

# IN TOUCH



## MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

As we begin a new term and a new year, this first edition of In Touch looks ahead with optimism and purpose. It has been encouraging to welcome students back to school and to see them settling quickly into routines, ready for the opportunities and challenges of the spring term.

Next week, students in Years 7–10 will be sitting their PPE examinations, an important opportunity to consolidate learning and build confidence ahead of future assessments. We are grateful to parents and carers for the support you give at home in helping students prepare calmly and effectively.

I am also pleased to extend a warm welcome to Ms SANDOVAL, who joins us as our new Support Lead for students of Spanish and Portuguese speaking heritage. Her role will further strengthen the care and guidance we offer to our diverse school community.

Later this month, we look forward to celebrating the Feast of Saint John Bosco, a special occasion in the school calendar which reminds us of the values of kindness, encouragement and ambition that underpin all that we do.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support as we begin this new term together.



***“Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established.” Proverbs 16:3***

As a new year unfolds, we find ourselves stepping into a season of focus and perseverance, with exams beginning in the days ahead. In the midst of preparation and pressure, we are invited to place our efforts into God's steady hands, trusting Him with both our work and our worries. May this time call forth patience, clarity, and quiet confidence, reminding us that we are more than our results. As we move forward into the year, may we rest in God's faithfulness and carry His peace with us, one day and one exam at a time.

2026						
JANUARY						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

## KEY DATES

- 12<sup>th</sup> January - PPE years 7 -10
- 27<sup>th</sup> January - Careers Fair in the RUA Hall
- 30<sup>th</sup> January - Don Bosco Feast Day





This week's Bosco Discovery Talk welcomed George Turner from Carney's Community, a brilliant local youth charity based in Battersea. Carney's was founded to support young people from all backgrounds, using boxing as a positive "hook" alongside long-term, one-to-one mentoring and key worker support.



George spoke openly to our Sixth Form students about the power of routine, self-belief and community. It was especially lovely to hear that some of our students already attend Carney's, and could recognise the impact it has in helping young people build confidence, stay safe, and set ambitious goals.



Carney's offer far more than boxing: their wider work includes support into training and employment, and workshops that develop life skills and wellbeing (including areas such as mental health and wellbeing, beauty, cooking, photography, and money/employment skills). We are excited to strengthen our links with local partners like Carney's, and we are hoping to introduce after-school keep fit boxing sessions as a new school club very soon.

# CELEBRATING OUR DIVERSE COMMUNITY: NEW SUPPORT FOR SPANISH AND PORTUGUESE-SPEAKING FAMILIES

We are incredibly proud of the rich diversity of our school community. Did you know that nearly 60 different languages are spoken by students and families across our school? This diversity is one of our greatest strengths, and we are committed to ensuring that every child and family feels supported, understood and able to thrive.

We are pleased to announce that Ms Diana Sandoval has been appointed as Lead for Students of Spanish and Latino Heritage. In this role, Ms Sandoval will support students across the school who speak Spanish or Portuguese as a home language, helping them to feel confident, included and successful in their learning.



Ms Sandoval will work directly with students to support their academic progress, wellbeing and sense of belonging. She will also be available to support parents and carers, helping families to navigate and understand the UK education system, including communication with school, expectations, and key stages of learning.

If you would like to get in touch with Ms Sandoval, please contact her at:

**DSandovalProano@sjbc.wandsworth.sch.uk**

We would also like to remind parents and carers that the school offers free EAL (English as an Additional Language) lessons for parents. These sessions are designed to help families build confidence in English and better support their children's education. For more information or to sign up, please contact the school office.

Together, we look forward to continuing to celebrate our diverse community and ensuring that every student has the support they need to succeed.



## CELEBRANDO NUESTRA COMUNIDAD DIVERSA: NUEVO APOYO PARA FAMILIAS DE HABLA HISPANA Y PORTUGUESA

Estamos muy orgullosos de la diversidad de nuestra comunidad escolar. ¿Sabía que en nuestra escuela se hablan casi 60 idiomas diferentes? Esta diversidad es una de nuestras mayores fortalezas, y estamos comprometidos a garantizar que todos los estudiantes y familias se sientan apoyados y valorados.

Nos complace anunciar que la Sra. Diana Sandoval ha sido nombrada Responsable de Apoyo para Estudiantes de Herencia Hispana y Latina. En este puesto, la Sra. Sandoval apoyará a los estudiantes de toda la escuela que hablan español o portugués en casa, ayudándoles a sentirse incluidos y a tener éxito académico.

