

# IN TOUCH



## MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

As we come to the end of another busy half term, this edition of In Touch highlights the wide range of opportunities and experiences our students continue to enjoy at St John Bosco College. From the Year 9 architecture workshops with the Royal College of Art to the GCSE PE cycling trip at Herne Hill Velodrome, it has been encouraging to see students engaging positively both inside and outside the classroom.

I was also pleased to see the continued focus on reading, creativity and curiosity across the school community, including the addition of Portuguese books to the library and the popularity of our after-school cooking club. Alongside this, our annual Crowning of Mary procession provided a valuable opportunity for reflection and prayer as a school community during this special month of May.

As we prepare for the final half term of the academic year, I encourage all students to make good use of the break, returning refreshed and ready for the weeks ahead, particularly with PPE examinations approaching for a number of year groups. We look forward to welcoming students back to school on Monday 1 June at the normal time.



***“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.” Galatians 6:9***

As we come to the end of this half term, take time to pause and reflect on all the hard work, resilience, and effort you have shown. This break is an opportunity to rest, recharge, and prepare your mind and heart for the new half term ahead. Remember that growth comes through perseverance, and every challenge helps you become stronger and wiser. Trust in your abilities, stay positive, and return ready to embrace new opportunities and successes.

2026							JUNE						
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### KEY DATES

- Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June - Return to School (8:30)
- Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June - Year 10 & 12 PPE's
- Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June - Years 7-9 PPE's
- Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July - Culture Evening





As the days get warmer and students spend more time travelling independently, we would be grateful if parents and carers could talk to their children about personal safety in the community. This is especially important for students in Years 8–10, who are often beginning to travel more independently to and from school, local shops, parks and friends' houses.

Please remind your child to stay alert when out in the community. Mobile phones should be kept tucked away where possible, especially when walking near roads, stations, bus stops or unfamiliar areas. If students are listening to music, the volume should be low enough that they can still hear what is happening around them.



Where possible, students should travel with a friend or in a small group and avoid isolated areas. They should let an adult know where they are going, who they are with and what time they expect to be home. We also recommend that location sharing or tracking settings are switched on where families use these.

If a young person feels unsafe, they should move towards a safe, busy place. If they are near school, they should return to school for help. Other safe places might include a shop, library, station staff member or another trusted adult. In an emergency, or if they feel in immediate danger, they should call 999.



## TOP TIPS FOR PARENTS/CARERS

- **Agree your child's route home and talk through safer, busier routes.**
- **Check they know what to do if plans change.**
- **Make sure their phone is charged before they leave home.**
- **Encourage them to keep phones and valuables out of sight.**
- **Agree regular check-in messages if they are out after school.**
- **Remind them that safety is more important than embarrassment: if they feel worried, they should seek help straight away.**

## DT (DESIGN TECHNOLOGY)

For the last 3 weeks, our Year 9 DT students took part in an externally run workshop by the Royal College of Art and POOR Collective. The workshop introduces young people to the field of architecture, illustrating what architects do and highlighting the impact of design on society.

The workshops detailed the necessary skills and pathways required to study architecture at the university level.

Students designed their own 'dream home' using floor plans and modelling techniques.





This week's Bosco Discovery talk was delivered in workshop format by Daria and Anne Reyersbach from the Alpha Dubs Lecture Society. The session focused on the important question: what are human rights?



Students explored the idea that human rights are the basic rights and freedoms that belong to every person, simply because they are human. They also learned about the international framework for human rights, including the principles set out after the Second World War to protect people's dignity, freedom, equality and safety across the world.



During the workshop, students discussed the rights they have, reflected on how fortunate we are to live in a society where many of these rights are protected, and considered how rights can sometimes be threatened or removed, even in our own country. It was a thought-provoking session, helping students to understand the world around them via discussion, reflection and debate.

## DISH OF THE WEEK – PIZZA

Dish of the Week goes to Asena in Year 9 for his delicious chicken tenders with a side of chips.



## AFTER-SCHOOL COOKING CLUB PROVES A HIT

Miss Maddox's after-school cooking club is proving incredibly popular, with students from across different year groups having a wonderful time learning new skills and making delicious food together.

The club has already become a real highlight of the week, with the wonderful smells travelling via the corridors and making the whole second floor feel hungry!



It is fantastic to see students enjoying practical learning, working together and developing confidence in the kitchen.

If your child is interested in joining, there is currently a waiting list, so please ask them to let Miss Maddox know.



## "A PORTUGUESE SECTION AT THE SJBC LIBRARY!"

A small collection of books, intended for the school library, recently arrived at St. John Bosco College. They have kindly been sent by the Department of Education at the Portuguese Embassy.

The y10 students had a free browse at the books before they reached their final destination where students and staff can borrow them: the SJBC Library! The books will contribute to awaken the curiosity of our SJBC readers, in addition to help them develop a passion for Portuguese books - and the Portuguese language!



As the photos can show, the H of RUAH (which stands for "Humour") was contagious and also affected the Portuguese teacher Carlos Ferreira and Mélodie Tharsis, the Head of the MFL Department and great support of the work the Portuguese Education Department does in the school. It's fantastic when books provide us with moments of pure joy! Paper books are excellent at creating an empathic relation with the reader, perhaps more than with books in other formats! In the end, the students asked when the next set of books will arrive at school!

# YEAR 10 GCSE PE – HERNE HILL VELODROME TRIP SUMMARY

Year 10 GCSE PE students recently attended a practical assessment day at Herne Hill Velodrome, where they took part in a series of coached track cycling sessions. The experience provided an excellent opportunity for students to develop key cycling skills, both in isolation and within competitive race scenarios, contributing directly to their practical exam performance.



All students demonstrated outstanding effort and commitment throughout the sessions, showing significant progress in their technical ability, confidence, and race awareness. They particularly excelled in the competitive elements, where they applied their skills effectively under pressure.

The trip was a great success, not only supporting their GCSE assessment but also inspiring several students to consider taking up track cycling as a new hobby in the future.



## CROWNING OF MARY



On the last day of term, Friday, we came together as a whole school community for our annual Crowning of Mary procession in the playground. In the beautiful sunshine, students and staff gathered in prayer and reflection as flowers were presented and Mary was crowned, creating a calm and joyful end to the half term. It was a truly special moment of faith and community for everyone present.



During the month of May, Catholics traditionally honour Mary, the mother of Jesus, in a special way. May is known as the Month of Mary, recognising her faith, love, humility and care for others. The crowning of Mary is a long-standing Catholic tradition where flowers and a crown are offered as a sign of devotion, respect and gratitude, reminding us to follow Mary's example of kindness, compassion and service to others.





# PARENTS/CARERS WORKSHOP

## Session 1

### Contextual Safeguarding & Exploitation

Learn how to recognise risks beyond the home and keep your children safe.

#### Who is it for?

- Parents & carers of young people aged 9+
- Wandsworth residents only

#### What you'll gain

Build safeguarding confidence

Understand exploitation  
and risks beyond home

Practical tools to  
spot risks early

#### Guest Speakers

1. George Turner from Carney's Community
2. Davis Williams from Manhood Academy
3. Young Person & Parent with Lived Experience

Monday,  
**15 JUNE 2026**  
**6:00pm – 8:00pm**

Arrival at 5:30pm


#### Yvonne Carr Centre


2 Thessaly Rd

Nine Elms

SW8 4HT London

Online: **Microsoft Teams**

 Free food provided at  
the in-person session

 Only 25 in person  
spaces available



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