

# IN TOUCH



## MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

As we begin the second full week of term, I am reminded once again of the strength and generosity of our school community as we prepare for our annual Open Evening for prospective parents and children this Tuesday, 16 September, from 4.30-7.00pm.

I am delighted that so many of our students have volunteered to support this event. Whether they are guiding tours, speaking about their experiences, or helping behind the scenes, they are living out our values of service, leadership, and pride in their school. Their enthusiasm and commitment are a true reflection of RUAH.

Please note that school will be closing to all students at 1.50pm on Tuesday to allow sufficient time for preparation. Students helping at Open Evening are expected to go home at this time and return for the event

I would also like to ask for your support in spreading the word about the open evening. If you know families who are considering secondary school options, please encourage them to come along and see what makes our community so special. Your voice and recommendation are powerful, and we are grateful for your help in sharing the successful story of our school.

Finally, it was with great sadness that we received news last week of the death of a legendary figure of the school, Kevin Regan, who died suddenly at the age of 71. The prayers of the whole school community go out to his wife Carmel, and children Kate, Joe, and Louis.



***“Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.” Matthew 5:16***

Open Evening gives us the chance to shine our light; to share our gifts, talents, and the warmth of our school community with others. Each word of welcome and each act of kindness shows who we are and what we value. As we continue this journey together, may we always shine brightly, encouraging and inspiring one another in faith and love.

## KEY DATES



- Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> - Open Evening (4:30 – 6:30pm)- school closes at 1:50pm
- Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> - Open Morning
- Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> - Prize Evening - school closes at 1:50pm





We were saddened to learn of the death of Kevin Regan (1954-2025), who attended Salesian College as a boy and then, after completing his university studies, returned to the school as a teacher.

He went on to become a Head of Department, Head of Year and Assistant Headteacher and was instrumental in setting up the Sixth Form at SJBC in 2012.

He was a passionate Historian who taught the subject with great distinction at both Salesian College and then SJBC until his retirement from the school in 2015.

He continued to support the school by working sixth formers on their Extended Project Qualifications until last year. He will be greatly missed by colleagues and former students alike.



This week our Year 7 students took part in a very special workshop led by Talk The Talk, and the feedback was fantastic – students thought it was “amazing” and left feeling more confident and excited about the year ahead.

On Monday 8th September 2025, expert trainers worked with Year 7 on Talk About Transition, a half-day programme designed to build communication skills, self-confidence, and resilience. Packed with fun, interactive activities, the workshop helped students to find their voice, strengthen self-esteem, and form positive new friendships.

We know that moving from primary to secondary school is a big step. It can be both exciting and daunting as students go from the comfort of one classroom and one teacher to a much larger environment. Talk About Transition gave Year 7 the chance to discuss worries, explore strategies to overcome them, and celebrate the many opportunities that lie ahead.



Since 2013, Talk The Talk has supported over 115,000 young people across England and Wales to become confident communicators. We are delighted to bring this opportunity to our students.

These workshops were part-funded by the Jack Petchey Foundation, which has invested over £143 million into inspiring and supporting young people across London and Essex. We are grateful for their support in making this event possible.



This week, Daisy Whitear Holme, our year 9 student, received the prize of a prayer book presented by Fr Greg and awarded by the Catholic Writers' Guild for her highly commended submission to the young Catholic writers award.

We are incredibly proud of Daisy's achievement and her literary talent.



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**Writers Guild**





### JOIN THE SJB PTFA WHATSAPP GROUP!



As parents, you are already part of our Parents, Teachers & Friends Association (PTFA).

This WhatsApp group is for all parents – your place to stay connected, share ideas, and keep up to date with school news and events.

### Why join?

-  Get quick updates about school events and activities
-  Connect with other parents in our community
-  Share your ideas and support the school in fun, flexible ways
-  Be part of the team that makes a difference in your child's school life



Scan the QR code or click the link below to join:

[https://chat.whatsapp.com/I3CzN8XF36B5X0oJyfyWKx?mode=ac\\_t](https://chat.whatsapp.com/I3CzN8XF36B5X0oJyfyWKx?mode=ac_t)



## ECO SCHOOL

Last year, our Eco-Committee, under Ms Martin's leadership, worked tirelessly to achieve the Eco-Schools Green Flag Award.

Pupils carried out a full environmental review of our school, created an action plan, and put projects into place covering areas such as energy saving, recycling, organising a beach clean-up and reducing litter. They monitored their progress carefully, shared their work with the whole school through assemblies and displays, and created an inspiring Eco-Code to capture our commitment to sustainability.

The award is the result of months of teamwork, creativity, and leadership from our pupils, who brought their ideas to life by encouraging and enthusing other students to get involved in this important work.

Well done everyone in working together to help SJBC to go green!



The Green Flag Award is a national award accredited to schools that demonstrate a strong desire to tackle environmental concerns. We have a committed group of young people at SJBC who have formed an Eco-Committee and lead on school-wide projects such as the SJBC Earth Hour and the Big School Clean Up.

Our entire school community contributed to SJBC achieving this award but huge thanks, especially, go to our wonderful Eco-Committee.

Our eco commitment continues this year, and we look forward to building on our significant achievement by empowering our young people to engage with topics such as biodiversity, litter, waste, energy, healthy living, global citizenship, marine environment, transport and water.