La Sra. Sandoval trabajará directamente con los estudiantes para apoyar su progreso académico, bienestar y sentido de pertenencia. También estará disponible para apoyar a padres y cuidadores, ayudándoles a comprender y orientarse dentro del sistema educativo del Reino Unido.

Si desea ponerse en contacto con la Sra. Sandoval, por favor escriba a:

**DSandovalProano@sjbc.wandsworth.sch.uk**

También queremos recordar a las familias que la escuela ofrece clases gratuitas de inglés (EAL) para padres. Estas clases están diseñadas para ayudar a las familias a mejorar su inglés y apoyar mejor la educación de sus hijos. Para más información o para inscribirse, por favor contacte con la escuela.



### **CELEBRANDO A NOSSA COMUNIDADE DIVERSA: NOVO APOIO PARA FAMÍLIAS DE LÍNGUA ESPANHOLA E PORTUGUESA**

Temos muito orgulho da diversidade da nossa comunidade escolar. Sabia que na nossa escola são faladas quase 60 línguas diferentes? Esta diversidade é uma das nossas maiores forças, e estamos empenhados em garantir que todos os alunos e famílias se sintam apoiados e incluídos.

Temos o prazer de anunciar que a Sra. Diana Sandoval foi nomeada Responsável pelo Apoio a Estudantes de Herança Hispânica e Latina. Neste cargo, a Sra. Sandoval irá apoiar alunos de toda a escola que falam espanhol ou português como língua materna, ajudando-os a alcançar sucesso académico.

A Sra. Sandoval trabalhará diretamente com os alunos para apoiar o seu progresso académico, bem-estar e integração. Também estará disponível para apoiar pais e encarregados de educação, ajudando-os a compreender e navegar o sistema educativo do Reino Unido.

Se desejar entrar em contacto com a Sra. Sandoval, por favor escreva para:

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Gostaríamos ainda de recordar que a escola oferece aulas gratuitas de inglês (EAL) para pais. Estas aulas ajudam as famílias a desenvolver confiança na língua inglesa e a apoiar melhor a aprendizagem dos seus filhos. Para mais informações ou para se inscrever, por favor contacte a escola.

### **BIKE BUILDING WORKSHOP**

A group of 6 boys and girls from years 8 and 9 enjoyed a really constructive week learning how to construct and maintain bikes. They built a bike for themselves, largely from parts, recycling and reusing much of the material. They also worked on their road safety skills. This was led by the road safety team from the local authority. An excellent enrichment activity.





# SABES CÓMO REGISTRARTE EN ARBOR?

SIGUE LOS SIGUIENTES PASOS:

## QUE ES ARBOR?

- Arbor te permite revisar las tareas asignadas en cada materia en un solo lugar.
- Es la responsabilidad de cada estudiante revisar la plataforma diariamente.
- Los padres/tutores también tienen acceso para llevar un seguimiento académico.



EN TU NAVEGADOR, ENTRA LA SIGUIENTE  
DIRECCION:



<https://login.arbor.sc>

TAMBIEN PUEDES ESCANEAR EL CODIGO QR

- **Nombre del usuario (username):**  
Correo electronico escolar de tu hijo/a
- **Contraseña (password):**  
Enviada a través de Teams o con el tutor de tu hijo/a.



Para más información, favor contactar a Ms. Sandoval.

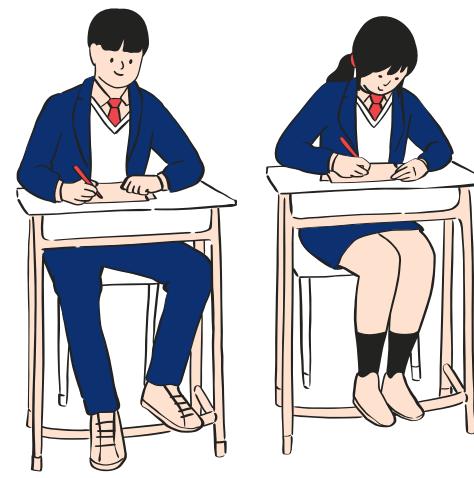
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# UPCOMING PPE EXAMS FOR YEARS 7–10 – JANUARY

With PPE exams for students in Years 7–10 beginning next week, we wanted to share a few simple and practical ways parents can support revision at home.

This can be a demanding time for young people, and a calm, encouraging environment can make a real difference to their focus and confidence. Alongside clear study routines, good sleep, healthy habits, and regular breaks, gentle reassurance and praise for effort can help reduce anxiety.

Reminding students that exams are just one part of their wider learning journey, and that they are supported every step of the way, can be especially reassuring during this busy period.



