

IN TOUCH



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

This week sees the beginning of the GCSE examinations for our year 11 students. I'm sure that you'll join me in wishing all of our senior students well as they embrace the challenge of their public exams. We will be keeping them in our prayers over the next few weeks and working hard to support them so that they do their very best in each examination.

Whilst the summer term is only a couple of weeks old, you'll see from this edition of 'In Touch' that lots of exciting things have been taking place at SJBC, both in and out of the classroom and I'd urge you to spend a few moments reading about these.

Finally, I trust that you and your families have enjoyed the long bank holiday weekend and we look forward to welcoming your children back to school tomorrow morning at the normal time.



“For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord...” — Jeremiah 29:11

As GCSE exams approach, these words offer calm in the midst of pressure. They remind us that our worth is not measured by results alone, but by the love of a God who sees the whole of our journey. In a season filled with revision timetables, late nights, and rising nerves, we are called to remember: we are not walking alone. His plans are not limited by grades or exam halls; they are deeper, fuller, shaped by purpose and hope.

May all who face these exams know they are held in prayer. May anxiety give way to peace, and doubt to quiet confidence. Let us walk these coming weeks with courage, kindness, and the assurance that the future rests safely in His hands.



KEY DATES

- Tuesday 6th May - Back to school at normal time
- Friday, 8th May - First day of GCSE exams
- Monday 12 & Tuesday 13 May - DofE Expedition Yr 10
- Friday, 23rd May - Feast of Mary Help Of Christians
- Friday, 23rd May - Break up for half term



HAVE YOUR SAY: HELP SHAPE OUR CURRICULUM AND CAREERS SUPPORT



We're inviting all parents and carers to share their views in a short survey focused on three key areas:

- Our school curriculum



- The support your child receives with their learning



- How well we're preparing students for life after school, including careers and post-18 pathways



Please take a few minutes to complete the survey by clicking the [link](#) or scanning the QR code below:



The survey will close on Friday 24th May.

Thank you for your support in helping us provide the best possible education for your child.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH TRAINING



The Year 11 Duke of Edinburgh students conquered the fields of Wheathampstead as part of their Duke of Edinburgh training.

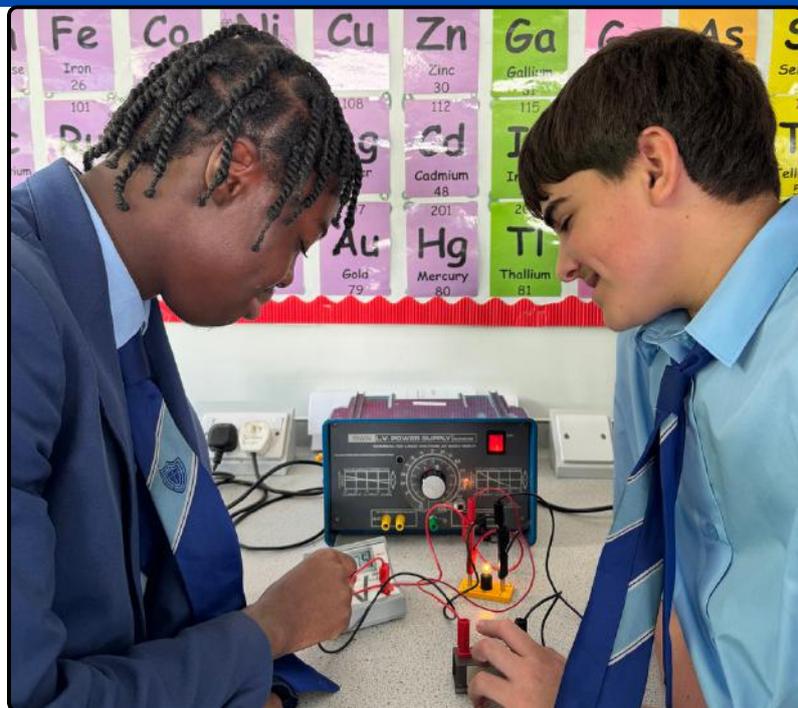
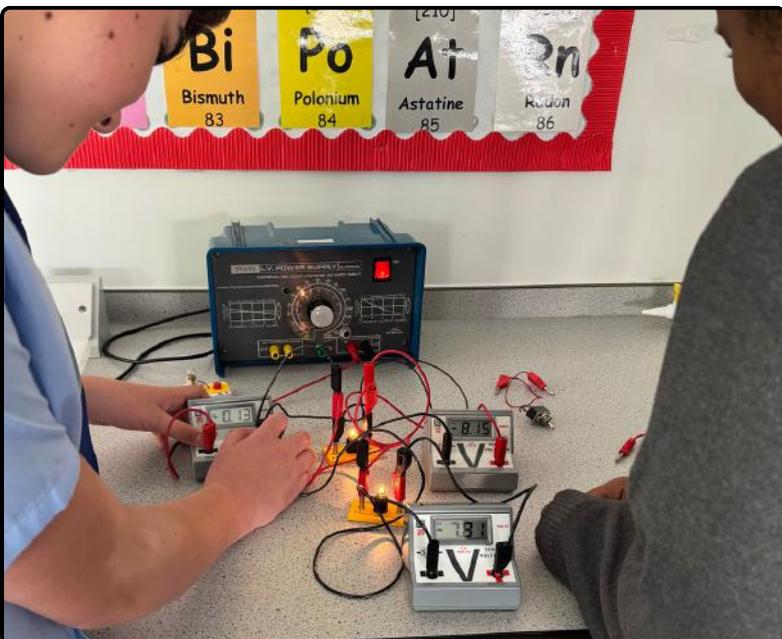


