

IN TOUCH



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

As another successful school year draws to a close, this final edition of In Touch provides an opportunity to reflect with gratitude on all that has been achieved over the past twelve months. It has been a year filled with academic success, memorable experiences, sporting achievements, faith celebrations and countless examples of our students living out our RUAH values of Respect, Understanding, Affection and Humour. This edition captures just a few of those highlights, from Sports Day and our End of Year Mass to Curriculum in Action visits, work experience and the many enrichment opportunities that continue to make St John Bosco College such a special place.

The end of the academic year is also a time to say farewell to colleagues who are moving on to new chapters in their lives. In particular, I would like to pay tribute to Mr Lane, who, after nearly twenty years of dedicated service to St John Bosco College, leaves having made an enormous contribution to generations of young people and colleagues alike. We also bid a fond farewell to Sr Pat, who is moving to Scotland after many years of faithful service to our school community. Both have embodied the Salesian spirit through their commitment, kindness and unwavering support for our students, and both will be greatly missed. On behalf of the entire Bosco community, I thank them sincerely and wish them every happiness and blessing for the future.

Finally, I would like to thank all of our students, staff, governors, parents and carers for the encouragement and partnership you have shown throughout the year. Your support has played a vital part in everything we have achieved together.

I wish everyone a safe, restful and enjoyable summer break. We look forward to welcoming our new Year 7 and Year 12 students on Wednesday 2 September, before the whole school returns on Thursday 3 September, ready for another exciting year of learning, opportunity and success. Until then, have a wonderful summer.



"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."

Matthew 11:28

As the summer holidays begin, we give thanks for all that has been achieved throughout the school year. After months of learning, growing and serving one another, this season offers a valuable opportunity for rest, reflection and renewal as we prepare for the year ahead.

KEY DATES

2026 JULY						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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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	

- Thursday 13 August - A Level Results Day
- Thursday 20 August - GCSE Results Day
- Autumn 2026 term
 - Wednesday 2nd September - Year 7 welcome 8.30 - 1pm
Year 12 welcome
 - Thursday 3rd September - all Year groups 8.30 - 3.30pm



GIVING THANKS TOGETHER – END OF YEAR MASS AND RUAH PICNIC

Our final day of term began with our annual End of Year Mass, giving us the opportunity to come together as a faith community to thank God for the many blessings of the past academic year.

Together we celebrated the achievements of our students and staff, reflected on the challenges we have overcome and gave thanks for the friendships, opportunities and growth that have shaped this year. We also took time to say farewell to members of our school community who are moving on, thanking them for all they have contributed to St John Bosco College and wishing them every blessing for the future.

Following Mass, the whole school enjoyed our annual RUAH Picnic in Battersea Park. It was wonderful to see students and staff sharing food, laughter and conversation together in the true Salesian spirit of community. The picnic was a fitting way to end another successful year and reminded us that some of the happiest moments in school life are simply those spent together.



We now look forward with great excitement to welcoming everyone back in September for another year of learning, growth and opportunity.



SPORTS DAY 2026 – A FANTASTIC CELEBRATION OF HOUSE SPIRIT!

Last Monday, our school community came together for one of the highlights of the year – our annual Sports Day. The atmosphere was fantastic, with students demonstrating determination, teamwork, resilience and outstanding House spirit throughout the day.



There was plenty of healthy competition, loud cheering from the sidelines and a wonderful sense of community as students encouraged one another to do their very best. Events took place across the day, giving everyone the opportunity to contribute to their House and celebrate the values that make St John Bosco College such a special place.



A huge congratulations goes to Moses House, who were crowned this year's Sports Day champions! This is a particularly special achievement as it is the first time Moses House has lifted the Sports Day trophy, bringing an end to Romero House's incredible three-year winning streak. Well done to every student who took part and represented their House with such pride.



Thank you to Mr Scott and our PE Department and all staff who worked so hard behind the scenes to organise another memorable day.

INCLUSION BASES ENJOY MEMORABLE PGL ADVENTURE

Last week, students from our Savio and Devereux Bases enjoyed an unforgettable residential visit to PGL, where they challenged themselves, built confidence and created memories that will last a lifetime.

Throughout the trip, students took part in a wide range of adventurous activities including the Trapeze, Jacob's Ladder, Archery, Laser Tag, Raft Building and Survivor, where they learnt outdoor survival skills such as building shelters and lighting fires safely. Every activity encouraged students to step outside their comfort zones, work as a team and demonstrate resilience, determination and trust in one another.