## 5 Ways You Can Support Your Child's Revision:

- Help them create a simple daily revision timetable and stick it on the fridge.
- Check they have a quiet space to work without distractions.
- Encourage screen-free breaks to rest their eyes and minds.
- Offer to quiz them using flashcards or topic questions.



## This should be a mix of subjects, with regular breaks – for example:

- 30 - 40 mins revision
- 10 min break
- Another 30 - 40 mins



Year 7 - RUA Hall					Year 10				
Monday 12th Jan	Tuesday 13th Jan	Wednesday 14th Jan	Thursday 15th Jan	Friday 16th Jan	Monday 12th Jan	Tuesday 13th Jan	Wednesday 14th Jan	Thursday 15th Jan	Friday 16th Jan
Arrive for 8:35am Whole School Line Up									
Regular School Day	Period 1 lessons	Reading Age Assessment	Period 1 lessons	Period 1 lessons	Period 1 & 2 - Lessons	Exam 9:00 Science Paper 1	Exam 9:00 Maths (Non - Calc)	Exam 9:00 Science Paper 2	Exam 9:00 Maths (Calculator)
	Period 2 lessons	Period 2 lessons	Period 2 lessons	Period 2 lessons	Exam 9:30 Further Maths	Tutor - 10:30 - 10:55			
	Break Time 10:30 - 10:45am				Break 10:55 - 11:20				
	Whole School Line Up 10:45am				Period 3 Lessons (11.20 - 12.10)				Reading Age Assessment
	Period 3 - Exam 1 English	Period 3 - Exam 1 RE	Period 3 - Exam 1 Maths	Period 3 - Exam 1 History	Lunch 12:10 - 12:40				Period 3 Lessons
	Period 4 - Exam 2 Geography	Period 4 - Exam 2 Computing	Period 4 - Exam 2 MFL	Period 4 - Exam 2 Science	Exam Line Up 12:40 MUGA				
	Family Lunch Period 5				Exam 13:00 Option A DT, Spanish, Geography, French, History, Hospitality & Catering	Exam 13:00 English Literature	Exam 13:00 Option B Portuguese, Business Studies, Music, Creative iMedia, DT, Psychology, Art, Geography	Exam 13:00 Option C Computing, Art, PE, History, Performing Arts, Sociology, DT	Exam 13:00 RE
	13:50 Key Stage 3 Line Up, 14:00 Dismissal								

Year 8 - Sports Hall					Year 9 - Sports Hall				
Monday 12th Jan	Tuesday 13th Jan	Wednesday 14th Jan	Thursday 15th Jan	Friday 16th Jan	Monday 12th Jan	Tuesday 13th Jan	Wednesday 14th Jan	Thursday 15th Jan	Friday 16th Jan
Arrive for 8:35am Whole School Line Up									
Regular School Day	Period 1 lessons	Period 1 lessons	Period 1 lessons	Reading Age Assessment	Period 1 lessons	Period 1 lessons	Reading Age Assessment	Period 1 lessons	Period 1 lessons
	Period 2 lessons	Period 2 lessons	Period 2 lessons	Assessment	Period 2 lessons	Period 2 lessons	Assessment	Period 2 lessons	Period 2 lessons
	Break Time 10:30 - 10:45am				Break Time 10:30 - 10:45am				
	Whole School Line Up 10:45am				Whole School Line Up 10:45am				
	Period 3 - Exam 1 History	Period 3 - Exam 1 Science	Period 3 - Exam 1 RE	Period 3 - Exam 1 English	Period 3 - Exam 1 Science	Period 3 - Exam 1 MFL	Period 3 - Exam 1 English	Period 3 - Exam 1 Maths	Period 3 - Exam 1 Maths
	Period 4 - Exam 2 Maths	Period 4 - Exam 2 MFL	Period 4 - Exam 2 Computing	Period 4 - Exam 2 Geography	Period 4 - Exam 2 RE	Period 4 - Exam 2 Geography	Period 4 - Exam 2 History	Period 4 - Exam 2 Computing	Period 4 - Exam 2 Computing
	Family Lunch Period 5				Family Lunch Period 5				
	13:50 Whole School Line Up, 14:00 Dismissal				13:50 Whole School Line Up, 14:00 Dismissal				

# FEAST OF ST. JOHN BOSCO - INVITATION

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope this message finds you well. The Salesians of Don Bosco, Battersea, are delighted to invite your child to our **Youth Day** in celebration of the **Feast of St John Bosco on Saturday, 31 January 2026**.

This special day will be filled with lively activities and meaningful moments designed to help young people grow in faith, build friendships, discover new skills, and share joy together—just as Don Bosco dreamed for every young person. The programme will include **team challenges, educational games, creative workshops, and reflective times for prayer and inspiration**.