To prepare them for the qualifying expedition in July, where students are assessed on being self-sufficient, they learnt how to navigate by only using a map, a compass and a watch. With Google or Apple maps strictly forbidden!

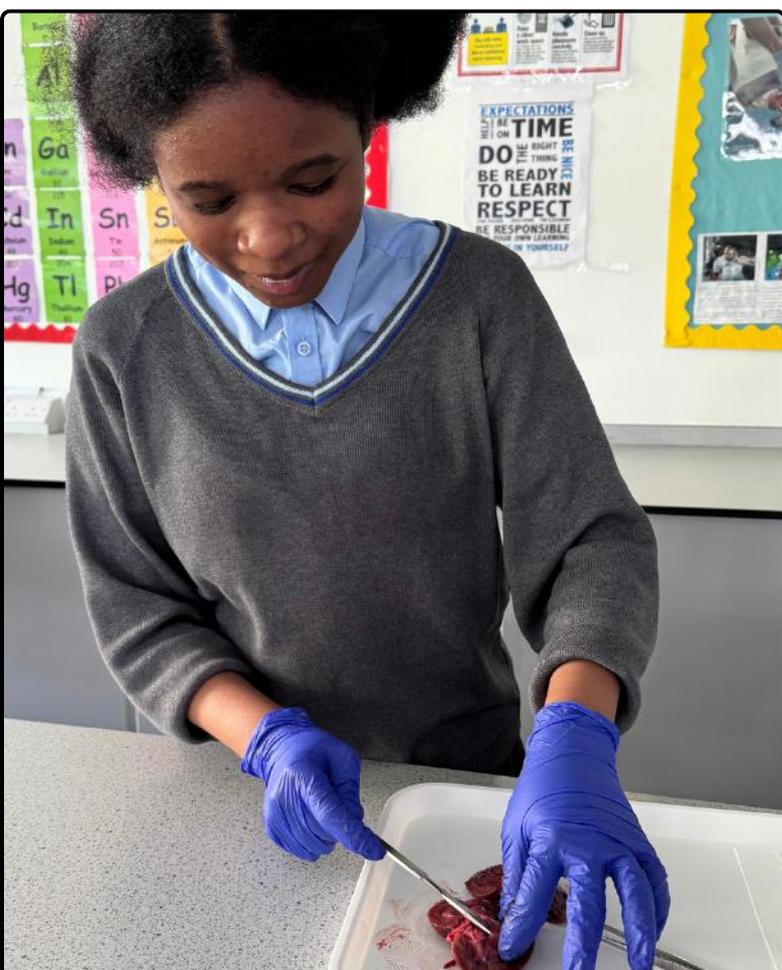
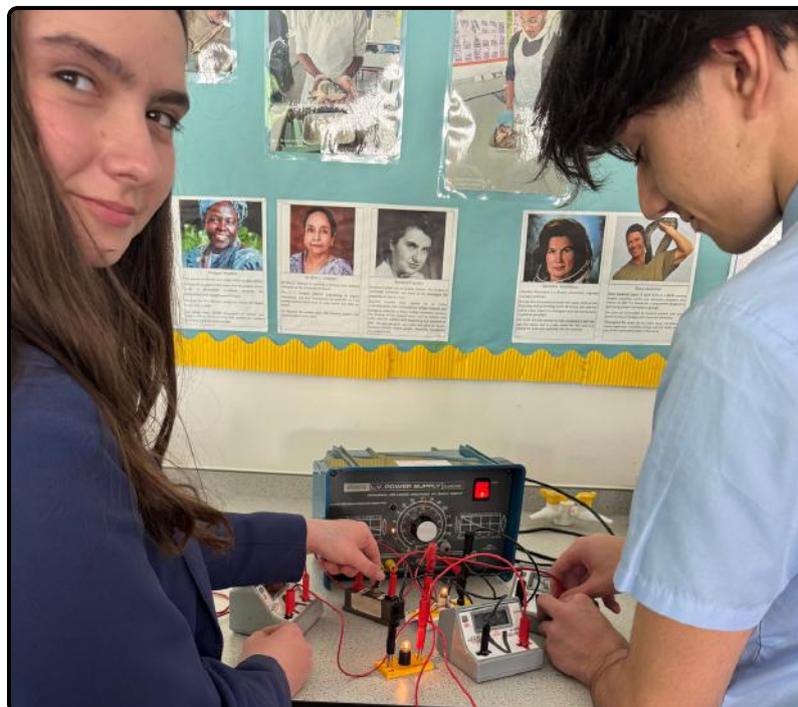
They experienced nature outside of London, where Genesis overcame her fear of holly bushes, Bianca beat down any overgrown paths with her trusty stick and Lucero was flying high on the rope swings.

YEAR 10 SCIENCE PRACTICALS

Year 10 Combined Science- Investigating electrical circuits: students had to construct series circuits and measure current and potential difference. We will build on this next week when we measure the resistance of a wire.



Year 10 Biology- Kidney dissection: students dissected sheep kidneys to identify parts of a kidney. This practical consolidated learning from the last few lessons on homeostasis and the kidney.



YOUTH VOICE MATTERS – ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILD TO VOTE!

Wandsworth Youth Council is electing new Youth Leaders and a Youth Mayor — and every young person living in Wandsworth has the chance to vote!

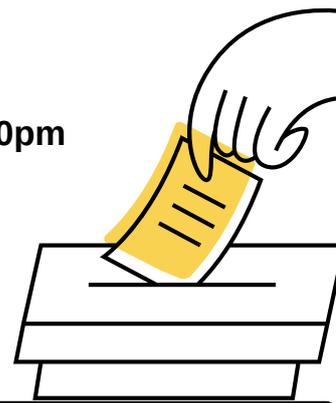
Last week, our School Council met with Keziah Gordon, Wandsworth’s Youth Participation Coordinator, who explained how young people can get involved.

The Youth Council plays a vital role in shaping decisions that affect young people locally — including how youth clubs are run, the Local Play Strategy, and initiatives to keep young people safe.



