

**“it is not enough for children to be loved,
they must know that they are loved”**

Tuesday, 26 July 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to thank you for your continued support of the school throughout the past twelve months, our first full academic year since the start of the Covid pandemic in 2020.

It has been another packed and successful year for the school which has seen the growth in student numbers continue, with 900 students expected to be on roll and ready to return in September.

There have been many highlights and there is not enough space in this letter to mention them all but amongst them has been the return to a full year of teaching, learning and assessment, with students in KS3 benefitting the return of Performing Arts and Cooking to their timetables and all students being able to sit their PPE exams three times this year.

Our trailblazing work experience programme for year 12 students, in partnership with building giants Wates residential, continues to go from strength to strength as does our ‘Access Oxbridge’ programme which has seen students’ visit both Oxford and Cambridge universities as well as attend a week of lessons at the prestigious Eton College, (alma mater of Boris Johnson no less!). Many of you will remember the superbly professional production of Bugsy Malone back in the Spring and we are already looking forward to next year’s production of the Wizard of Oz – which should be another tour de force.

On the sporting front we were delighted to see the return of the Salesian Athletics championships which saw our young athletes represent the school with distinction at the meeting in the Liverpool – some future stars in the making for sure. Our ‘girls in sport’ was also a fantastic event and with the expansion of our PE department next year the sporting future looks bright at SJBC.

On the international front we were delighted to welcome students from one of our partner schools, the Salesian School in Florence and we are looking forward to paying them a reciprocal visit next summer, along with trips to Spain and France which are in the pipeline. The return of International Evening just last week was a lovely way to celebrate the diversity of our school community and round the year off with everyone together enjoying the summer weather, good food and family fun.

We are looking forward to next year with great optimism and look forward to welcoming your children back to school in September on the days shown on the back of this letter.

Yours faithfully



Mr P. Dunne
Headteacher



Start dates Academic Year 2022-2023

Thursday 1 September	Term starts Staff Inset 10 – 3pm
Friday 2 September	<i>Year 12/13 Induction</i>
Monday 5 September	<i>Year 7 Induction</i> <i>(Year 12 half day)</i>
Tuesday 6 September	<i>Year 11 return</i> <i>Year 10 return (12.00pm)</i>
Wednesday 7 September	<i>Year 9 return</i> <i>Year 8 return (9.30am)</i>

Please note that students should be at school for the normal arrival time of 8.40am unless otherwise stated.

The School Day from September 2022

Students arrive at school no later than	8.40am
Start of morning prayer	8.45am
P1	8.50am
P2	9.40am
Break: Teresa/Kolbe Tutor: Rafqa/ Moses/Romero	10.30am
Break: Rafqa/ Moses/Romero Tutor: Teresa / Kolbe	10.55am
P3	11.20am
P4 Year 9,10,11 Lunch	12.10pm
P5 Year 7,8, KS5 Lunch	1.00pm
P6	1.50pm
P7 or End of day (Wednesday/Friday)	2.40pm
End of day (Monday/Tuesday/Thursday)	3.30pm