

# IN TOUCH



## MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

As we head into the month of May the first signs of summer are appearing.

For our older students this means the beginning of the GCSE and A Level examination season but for younger students too this leads to their final PPE exams of the year and a chance to demonstrate what they've learned this year.

Please do keep encouraging your children to build those positive study habits that are proven to lead to academic success.

As you will see below, we have a dedicated, supervised study space for students available after school each day (except Fridays).

Please do encourage your children to use it.

**ST. JOHN'S HILL  
FESTIVAL**

**SUNDAY 12 MAY**  
11AM - 5PM

**POP-UPS ARTISAN STALLS**  
**KIDS' ACTIVITIES DOG SHOW**  
**COSTUME CHARACTERS**  
**LIVE MUSIC FREE EVENT**

Scan QR code for more information or visit:  
[www.visitclaphamjunction.com](http://www.visitclaphamjunction.com)

## YEAR 11... WORKING LATE IN THE LIBRARY

**MONDAY,  
TUESDAY AND  
THURSDAY,  
UNTIL 5PM**

**WEDNESDAYS  
4:30PM**

**LOOKING FOR QUIET,  
PRODUCTIVE PLACE  
TO REVISE, COMPLETE  
COURSEWORK OR DO  
HOMEWORK AFTER  
SCHOOL?**



**WE HAVE A DEDICATED  
STUDY SPACE JUST FOR YOU!**

**NO FOOD OR DRINKS ALLOWED.**



## YEAR 11... FREE USEFUL APPS

MyStudyLife is a calendar app that lets you build timetables to keep track of exams.

If your organisational skills aren't great, this app could be the answer!

MyStudyLife lets you assign tasks with reminders so that you don't forget a thing!!!



### How Forest help you stay focused



Forest uses the Pomodoro technique to help you stay focused and avoid distractions from your phone.

When the timer goes off, you plant a tree, and if you close the app during the time allotted, 20 or 25 minutes, the tree dies!

Watching your forest grow with the more Pomodoros you finish without getting sidetracked can be rewarding. The Pomodoro technique follows a basic pattern of 25 minutes of studying followed by a five-minute break.

The best part about this app is that the trees or plants you grow here are also planted in real forests. This way, you make yourself productive and contribute towards making the earth greener.



## SKILLSBUILDER

### Developing employment skills with Skillsbuilder

Skillsbuilder is a free online self-assessment tool that can be used by students, families, or employees, who want to improve their soft skills. The courses are useful for developing life skills and preparing for the world of work. Employers are increasingly focusing on the soft skills that students (in particular) have, as these are just as important when succeeding in the workplace as technical skills or knowledge. We are also seeing employers embed Skillsbuilder into their recruitment framework and language, so being aware of skills builder can only benefit your child in the long run.

Students and their families can sign up for free and access the training materials aimed at developing skills, such as, communication, teamwork, creativity and leadership to name a few. Each skill is condensed into smaller manageable steps that make sure understanding and progression work together.



### HomeZone

Families can work together build their essential skills. By doing so, you can improve on; social and emotional well-being, learning and academic outcomes, careers and opportunities. It is free to sign up to the platform and you will receive weekly emails with a fun family task to complete.

<https://www.skillsbuilder.org/homezone>

### Benchmark

Students can sign up for free and can independently build their essential skills and download a skills report that they can share with you or their tutor. [Benchmark | Skills Builder](#)

# SJBC PE EXPECTATIONS

Students in **Years 7-9** who have **PE for their 1st and 2nd period** need to come into school in their **full SJBC PE Kit**.

This aims to **maximise learning time** within their PE lessons by reducing the time spent changing clothes

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The UK National Curriculum for PE aims to ensure that all pupils develop competence to excel in a broad range of physical activities, lead healthy and active lives and understand the importance of healthful daily physical activity.  
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Physical Education is not only a vital part of your child's school curriculum but also a key contributor to their overall health and well-being.  
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## SJBC PE KIT CONSISTS OF:

- Polo shirt with school logo or the games top
- Navy school shorts with logo, plain navy tracksuit bottoms or skirt
- PE jumper with school logo (optional)
- Sports socks
- Trainers



Having a proper PE kit not only promotes a sense of unity and discipline but also ensures that your child is appropriately dressed to take part safely and comfortably in physical activities

The students will need to bring their full SJBC uniform, comprising the blazer, shirt, trousers, skirt, tie, and school shoes, with them to change into for the remainder of the school day.



Thank you for your continued support in upholding the standards and expectations of SJBC.

Together, we can provide our students with the best possible learning environment.



# Wandsworth Park Eco Fair

Learn how to be 'earth-friendly' and have fun doing it!

**Wandsworth Park • Putney SW15 2PA**  
**11 May 2024 • 12-4PM**

Clean Air Advice • Green Your Garden • Wildlife Experts  
 Solar Panel Advice • Shire Horses in the Meadow  
 Craft Activities • Yoga • Food • Coffee • Smoothies  
 Ice Cream • Music & Entertainment: Serena Smith, Fiddler  
 & Isabel Losado, The Joyful Environmentalist

**Hands on activities for kids!**

**Hear from dozens of grass roots organisers!**



Friends of Wandsworth Park



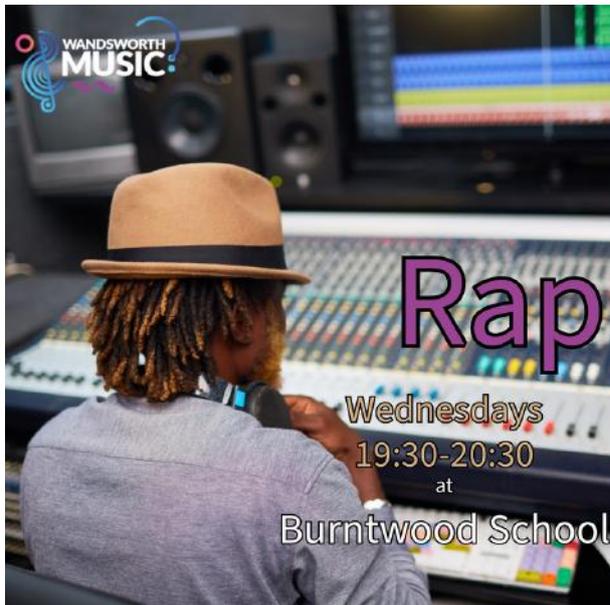
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**Free**

## WANDSWORTH MUSIC RAP GROUP!

Write your own lyrics, compose your own tracks and make your own beats with our experienced industry specialist.



This class is for students  
**year 7 - year 13.**

**Timings:**

7:30-8:30pm

**Location:**

Building 8  
 Burntwood School  
 Burntwood Lane  
 SW17 0AQ

**Cost:**

£78 per term



**Music Production!**

Wednesdays  
 18:30-19:30  
 at

Burntwood School

**Students can sign up for the new term by using the link [here!](#)**

## YEAR 11 PARTY

£23 includes:

- Food
- Photos
- 360° photo booth

Timings: 5- 10:30pm

Venue: SJBC

**Who will be the Party King and Queen???**



Year 11

**Promenade 2024**

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June

Tickets: £23

(Payment via Parentmail)



## KEY DATES

**Monday 6 May**

Bank Holiday - school is closed

**Wednesday 8 May**

Start of Public Exams

**Thursday 9 May**

Year 8 Parents' evening

**Monday 27 May**

Half term starts

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