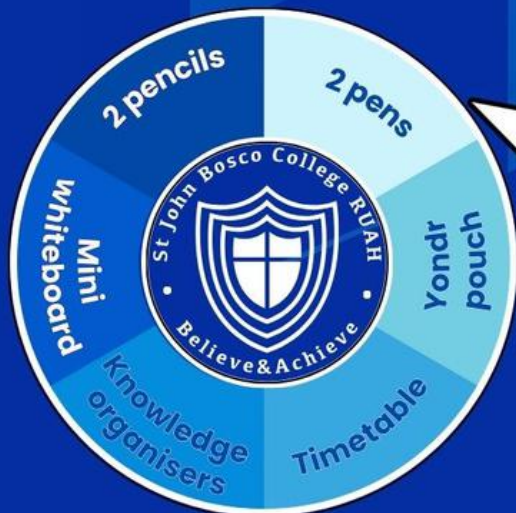




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## KEEP YOUR EQUIPMENT PACK COMPLETE – IT'S YOUR LEARNING TOOLKIT!

At SJBC, we believe being ready to learn starts with being equipped. Your Student Equipment Pack is a vital tool for your success – **pens, pencils, ruler, whiteboard, Yondr pouch** – everything you need to get the most from every lesson.



Lost something?  
Running out of pens or markers?

No problem!

You can either top up your own supplies outside school, or purchase directly from us via

 **ParentMail** or with  
**cash at the Main Office.**

### Price List:

- **Yondr Pouch – £18**
- **Full Student Equipment Pack – £20**  
(Includes A5 Wallet, Yondr Pouch, A4 whiteboard and pencil case containing 2 x pens, 2 x pencils, whiteboard marker, 15cm ruler, pencil sharpener and eraser)
- **Replacement Pencil Case – £2.50**  
(Pencil case containing 2 x pens, 2 x pencils, whiteboard marker, 15cm ruler, pencil sharpener and eraser)
- **Stationery Top-Up Pack – £2.50**  
(Contains x 4 x pens, 4 x pencils and 2 x whiteboard markers)



**Don't get caught short in class. Keep your pack complete, stay ready, and make every lesson count!**





# 5 reasons to join the PTFA

As parents, you are **AUTOMATICALLY** a member of the PTFA (Parents, Teachers & Friends Association) ... **your voice counts**. Taking an active role with the PTFA is critical to your child's success, so we've compiled a list of 5 reasons why helping the PTFA will greatly improve your child's experience of school.

## 1. What the PTFA does affects every parent (and pupil)

- Your ideas and involvement can help improve the quality of education for all the children at our school.
- See the smiles on their faces and know that you have played a part in making school a little more comfortable and fun!

## 2. It's **TOTALLY** flexible!

- There are a variety of small ways you can help and be involved – from designing a poster, donating a cake, selling raffle tickets, cleaning up after an event, helping out on a stall...so many ways.
- You don't have to attend PTFA meetings – you can use our contact details to send in ideas for discussion.

## 3. You'll feel more connected

- There's no better way to know what events are being planned, have your say or make new fundraising suggestions, than by offering your help and support.
- You'll get to know teachers and support staff on a more familiar basis.

## 4. Be a role model

- By getting involved with our PTFA, you'll show your children that not only are they important to you, but their education is as well.
- Getting involved illustrates good teamwork and community spirit as Saint John Bosco believed in the importance of connecting home life to school life.

## 5. Finally...

- Our children are only at school for a relatively short time. PTFA events such as Discos, Christmas Showcases, Leavers do and trips will be remembered fondly by our children for a lifetime.







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# ST JOHN BOSCO PTFA SPONSORSHIP TREE



Dear Friends of SJBC,

The PTFA sponsorship tree offers you the opportunity to make a positive contribution to the education of young people at SJBC.

For each stone leaf sponsored, the donation received will provide us with much-needed funds to enrich the lives of our students.

The sponsorship tree will have pride of place in our school grounds, housed close to the historic 'ambulacrum', providing a link between the past and present of the school.

The name of each donor will be inscribed on a leaf or stone, providing a permanent reminder of their generosity and contribution to the school.

## DONATIONS

Small gold pebbles £25

Light green leaves £50

Dark green leaves £100

Large gold stones £200

If you would like to donate, you can do one of the following:

- Bring cash to school reception in an envelope clearly marked 'PTA donation'
- Pay online via ParentMail (only for staff and parents)
- Direct payments into the PTA account

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**Bank: NatWest Bank**

**Account Name: St John Bosco College Parent Teachers Association**

**Account Number: 69632812**

**Sort Code: 602228**

**Please put "Donation Tree" as a reference when making payment**

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# Free Beginners English lessons

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**for parents and families  
of students at St John  
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**CLASSES EVERY TUESDAY TERM TIME ONLY  
4:00– 6.00 PM HERE AT SCHOOL**

**New to England?**

**Let's help your child thrive!**

**Sign up for our free beginners  
English lessons 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!**



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TO RESERVE A PLACE**



## Upcoming Events For Secondary Parents Autumn Term 2025

Supporting your teenager's mental health webinars

**10TH SEPT 25**  
**7.30 PM-8.30 PM**



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Mental Health During  
the Teenage years

**17TH SEPT 25**  
**12.30 PM-1.30 PM**



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**23RD SEPT 25**  
**1 PM-2 PM**



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Getting into school -  
common challenges and  
supporting school  
avoidance

**24TH SEPT 25**  
**6 PM-7 PM**



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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](#)



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.