

# IN TOUCH



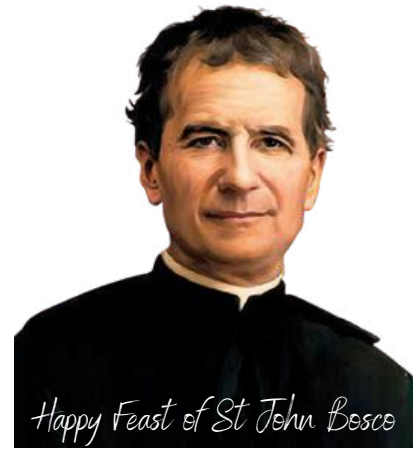
## HAPPY FEAST DAY

Today, 31 January, is the Feast of St John Bosco, our patron and founder of the Salesians and I'd like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy Feast day.

Don Bosco's feast is celebrated in Salesian parishes and schools all over world on this day.

We are celebrating here at SJBC with our annual trips day, helping to build community and following Don Bosco's example that recreation and play are an important part of a child's education, along with prayer, study, and good discipline.

All this week students have been learning more about Don Bosco's life and legacy and we will come together on Thursday morning for whole school mass to give thanks for his life and example.



## OPENING OF OUR NEW CHAPLAINCY BUILDING



This week we are officially opening our new Chaplaincy provision, which will provide space for students to play, pray and have a quiet space for reflection.

Our chaplain Fr Greg has chosen St Kizito as the patron of our new building.

St. Kizito, also known as St. Charles Lwanga Kizito, was a young Ugandan martyr who lived in the late 19th century.

He was among the 22 Ugandan Christians who were martyred for their faith by King Mwanga II for refusing to renounce Christianity.

St. Kizito was just a teenager when he bravely stood up for his beliefs, demonstrating remarkable courage and conviction in the face of persecution. His unwavering faith and willingness to sacrifice his life rather than betray his Christian values serve as a powerful inspiration for young people today, reminding us of the importance of staying true to our beliefs and standing up for what is right, even in the most challenging circumstances.

# INDEPENDENT LEARNING

An important part of success in learning, in school and throughout life, is the development of independent learning skills.



















In today's world, where information is readily accessible and the pace of change is rapid, fostering independent learning skills in teenagers has never been more important. These skills empower them to take charge of their own education, setting them on a path to lifelong success and personal growth.

To help you understand independent learning strategies better, please refer to the diagram below, illustrating key behaviours to develop independent learning. Find some time to talk through these strategies with your child and help them build their ability to practice these in their daily routines.

Parental conversations with their teenagers about the importance of independent learning are important in ensuring an effective home-school partnership that enable students to do well. Whilst talking to them about how to incorporate these in their daily routines make sure you also encourage them to set goals, seek resources, and take responsibility for their education.

## HOW TO STUDY INDEPENDENTLY

### A step-by-step guide

	LOOK, COVER, WRITE, CHECK	DEFINITION OF KEY WORDS	FLASH CARDS	SELF QUIZZING	MIND MAPS	PAIRED RETRIEVAL
STEP 1	<p>Look at and study a specific area of your knowledge organiser.</p> 	<p>Write down the key words and definitions.</p> 	<p>Use your KO to condense and write key facts or information on the flash cards.</p> 	<p>Use your notes/KO to create a mini quiz. Write down your questions.</p> 	<p>Create mind map with all the information you can remember from your notes/KO.</p> 	<p>Ask a friend or family member to have the KO or flash cards in their hands.</p> 
STEP 2	<p>Cover or flip the KO over and write down everything you can remember.</p> 	<p>Try not to use your notes/knowledge organiser to help you.</p> 	<p>Add pictures to help you remember. Then use the flash cards.</p> 	<p>Answer the questions and remember to use full sentences.</p> 	<p>Check your KO to see if there are any mistakes on your mind map.</p> 	<p>They can test you by asking you questions on different sections of your KO.</p> 
STEP 3	<p>Check what you have written down. Correct any mistakes in red pen and add anything you have missed. Repeat.</p> 	<p>Use your red pen to check your work.</p> 	<p>Ask a friend or family member to quiz you on the knowledge.</p> 	<p>Ask a friend or family member to quiz you using the questions.</p> 	<p>Try to make connections, linking the information together.</p> 	<p>Write down your answers.</p> 

KEY DATES	Date	Event
	Wednesday 31 January	St John Bosco Feast Day - feast day trips
	Thursday 8 February	Year 10 Parents' Evening (4:15-6:30pm)
	Friday 9 February	End of term
	Monday 19 February	Back to school at the normal time, 8:35 am

## FREE ENGLISH CLASSES

**Free Beginners English lessons for parents and families of students at St John Bosco College**

Classes every Thursday, 4:30 - 6.30 pm

Please email [dparrott@sjbc.wandsworth.sch.uk](mailto:dparrott@sjbc.wandsworth.sch.uk) to reserve a place.



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# PARK RUN

We have been asked to share details with you of the launch of a free, community-led, 'Park run' in Battersea Park, each Saturday (adult 5k) and Sunday (children 2kl) morning, now both recently approved by Wandsworth Council.

The parkrun charity aims to encourage participation within a community by spectating, volunteering, walking, jogging and/or even running the 2km or 5km in our local parks, where 1,240 take place for free each week across the UK.

Our local MP, Marsha Da Cordova hopes residents, local to Battersea Park, who fancy helping launch a new parkrun and/or volunteering on an ad-hoc basis will consider this opportunity to get outdoors for an hour on Saturday mornings of their choice, that is welcoming and inclusive to carry out a simple task that does not require expertise or have any age or physical adult pre-requisites.

The kick-off planning meeting is scheduled for the evening of 31 January, near to Battersea Park, so if you know of anyone who would like to attend the meeting with a view to volunteering please ask them to contact [neil.sutton@parkrun.com](mailto:neil.sutton@parkrun.com) who will provide more details.

