

15 February 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

As we reach the mid-point of the academic year and look forward to the half-term break I am writing to update you on the latest news from St John Bosco College. As ever, it has been a busy but rewarding term for our pupils with lots happening.

PPE exams

We held our first set of PPEs (pre-public examinations) in November and you should be aware of your child's progress in those exams following the recent series of parents' evenings. It was a pleasure to see so many of you at these meetings. If you did not get an opportunity to speak to any of your child's subject teachers please do contact the school and arrangements can be made for you to either speak to them directly or to come to the school and discuss your child's progress. Can I take this opportunity to remind you that the next round of PPEs begins on 11 March 2019. Please encourage your son/daughter to keep up with their revision for these exams. You should be able to check the revision materials and tests that they are doing by logging on to the Show My Homework App. Getting them into good study habits now will pay dividends further down the line when they come to sit their GCSE and A Level exams.

Primary school applications

We expect that yet again the numbers of pupils joining St John Bosco College in Year 7 in September will continue to rise this year. Parents of children in Year 6 will receive news of their secondary school places on 1 March 2019. If you know of any families who are not satisfied with their choices or who wanted a place at St John Bosco College but have not been allocated one, please do encourage them to contact the school so that we can help.

Extra-curricular Programme and Feast Day Trips

Our extra-curricular programme has continued apace this term with a wider range of activities on offer. Please do keep a watch on our @SJBC_London Twitter account for regular news about the clubs and trips that are taking place each week. It was great to see so many of our pupils able to celebrate the recent feast of St John Bosco. Pupils attended trips with their tutor groups to places as varied as the London Dungeons, London Zoo and the Greenwich Peninsula. Lots of other visits, too numerous to mention, have been arranged this term and at the end of March our first ever St John Bosco College ski trip will be heading out to the slopes of Austria.

St John Bosco Association

All our parents are warmly invited to join our Parent Teacher Association (PTA) the St John Bosco Association. It is a great opportunity to get to know other parents and to work closely with key staff to help to raise funds and support the work of the school.

We are also keen to get parents more actively involved in supporting the school, for example through acting as ambassadors for St John Bosco College with our feeder primary schools and working with us to review the



parents' pages on our website and making suggestions for how these can be improved to support you. Please contact Ms Maria Bud [Assistant Headteacher] at school to find out how you can be involved.

Please keep in your prayers

As some parents may be aware, one of our Year 8 girls lost her older brother in tragic circumstances last week. I would ask all parents carers and friends of the school to join us in praying for her family and all affected by this incident.

Half-Term Holiday

We break up for half-term at 2.10 pm on Friday 15 February 2019. School starts again at 8.40 am on Monday 25 February 2019. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a happy, relaxing and safe half-term break.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P Dunne', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mr P Dunne
Headteacher