The Youth Day is open to all young people **aged 9 and above**. We also warmly welcome **young adults** who would like to join us as helpers and animators. The celebration will take place at **St John Bosco College, Parkham Street, Battersea, SW11 3DQ**, from **9.30am to 4.00pm**.

If you would like your child to take part in this joyful and meaningful day, please complete the registration form by scanning the QR code or using the link provided: <https://forms.gle/TNuXtH9WQkdEX5kc6>

For any further information, please contact:

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

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**Feast of St. John Bosco**

**SJBC, Saturday, 31<sup>st</sup> January 2026**

**9.30am – 4pm**



**Theme:** 2026 Strena – Do whatever he tells you, believers, free to serve

**Participants:** Young people from year 5 and above

## **Programme**

9.30 am:	Welcoming and icebreaker
10.15 am – 11.00 am:	Formative session: St. John Bosco
11.00 am – 12.45 pm:	Games
12.45 pm – 1.45 pm:	Lunch
1.45 pm – 2.45 pm:	Faith workshops – <u>Strena</u> 2026
2.45 pm – 3.15 pm:	Adoration
3.40 pm:	Finish

# FEAST OF ST. JOHN BOSCO

BELIEVERS, FREE TO SERVE

SATURDAY, 31<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY 2026

9:30 AM - 4:00 PM



THEME: "DO WHATEVER HE TELLS YOU"  
(2026 Strenna)



Join us @ St. John Bosco College,  
Parkham Street, Battersea, SW11 3DQ.



#### Activities

TEAMWORK, EDUCATIVE GAMES, CREATIVE WORKSHOPS &  
REFLECTIVE MOMENTS



PARTICIPANTS: YOUNG PEOPLE YEAR 5+

Scan

for registration



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# CAREERS FAIR 2026



## CONNECT WITH TOP EMPLOYERS

- Explore apprenticeships and early career pathways
- Meet real employers and learn about different industries



### DATE

Tuesday 27th January



### TIME

Period 1 - 3



### LOCATION

RUAH Hall



### Companies include:



Civil Service



Department  
for Work &  
Pensions

INVESTMENT  
20/20



talking  
tables  
plan it. host it. love it.



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## GET YOUR QUESTIONS READY!

# ONLINE SAFETY TALK

THURSDAY 12TH FEBRUARY 2026  
5PM - 6PM VIRTUALLY

ST JOHN BOSCO COLLEGE

The digital world is an ever developing and changing landscape. Children growing up in modern society have greater access to information, communication and creative tools than ever before. This brings many positives and opportunities for advancements, but it is important that as adults we keep an awareness of online risks, how to best mitigate these and manage conversations around the online world with our children.

We welcome all SJBC parents and carers to join us at **5pm on Thursday 12th February 2026** for this special online safety focused session, presented by experts from eduthing. We will look to provide practical advice and tips to help parents and carers manage their children's time online and make it as safe and enjoyable as possible. **What we'll cover:**

- Social media platforms (including WhatsApp and Snapchat)
- Parental control and monitoring apps
- Child safety and tracking tools
- Dangers of gaming and chat functions
- Screen time and sleep hygiene
- Phishing and online scams
- AI – real vs fake and risks for vulnerable young people
- Digital family agreements and building open dialogue

## HOW TO REGISTER:

Scan or click on the QR code to register for this session. Joining details will be automatically sent to you upon registering.



## Upcoming Events For Secondary Parents Spring Term 2026

### Supporting your teenager's mental health webinars

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.

**12TH JAN 26**  
**1 PM - 2 PM**

Screen Time, Social  
Media and gaming -  
what parents need  
to know

**14TH JAN 26**  
**7 PM - 8 PM**

**9TH FEB 26**  
**7 PM - 8.30 PM**

Supporting Siblings  
of Children with  
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**10TH FEB 26**  
**1.30 PM - 3 PM**

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.

[Click here](#)





St John  
Bosco  
College

## WORKING TOGETHER: PARENTS AND SCHOOL

**SJBC** is committed to working in partnership with parents whilst keeping the school running smoothly for students.

To that end, we ask that:

- Parents and visitors to the school are polite and respectful to our staff at all times in line with our school's RUAH ethos.
- Parents trust the expertise and professional judgement of school staff.
- Discussions with school staff are to be made by appointment. Requests to see staff without notice will not be granted, unless there is an immediate and serious safeguarding concern.
- Our reception area is a place of welcome and a place of work. Anyone behaving in a way that disturbs or disrupts this will be asked to leave the premises immediately.