

IN TOUCH



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

With the exception of one paper on Monday all of our students have now completed their GCSE, A Level and Vocational examinations. They have worked really hard over the past few weeks and months and I'm sure that you'll join me in wishing them a well-deserved rest over the summer before they resume their studies at university and sixth form in the Autumn. Examination results will be announced this year on Thursday 14 August (A Levels) and Thursday 21 August (GCSEs).

On Monday we are introducing our new 'ready to learn' folders to students. Please do take a moment on Monday afternoon to have a look at your child's folder and remind them about the importance of being organised in their learning.

A reminder for parents of children in year 7 who meet their children on the gate after school, that from Monday they will be leaving school via the main, car park, gate.



"This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it."

– Psalm 118:24

There is a time for effort—and there is a time for joy. Today, we celebrate. Whether the journey has been long or the goal hard-won, this moment is sacred. It is right to pause, to give thanks, and to rejoice.

Achievement is never just about what we've done; it's also about who we've become in the process. In celebration, we honour the growth, the grace, and the strength that brought us here.

Let joy be full. Let gratitude rise. And may this day be a reminder that God delights in our joy as much as He walks with us in our striving.

KEY DATES



- 23rd June - launch of SJBC Equipment Packs
- 23rd June - Year 12 PPE exams
- 26th June - Year 13 Prom
- 30th June - Year 7 – 10 and 12 PPE2 End of Year Exams
- 1st July - Year 6 into 7 induction day



YEAR 10 BLACK CULTURAL ARCHIVES TRIP

Last week, two groups of Year 10 students took part in a powerful and thought-provoking two-day visit to the Black Cultural Archives in Brixton.

Pupils engaged in hands-on historical investigation, exploring rare archival newspapers that offered contrasting accounts of the 1981 events in Brixton. They examined how mainstream media described it as a “riot,” while Black newspapers framed it as an “uprising” against institutional racism within the Metropolitan Police.



The visit concluded with a mock town hall debate, where students represented different community and interest groups to discuss solutions to structural racism and the role of the media in tackling harmful misinformation.



This experience was especially relevant for our students living in London in 2025 – a diverse and vibrant city where understanding the history of racial justice is vital to shaping a fairer future.

CARING FOR OUR COMMON HOME – THAMES BEACH CLEAN

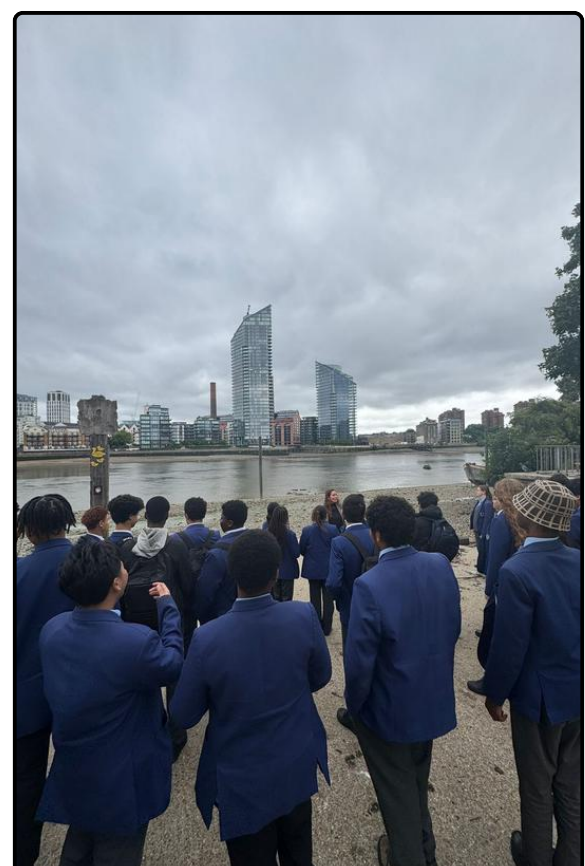


Last week, our Year 9 and 10 Geographers rolled up their sleeves and got stuck into an environmental clean-up on the banks of the River Thames. What looked like a relatively clean stretch of riverbank soon revealed the hidden impact of human waste – from bottle tops and plastic bags to cups embedded in the mud.