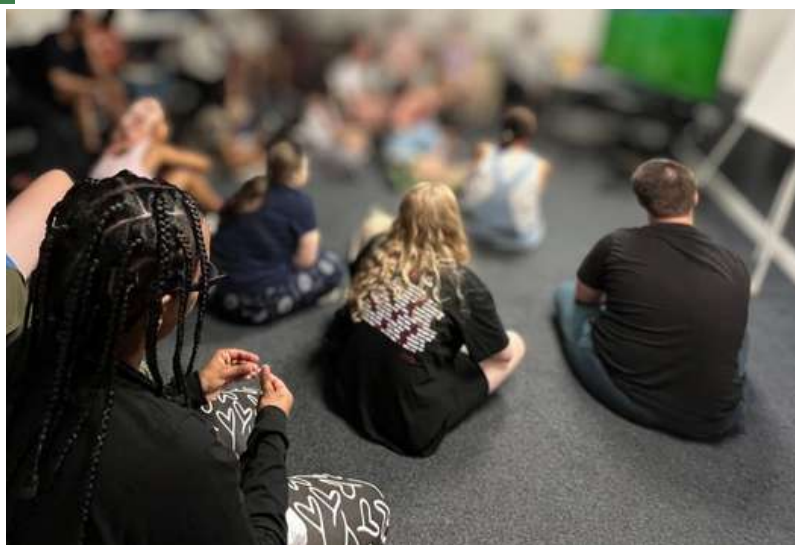
A particularly special moment came during the final evening, when students gathered together to celebrate members of staff who will be moving on from Savio. Many students spoke confidently and eloquently in front of the group, sharing heartfelt memories and expressing their gratitude. It was a touching reminder of the strong relationships that exist within our Inclusion community.

A huge thank you goes to all of the staff who made this such a memorable experience, especially Ms Dybowska, Ms Marta and Mr Clausen, whose dedication and care ensured every student had the opportunity to flourish.

We are incredibly proud of every student who represented St John Bosco College so brilliantly throughout the visit.



What stood out most was not simply the activities themselves, but the outstanding character shown by our students. They demonstrated maturity, kindness, encouragement and excellent teamwork throughout the residential, truly living out our Salesian values and our RUAH ethos of Respect, Understanding, Affection and Humour.



SUSTAINABLE UK NATIONAL FINALISTS

Congratulations to our Year 10 girls, who represented St John Bosco College brilliantly as Sustainable National finalists.

Their commitment, creativity and teamwork throughout the competition have been an inspiration to all students considering STEM pathways. They have demonstrated the exciting opportunities that science, technology, engineering and mathematics can offer and have shown what can be achieved through hard work and determination.

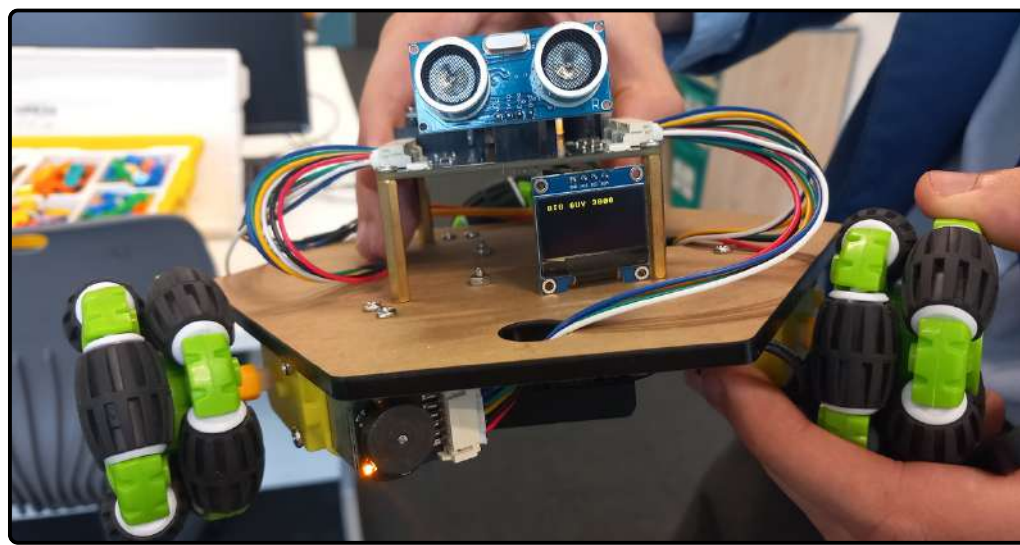


We are incredibly proud of their efforts and look forward to seeing future students follow in their footsteps.