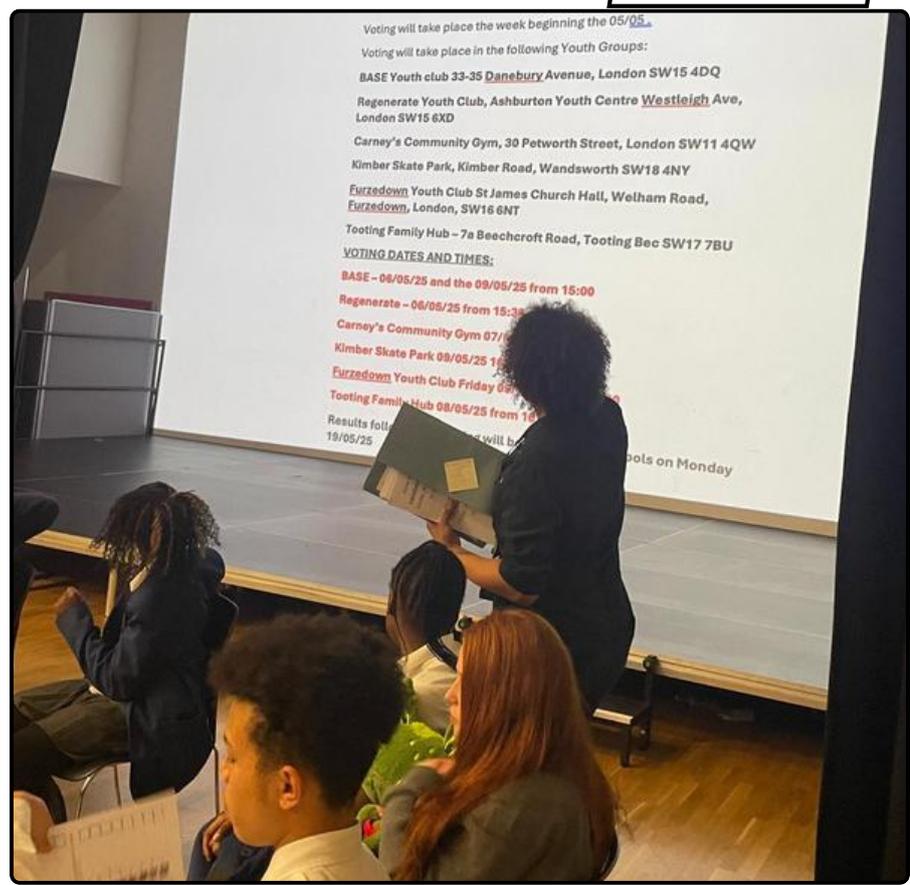
Voting will take place during the week beginning 5th May at the following youth centres:

- BASE Youth Club, Danebury Avenue – **6th and 9th May from 3pm**
- Regenerate Youth Club, Ashburton Youth Centre – **6th May, 3:30pm to 6:30pm**
- Carney’s Community Gym, Petworth Street – **7th May from 6pm**
- Kimber Skate Park, Kimber Road – **9th May, 4pm to 5:30pm**
- Furzedown Youth Club, Welham Road – **9th May from 6pm**
- Tooting Family Hub, Beechcroft Road – **8th May from 4pm**



We encourage all our families to talk to their children about getting involved. Taking part gives young people a real voice in their community — and helps develop confidence, leadership, and civic responsibility.

Election results will be shared with schools on Monday 19th May. Let’s empower our young people to help shape the future of Wandsworth!



FREE BEGINNERS ENGLISH LESSONS

for parents and families of students
at St John Bosco College

Classes every Tuesday
term time only
4:00 – 6.00 pm
here at school

Improve language skills, make new friends and get a head start in a new country. Plus, it's all at your child's school, here at St John Bosco's college, so no hassle for you!

New to England? Let's help your child thrive! Sign up for our free beginners English lessons at school.

Please email
dparrott@sjbc.wandsworth.sch.uk
to reserve a place



WANDSWORTH FAMILY INFORMATION SERVICE

A reminder to parents living in Wandsworth that they can find out about what's on offer for children and families in the borough by using the [Wandsworth Family Information Service website](#)

Family Information Service



Welcome to Wandsworth's Family Information Service



Community Spaces

Click here to see a directory of all the places available to our residents across all sectors, so that anyone who is in need knows where they can go to enjoy a little company, light refreshments and get some advice.