Among the stones and shells, there were even some unexpected discoveries: a fresh onion and a coconut, which prompted some enthusiastic Year 9s to start planning a Thai curry! But behind the laughter was a serious mission: to take practical action in caring for our planet.



By the end of the session, students had collected a significant amount of plastic waste that will now no longer pollute the river as the tides change. It was a brilliant hands-on example of the message in *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis' call for all of us to look after our common home.





We were delighted to once again host 29 headteachers from Southern China this week, as part of our ongoing partnership with the IOE, University of London. This international exchange is focused on sharing good practice and learning from each other across borders.



Our visitors were extremely impressed by our school – especially by the students they met during the day. A special thank you goes to our brilliant student guides, who represented the school with warmth, maturity, and pride. The visiting headteachers, who are visiting many schools and universities during their UK visit, said that this was their favourite stop – all because of the young people they met.



We are now in the early stages of planning a return visit, and hope that some of our Key Stage 4 and 5 students will have the opportunity to visit schools in China as part of this exciting global programme in the next academic year.

This week, we were delighted to host our Annual Sports Awards, a celebration of not only sporting talent but also the values of respect, teamwork, resilience and sportsmanship that we encourage across all year groups.

A major highlight was the recognition of the Year 10 Boys Football Team, who received the Team of the Year award for their outstanding commitment, teamwork and success this season.

We were especially proud to welcome back Eddy Nsasi, a former SJBC student, now playing with the Fulham FC professional team on an elite apprenticeship. Eddie gave an inspiring talk to our students, sharing powerful messages about the importance of:

- Working hard every day;
- Believing in yourself to perform at your best;
- Applying yourself 100% to everything you do in order to achieve your goals.

We also celebrated a number of individual student achievements with special awards:



- St Thérèse of Lisieux Lifetime Sportsmanship Award – Liz (Year 10), for her consistent encouragement of others and outstanding sportsmanship.
- St Christopher Award for Sporting Achievement Outside of School – Age, for his dedication and success in sport beyond the classroom.
- St Francis Rising Star Award – Valerai, for her exceptional progress and promise in gymnastics.
- St Sebastian Award for PE Excellence – Kailua, for demonstrating outstanding effort and achievement in PE throughout the year.

Our sincere thanks to Ms Haigh, Mr Dunne and Mr Parke for organising the event and for their commitment to developing sports and wellbeing at SJBC.

We are incredibly proud of all our students for their passion, determination and contribution to school sport this year.



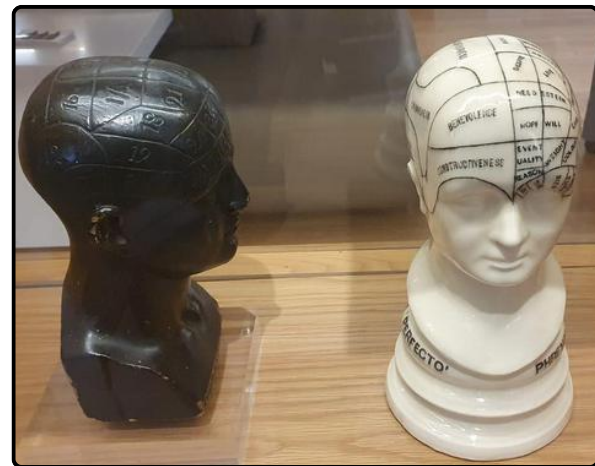


On Monday 9th June, our Psychology and Health & Social Care students took part in an enriching educational visit to the Bethlem Museum of the Mind in Bromley. The trip offered valuable insight into the history and development of mental health care.

