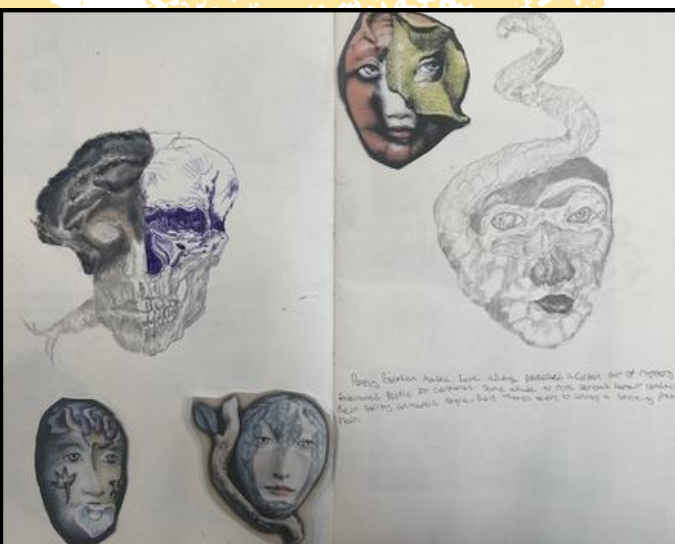
It was a truly engaging and uplifting event, one that left a lasting impact on our students and sparked valuable conversations about ambition, resilience, and future aspirations.





It's been a busy and exciting week in the Art Department at SJBC, with students across different year groups getting hands-on with creativity and learning about the world beyond the classroom.

Our Year 10 Art students have been working on an imaginative project creating ceramic masks inspired by nature. As part of their learning, they explored artists who work in both mask design and ceramics, before developing their own ideas and final piece plans.



Students practised working with clay, learning how to create textures using a range of tools, and how to use the scratch and score method to attach different parts.

They sculpted their masks over a newspaper base, with the final steps of painting and varnishing now underway.

The students are rightly proud of their work—there's always a great sense of achievement when a plan begins to take shape in 3D form.





# CREATIVITY AND COMMUNITY AT THE HEART OF ART AT SJBC

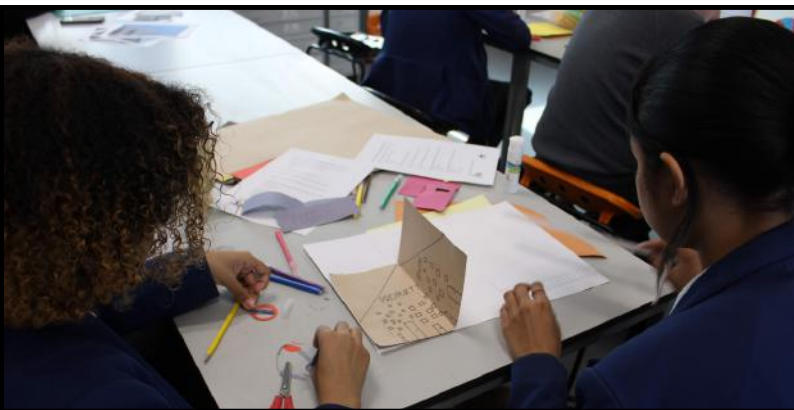
Meanwhile, our Year 9 students took part in an engaging Town Planning workshop delivered by members of Wandsworth Council. The session introduced students to the key considerations in designing public spaces, including land value, demand, climate change and community needs. Students were set the challenge of reimagining the Clapham Junction area, working to a budget of £10,000 to create an improved environment for local people.



Their ideas ranged from increasing green spaces and tree planting, to better lighting for safety at night, and more bins to tackle litter. One group even proposed a new public park —‘Junction Park’ while others designed a new underground rail link to Battersea Power Station!



Students also learned about the variety of careers connected to planning, including urban design, infrastructure planning, and conservation work. The team from Wandsworth Council were hugely impressed with the students’ creativity, collaboration and thoughtful ideas.



Well done to all students involved you represented the school brilliantly.





## WELCOME TO SCIENCE WEEK/MONTH

7-26<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Throughout the month, students will take part in a range of activities celebrating STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths), encouraging them to think creatively and engage with the world around them.

This week marked the start of Science Week at SJBC, a fantastic opportunity for students to explore the theme of change and adaptation across the natural world and beyond. In assemblies, students reflected on how science links with our values of curiosity, critical thinking and resilience, and how these are gifts to be nurtured.



We're also inviting students to take part in our exciting **Science Video Challenge** a chance to film a safe, fun science experiment at home and bring learning to life in a creative way.

Videos should be submitted to science teachers by **Tuesday 25th March**, with the best entries shared with the whole school for voting!

We look forward to seeing the enthusiasm and innovation our students bring to this celebration of science.





# SCIENCE WEEK - CELEBRATING WOMEN IN SCIENCE AT SJBC!

Last week, as part of our International Women's Day celebrations, students at SJBC took part in an exciting competition to shine a spotlight on the incredible achievements of women in science.

To help raise awareness and celebrate the often-overlooked contributions of female scientists, students were set a special challenge:

**Research a female scientist and showcase her work in a creative way.**



From informative posters to eye-catching booklets and engaging PowerPoint presentations, students worked hard to educate others about the impact of their chosen scientists in fields such as biology, chemistry, physics, and beyond.

A big congratulations to our winners: **Teagan F and William O**, who impressed the judges with their fantastic work and thoughtful presentations.

This competition was a great way to highlight the importance of representation in science - and to inspire the next generation of young scientists right here at SJBC!



Well done to everyone who took part—you've helped celebrate the brilliance of women in science and shared it with our whole school community!