ROBOTICS CLUB

Take a look at some of the fantastic creations from our Robotics Club! Held every Wednesday in Room 1.10, the club is run by the Computing Department in partnership with a STEM Ambassador. Students enjoy designing, building, and programming robots while developing their problem-solving, teamwork, and engineering skills in a fun and engaging environment.



SCHOOL YEAR 2025/26



Once Bosco...



August



September



October



November



December



January



February



March



April



May



June



July

... always Bosco

OUTSTANDING SUCCESS FOR OUR YEAR 12 BUSINESS STUDENTS

Congratulations to our fantastic Year 12 Business Studies students, who have achieved an exceptional set of results in their recent unit on Customers and Customer Service.

We are incredibly proud to celebrate that every student in the class achieved a Distinction grade—an outstanding achievement that reflects their commitment, hard work and determination.



Special congratulations must also go to Miss Williams, whose dedication, high expectations and unwavering belief in every student's potential have helped make this success possible. Her passion for teaching and commitment to ensuring every student achieves their very best are evident in these excellent results. Well done to everyone involved on such a fantastic achievement—we cannot wait to see what this talented group goes on to accomplish next.

FAITH MATTERS

Three times a year, the sixth-formers produce a faith based magazine that is distributed across south west London and beyond. ICN (Independent Catholic News) picked up our summer edition and featured it on their site. They were particularly interested in the interview with the Italian designer, Filippo Sorcinelli, the interview with the women of three different faiths also caught their attention.

We do have a few hard copies of the magazine if anyone would like to distribute them in their local coffee shops, newsagents, etc. The magazines are free.



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Faith Matters: Exclusive interview with Popes' favourite designer

Jul 19th, 2026



Exclusive interview with Italian designer Filippo Sorcinelli

Free Magazine

FAITH MATTERS

SUMMER EDITION

They've done it again. Student reporters at St John Bosco College in Battersea, south London, have just produced another fascinating edition of Faith Matters - this time leading with an exclusive interview by Alexandre Marques with Filippo Sorcinelli, the artist and fashionista responsible for designing the Popes' liturgical vestments. Steeped in fashion and theology, he describes how 'every detail takes on an amplified symbolic value'.

There's a delicious summer recipe from Nikki, before a feature in which student Danas Radavicius, asks three Jewish, Muslim and Christian women the same series of very thoughtful questions about their faith - looking at the similarities and differences - questioning what we can learn from each other and how we can draw closer together.

Doug Wells offers a very knowledgeable and heartfelt commentary on the different Requiem Masses through the ages. He reflects of Mozart, Verdi and Faure through to Stravinski, Matthew Coleridge and composer in residence at the Benedict XVI Institute for Sacred Music Frank la Rocca's Mass, composed in 2024 commemorating the murder of a Ukrainian priest by the Bolsheviks in 1941. Doug points out how suited this piece is for 'the many thousands in Gaza, Ukraine Lebanon and Iran - and so many other countries in our troubled world..'

Dean Yela gives a history of the shrine of Walsingham - from its origins in 1061 through to its destruction in the Reformation to its rebirth now as the one of the most important spiritual centres in the country for Christians - whether Catholics, Anglican or Orthodox. Eva Shelton also presents an interview the manager of the Little Walsingham Gallery.

Published under the guidance of editor-in-chief Fr Andrew, the whole magazine is beautifully designed and very well-written - altogether a very interesting read. I hope some the Faith Matters reporters write for ICN one day.

Read the Summer edition of Faith Matters here: <https://online.flippingbook.com/view/759057412>

Click [here](https://online.flippingbook.com/view/759057412) to read the ICN article

CURRICULUM IN ACTION – LEARNING BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Earlier this week, students in Years 7, 8 and 9 enjoyed a range of exciting Curriculum in Action visits, while Years 10 and 12 were completing valuable work experience placements as part of their preparation for future education, employment and careers. We look forward to hearing all about their experiences when they return in September.

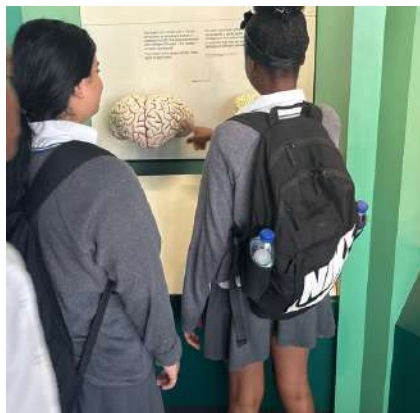


Our younger students visited a variety of inspiring locations directly linked to their classroom learning, including Kew Gardens, the Natural History Museum and Tate Britain.