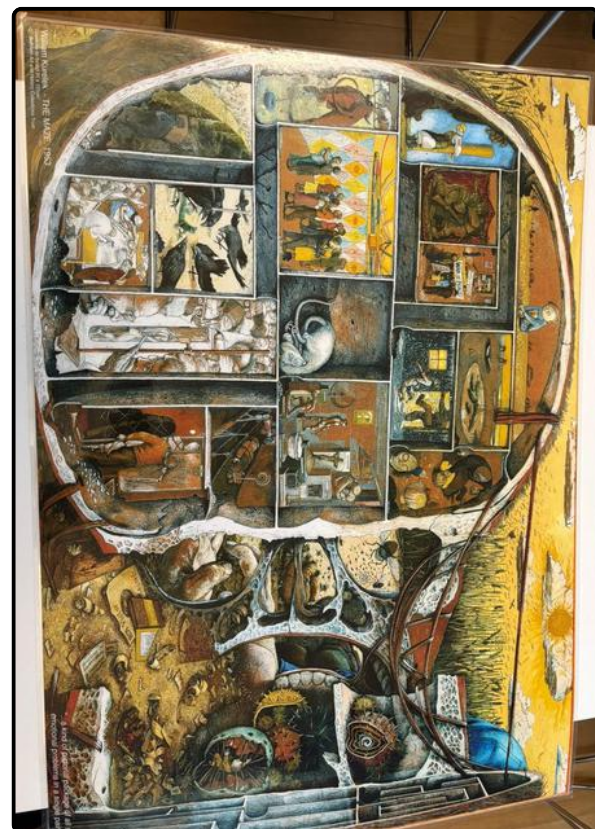
Students explored early understandings of mental health, including how conditions were once referred to as 'melancholy' and 'madness'—terms that were even represented in statues on display at the museum.



A particular highlight was viewing *The Maze* by William Kurelek, a powerful and thought-provoking painting by a Ukrainian refugee that depicts his personal experience of depression. The image—showing Kurelek lying with his mind imagined as a maze of rooms—sparked meaningful reflection and discussion among the group.



The visit also included a guided tour of the main museum, where students learned about the evolution of mental health hospitals, from the inhumane use of restraints to today's emphasis on dignity and compassionate care. They also watched real-life case studies exploring how psychologists decide whether a patient is ready for discharge, with the opportunity to vote on their own assessments.



It was a fascinating and moving experience that will support students in applying real-world understanding to their studies next year.

YEAR 11 PROM – A NIGHT TO REMEMBER!

Friday's Year 11 Prom was an unforgettable evening filled with joy, laughter, and celebration – the perfect way to mark the end of exams and the start of a well-earned rest!



A huge thank you to the dream team of organisers: Ms Ahmad, Ms Oseke, Ms Burke and Ms Lois, who created an event full of sparkle, fun and fantastic memories. The atmosphere was amazing from start to finish.

There was delicious food, with a special shout-out to Mr Riley for his legendary BBQ skills – definitely a highlight! And of course, the dancefloor was buzzing, with students (and even a few staff!) showing off their best moves. A surprise guest also made an appearance... a dancing dinosaur! A first for SJBC – and a prom moment we won't forget!



Our Year 11s arrived in dazzling evening wear, looking absolutely stunning – so chic, stylish and grown-up that not a single shirt needed tucking in! Teachers were seriously impressed by their glamour and grace.

This is an exceptional year group – full of personality, kindness, strong friendships and true RUAH spirit. We will miss them dearly... but not for long! We're excited to welcome many of them back later this month for Sixth Form Induction, and in September when they return to study A-Levels, T-Levels and BTECs with us.

Well done, Year 11 – you've made us incredibly proud. Enjoy your summer!





**St John Bosco College Art Department invite you to our
GCSE an A Level Art and Photography Exhibition 2025**



**Monday 30th June
3.30pm to 5.30pm
Library**

Come and celebrate the work of our talented young artists!