Early years and childcare



Schools and education



Advice and support



SEND Local Offer

SJBC CHAPLAINCY TEAM INDUCTION SERVICE



Our newest members of the student chaplaincy team took part in a special liturgy to celebrate their important role in the spiritual life of the school.

They were proud recipients of the Chaplaincy Team 'star' badges which they will wear on their blazers to identify them as members of the team working in support of Sister Pat, Ms Addai and the older student members of the Chaplaincy group.



SOCIOLOGY STUDENTS SHINE AT THE ROYAL COURTS OF JUSTICE

Our Year 10 and Year 12 Sociology students had a fantastic educational trip to the Royal Courts of Justice recently.

We are incredibly proud to share that our students were outstanding throughout the visit! They fully immersed themselves in a mock trial on hate crime, taking on the roles of prosecutors, defenders, and witnesses with impressive realism, enthusiasm, and professionalism. Their maturity, teamwork, and confidence were truly inspiring; a real credit to our school.

It was a brilliant experience for everyone involved, bringing their classroom learning to life in a real-world setting.

Sociology is a fantastic subject for young people to study at GCSE and A Level. It helps students develop critical thinking skills, a deeper understanding of society, and the ability to see the world from different perspectives all essential skills for the future.



YEAR 12 STUDENTS LAUNCH INTO THE CRUISE CAREER SPRINGBOARD PROGRAMME



Last Friday, a group of our Year 12 Business Level 3 students began their journey on the Cruise Career Springboard Programme, with an exciting launch event aboard the MSC Preziosa in Southampton.

Students had the opportunity to hear from industry experts who shared valuable career advice and insights into the cruise and tourism sector. They also enjoyed a tour of the ship, gaining a first-hand experience of customer service standards, followed by a wonderful buffet lunch.

This unique 10-week programme, made possible through our partnership with Mundy Cruising, includes a mixture of school-based projects and regular visits to a range of businesses and events linked to the cruise industry. It offers an outstanding opportunity for our students to develop their understanding of business and the world of work.

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YEAR 12 COMPASS PROJECT – CRUISE INDUSTRY CAREERS WITH ROYAL CARIBBEAN



As part of the exciting Compass Project, our Year 12 students have been exploring career pathways in the cruise and maritime industry. On the second day of the project, students had the unique opportunity to visit the UK Headquarters of Royal Caribbean – one of the largest and most prestigious cruise companies in the world.

The visit offered students a fascinating insight into the range of careers available within the cruise industry, from hospitality and engineering to marketing and logistics.

It was a brilliant, sunny day full of inspiration, with students engaging thoughtfully with professionals and asking insightful questions about life at sea and behind the scenes.



We are proud to offer opportunities like these as part of our careers and personal development programme and look forward to the next stage of the Compass Project.





Last Wednesday, a group of curious and engaged sixth form students attended a Bosco Discovery Talk led by Professor Simon Hepburn, CEO of The Security Institute.



The session - focused on the fast-evolving landscape of digital security in 2025 - was both eye-opening and highly engaging.



Professor Simon Hepburn shared real-world insights into how cyber threats are developing and how individuals and organisations can stay safe in an increasingly digital world. Students were hooked from the start, asking insightful questions about hacking, data protection, and careers in the cybersecurity industry.

With technology playing a growing role in all our lives, this talk was a timely reminder of the importance of digital awareness and resilience. A huge thank you to Professor Hepburn for delivering such an inspiring and practical session!



YEAR 11



YOUR FUTURE STARTS NOW!

The Library is open every day after school until 5pm – and it's the perfect place for You to get ahead.

- Quiet, focused space to revise
- No distractions – just determination
- Tables, Wi-Fi, and the support you need
- Stacks of past papers for every subject – ready for you to pick up and work on



**The more You practise,
the better You get.**

Give a past paper to your teacher – they'll mark it and help you improve!

**GCSES ARE AROUND THE CORNER
– USE EVERY MINUTE WISELY.**

Don't leave your success to chance. Come to the library. Put the time in. Make it count.