At Tate Britain, students explored artwork from different historical periods, developing their understanding of the Second World War, British society and the powerful stories and symbolism contained within famous paintings. They also had the opportunity to develop their own artistic techniques and drawing skills.



Meanwhile, visits to Kew Gardens and the Natural History Museum enabled students to deepen their understanding of ecosystems, biodiversity and the natural world, making direct links with topics they have studied in both Biology and Geography.



Learning beyond the classroom helps bring the curriculum to life, inspiring curiosity and encouraging students to think critically about the world around them. We are incredibly proud of the maturity, creativity and enthusiasm shown by every student throughout the visits and look forward to building on these experiences in lessons when everyone returns in September.



HAVE A HAPPY AND RESTFUL SUMMER

As we come to the end of another busy school year, we would like to wish all our students and families a happy, safe and restful summer holiday.

The summer break is an important opportunity for children and young people to recharge, spend time with family and friends, and enjoy activities that support their physical and emotional wellbeing. Encourage your child to keep busy, stay curious, try something new, read interesting books or articles, and spend time outdoors where possible. A healthy balance of rest, activity and routine can make a real difference to their wellbeing.

Summer Wellbeing Tips for Students

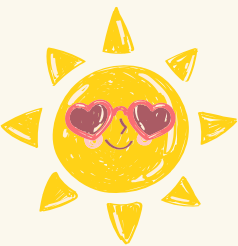


- Get enough sleep and try to keep a reasonably consistent bedtime.
- Eat regularly and drink plenty of water.
- Spend time with people who make you feel safe and supported.
- Get outside, exercise, walk, play sport or take part in other activities you enjoy.
- Take breaks from phones, social media and screens.
- Read, create, cook, draw, listen to music or learn something new.
- Talk to a trusted adult if you are worried, upset or feeling overwhelmed.
- Remember that it is normal to have good days and more difficult days.

Students should enjoy a genuine break from school, but we also encourage them to look through their books and Knowledge Organisers from time to time. A small amount of review over the summer will help them retain important knowledge and feel more confident when they return.



Wellbeing Tips for Parents and Carers



The summer holidays can also be demanding for families, particularly when routines change. Try to maintain some structure within the day, while still allowing time for rest and flexibility.

- Agree a simple daily routine, including meals, sleep and time away from screens.
- Encourage your child to talk about how they are feeling without immediately trying to solve every problem.
- Notice any significant changes in sleep, eating, mood or behaviour.



Plan low-cost activities together, such as walks, visits to local parks, libraries or museums.



Help children stay connected with positive friends and family members.



Make time for your own rest and wellbeing too.



Seek support if you are concerned about your child's mental health or safety.



Parents and carers can also report concerns about a student's wellbeing, mental health or bullying through the SHARP system on the school website.



<https://www.sjbc.wandsworth.sch.uk/page/?title=Safeguarding&pid=673>

Getting Ready for September

About a week before the new term begins, please help your child return gradually to the rhythm of school. This should include going to bed and waking up at the correct times, reducing very late nights, reviewing their Knowledge Organisers and preparing their uniform, equipment and school bag.

Please purchase all uniform items early and do not leave this until the final few days of the holiday. Any changes to hair or piercings should also be planned carefully.

Normal school expectations will apply from 1 September, including:

- No unnaturally coloured hair.
- No extreme hairstyles.
- Only one pair of small, plain studs, with one stud in each ear.
- No additional facial or body piercings.
- Full and correct school uniform.
- Skirts must be at least knee length

Students should return ready to learn, ready to make progress and ready to make the most of every opportunity in the year ahead.

We hope all our families enjoy a peaceful and enjoyable summer, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back in September.

BOSCO Camp 2026

TAKE
COURAGE

9-13
years
(year 5 - year 9)



8th August to
16th August

9:30 am to
3.30 pm

Cost: £50

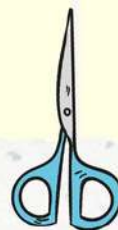
Deadline:
2nd August 2026

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HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

for Children and Young People

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Wandsworth Education Wellbeing Service Self-Care Summer Newsletter

Wandsworth Education Wellbeing Service work in schools to support children, young people and their families with their emotional wellbeing, offering 1-2-1 support, groups and workshops. This is our summer newsletter which provides information on activities & wellbeing events you can try over the summer.