WEEKLY SPORTS WITH CAIUS HOUSE

2 Holman Road, London SW11 3RL

MONDAY'S - GIRLS FOOTBALL SESSION

JOIN OUR SW LIONS GIRLS' SESSIONS FOR FUN, FITNESS, AND COMMUNITY BUILD SKILLS AND CONFIDENCE ON AND OFF THE PITCH!

🕒 4:00pm - 6:00pm

📍 Caius House



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TUESDAY'S - DANCE SESSION

LOVE TO MOVE? COME DANCE IT OUT IN A HIGH-ENERGY SESSION FULL OF RHYTHM, FUN, AND FEEL-GOOD VIBES! LEARN NEW ROUTINES, BOOST YOUR FITNESS, AND EXPRESS YOURSELF NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED, JUST BRING YOUR ENERGY AND LET'S GROOVE!

🕒 5:00pm - 7:00pm

📍 Caius House

13+

TUESDAY'S - OPEN GYM

LOOKING TO MOVE, LIFT, OR JUST UNWIND? USE OUR CARDIO AND WEIGHT MACHINES AT YOUR OWN PACE IN A RELAXED, WELCOMING SPACE. NO PRESSURE JUST YOUR GOALS, YOUR MUSIC, AND TIME TO FEEL GOOD!

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TUESDAY'S - PILATES SESSION

WANT TO MOVE BETTER AND FEEL STRONGER? PILATES BUILDS CORE STRENGTH, IMPROVES POSTURE, AND HELPS YOU STAY INJURY-FREE PERFECT FOR SPORT, DANCE, OR EVERYDAY LIFE.

🕒 7:00pm - 7:45pm

📍 Caius House

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WEDNESDAY'S - BOYS FOOTBALL SESSION

LOVE FOOTBALL? SW LIONS BOYS' SESSIONS ARE ALL ABOUT FUN, FITNESS, AND IMPROVING YOUR GAME TRAIN WITH TOP COACHES, MAKE NEW TEAMMATES, AND BUILD CONFIDENCE ON AND OFF THE PITCH!

🕒 4:00pm - 6:00pm

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THURSDAY'S - OPEN GYM

LOOKING TO MOVE, LIFT, OR JUST UNWIND? USE OUR CARDIO AND WEIGHT MACHINES AT YOUR OWN PACE IN A RELAXED, WELCOMING SPACE. NO PRESSURE JUST YOUR GOALS, YOUR MUSIC, AND TIME TO FEEL GOOD!

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THURSDAY'S - BASKETBALL SESSION

READY TO LEVEL UP YOUR GAME? TRAIN WITH TOP COACHES, BOOST YOUR SKILLS, AND PLAY IN A HIGH-ENERGY, COMPETITIVE ENVIRONMENT WITH CHANCES TO TOUR AND PROGRESS, IT'S MORE THAN JUST A SESSION!

🕒 6:00pm - 8:00pm

📍 Caius House

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FRIDAY'S - FUTSAL SESSION (MIXED)

TRAIN WITH UEFA B COACHES FROM WEST LONDON FUTSAL AND SHARPEN YOUR TOUCH, AGILITY, AND DECISION-MAKING PERFECT FOR TAKING YOUR 11-A-SIDE GAME TO THE NEXT LEVEL. COMPETE OR JUST LEVEL UP JOIN US!

🕒 4:00pm - 6:00pm

📍 Caius House



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ST JOHN BOSCO COLLEGE CULTURAL EVENING

FRIDAY 18 JULY

5:00 - 7:00 PM

ENTRY:

**£8 FOR ADULTS + 2 CHILDREN
ADDITIONAL CHILDREN £2**

**GAMES, RAFFLE, MUSIC, FOOD & DRINKS,
PIÑATA AND HENNA/GLITTER TATTOOS**

**Tickets must be purchased in advance
on parent mail or at reception**



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