## YEAR 7 STUDENTS ATTEND JUBILEE MASS AT ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL

We were proud to see a group of our Year 7 students take part in the Jubilee Mass at St George's Cathedral this week. It was a truly beautiful and moving service, and our students represented the school with maturity, reverence and pride. They were excellent ambassadors throughout the day.

As a reminder, the Jubilee Year is a significant event in the Catholic Church, offering a time for renewal, reflection and hope. The theme for this special year is "Pilgrims of Hope"—encouraging us all to journey forward in faith and unity.



# STUDENT VOICE: PRAYER AND WORSHIP AT OUR SCHOOL

As part of our ongoing commitment to nurturing the spiritual and moral development of all students, we recently invited our young people to share their thoughts on the impact of prayer and worship at school. Their feedback helps us reflect on what we're doing well and how we can continue to grow as a community of faith.



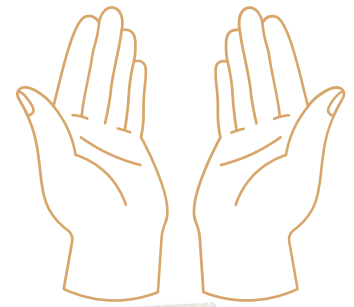
## HOW OFTEN DO STUDENTS HAVE TIME TO REFLECT AND PRAY?

We're pleased to share that the majority of students say they have the opportunity to pause and pray daily. These regular moments of quiet reflection play an important role in students' wellbeing and spiritual formation.

## WHAT DO STUDENTS VALUE MOST ABOUT PRAYER AT SCHOOL?

Many students described prayer time as a peaceful and meaningful part of the school day. They especially appreciated:

- Praying for others and the wider world
- The sense of calm and quiet during moments of reflection
- Familiar prayers like the 'Our Father'
- Opportunities to connect with faith and values
- Clear guidance from staff to help them understand the purpose of prayer



## WHAT DID STUDENTS SAY ABOUT THE OVERALL EXPERIENCE?

Students rated the prayer and worship experience 4.1 out of 5 on average, with many giving it top marks. This highlights the positive impact it is having across the school community.

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## WHAT COULD WE DO EVEN BETTER?

- As always, our students offered thoughtful ideas for improvement, including:
- Making sure all students can hear clearly by improving speaker systems
  - Involving students more in leading prayer, helping it feel more personal and relevant
  - Continuing to guide students on how to reflect more meaningfully
  - Ensuring prayer topics are even more diverse and inclusive

## WHAT DO STUDENTS WANT TO PRAY ABOUT?

- Students asked for a stronger focus on:
- Peace and global issues
  - Those in need or suffering
  - Wellbeing of the school community
  - Everyday life challenges faced by young people
  - Moving Forward Together

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE HONESTY, MATURITY, AND FAITH SHOWN BY OUR STUDENTS IN THEIR FEEDBACK. THEIR INSIGHTS WILL HELP US ENRICH OUR APPROACH TO PRAYER AND WORSHIP. ENSURING IT REMAINS A MEANINGFUL AND INCLUSIVE PART OF SCHOOL LIFE FOR ALL.

If you have any further thoughts or would like to be involved in supporting our prayer life as a school, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

**Thank you for your continued support.**



# AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Support your child in participating in our after school clubs, including sports, drama, arts, choir, band, and debate. These opportunities are designed to foster personal development, leadership, and teamwork, helping students reach their full potential.

## Spring 2 Term Extra Curricular Timetable

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Creativity    Justice    Media    Lifestyle    STEAM    Access Oxbridge

THE ST JOHN BOSCO COLLEGE

# CHURCH CHOIR

Singers and Musicians

TUESDAYS | THURSDAYS  
10.30AM TO 10.50AM

MUSIC ROOM 3.23

# REVISION POOL

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS  
MONDAY TUESDAY THURSDAY  
15:30 - 18:30

CLUB INVOLVES USING ART TO MAKE REVISION MATERIAL

drawing & painting creative workshops making posters

JOIN THE CLUB IF YOU'RE...

PASSIONATE · CREATIVE · TEAM PLAYER · IN YEARS 9 - 11

Any questions?  
Email Miss Colyer - acolyer@sjc.wandsworth.sch.uk

# Pop-rock Band

Every Monday  
3.23 Lunch Break

## Homework Club!!!

where? in St Francis  
when? Monday/Tuesday/Thursday 3:30-4:30

Everybody is welcome!

## Creative Writing Club

Come and explore the creative world of writing on Mondays after school Room 1.25

Just bring a pen and your imagination...

# SJBC'S JAZZ BAND

EVERY Tuesday  
KS4 LUNCH BREAK  
P4 - 12:10 PM

KS5 LUNCH BREAK  
P5 - 1:00 PM

## Comics Club

When? Thursday After School  
Who? Open to all year groups.  
Where? Room 1.24  
Why? Learn about different styles and traditions of comics and make your own.





# HOPE

9-13  
years  
(year 5 - year 9)

# BOSCO Camp



2025

[batterseyouthministry@salesians.org.uk](mailto:batterseyouthministry@salesians.org.uk)

**Week 1**  
11<sup>th</sup> August to  
15<sup>th</sup> August

**Week 2**  
18<sup>th</sup> August to  
22<sup>nd</sup> August



## Cost

£25 per week

## Deadline

15th July 2025



9.30am to 3.30pm

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TEAMWORK, EDUCATIVE GAMES, CREATIVE WORKSHOPS  
(DRAMA, MUSIC, ART, SPORT, BAKING, GARDENING, SCIENCE,...) REFLECTIVE MOMENTS.





**St John Bosco  
College  
presents:**



**SHOW DAYS:**

**Wednesday 2nd April**

**and**

**Thursday 3rd April**

**DOORS OPEN AT 5:30**

**THE SHOW STARTS AT 6PM -  
7:30PM**

**TICKETS: £5**