Relationships & Connection:

Spending time with friends, family, pets and our community helps boost our wellbeing.

Emotional Wellbeing Support

Take a look at page 2 for self-care plans and mental health support helplines and websites.

Keeping active

Keeping active improves our mood. Find something that works for you whether it's walking, dancing, online classes or sports.

Creativity:

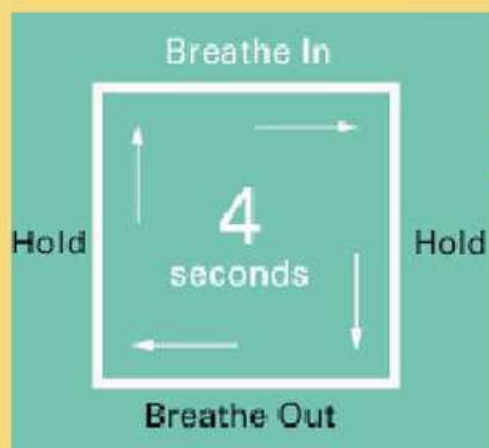
Finding ways to be creative helps you express yourself and be more present. Try drawing, writing or making music!

Relaxation

See below some relaxation strategies to try this summer. Click [here](#) for other relaxation ideas.

Fun and Entertainment

Look at page 3-4 for lots of free/low cost and FUN activities in Wandsworth!



**Take a deep breath.
Look around you and name:**

5 Things you can see



Things you can feel



4

3 Things you can hear



Things you can smell



1 Thing you can taste



Creating a self-care plan

Self-care is the little things we do to look after our wellbeing and to keep ourselves feeling good!

There are many aspects to self-care:

Physical



Emotional



Social



Practical



Anna Freud have created a self-care plan booklet for young people to fill out. Click [here](#) to access it.

Mental Health Helplines for young people:

Over the summer, you can contact the below services:

If you're a child, young person, or a parent/carer worried about a young person's mental health, call the **South London Partnership CAMHS (Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services) Crisis Line** on 0203 228 5980. The line is open every day from 9am to 11pm. You can also get support Via **whatsapp by contacting the SWL NHS Mental Health Urgent Support Number**: 0303 330 151

Off The Record Free, confidential counselling for young people age 11-25 who live in Croydon, Merton and Sutton. Call free on 0800 980 7475, open Mon-Fri from 3-6pm.

Kooth Online counselling for young people age 11-25 living in Wandsworth

Childline Call 0800 1111 (available 24/7).

Hopeline UK (Papyrus) Call 0800 068 41 41, text 07860 039967 or email pat@papyrus-uk.org (available 24/7).

Samaritans Call 116 123 or online chat via the website.

Shout Text SHOUT to 85258 (available 24/7).

For emergencies, please call 999 or visit your local A&E

Wandsworth Holiday Activities

 **Swimming & Tooting Bec Lido** - Check local leisure centre websites for swimming sessions at Balham, Putney, Latchmere and Tooting Leisure Centres. Young people can also enjoy outdoor swimming at Tooting Bec Lido. Free and discounted swimming options are available for eligible residents.

 **Young & Creative Wandsworth** - Opportunities for young people aged 13-25 to take part in arts, performance, journalism, broadcasting, creative projects and cultural events across the borough.

 **Youth Clubs & Youth Activities** - Wandsworth Youth Services offer youth clubs, holiday activities, Duke of Edinburgh opportunities, sports, skills development programmes and support for young people aged 11-19 (up to 25 with disabilities).

Free sports facilities (check if booking is required)

Parkrun

- Tooting Common Parkrun - 5km every Saturday morning.
- Wandsworth Common Parkrun - Weekly 5km community run+walk.

Skate Parks

- Battersea Park Skate Park
- King George's Park Skate Facilities
- Local skate and wheeled sports areas across the borough.

Outdoor Gyms

- Free outdoor gym equipment in parks across Wandsworth: Battersea Park, King George's Park, Tooting Common and Wandsworth Common.

Tennis Courts

- A variety of free and paid tennis courts are available across Wandsworth parks and open spaces.

Explore Wandsworth's Green Spaces

- Battersea Park
- Wandsworth Common
- Tooting Common
- King George's Park
- Wimbledon Park

Perfect for walking, cycling, outdoor games, picnics and meeting friends over the summer holidays.



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Collaborative



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