

IN TOUCH



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

On Monday we are launching our 'phone-free' school initiative with all students being expected to keep their phones locked away in a Yondr pouch throughout the school day. We have briefed all the students about this in special assemblies this week but please make sure that your child is clear that if they bring a phone to school it needs to be kept securely in this pouch throughout the day and only removed at the end of the day when they leave.

FIREWORKS

As we approach November, and bonfire night in particular I'd like to take this opportunity to remind everyone of our zero tolerance approach to fireworks. I wrote to everyone last month setting out our school policy on this and would urge you to remind your children about the dangers of fireworks.

YEAR 7 AND 10 PARENT/TUTOR EVENING

Next week we look forward to welcoming parents of children in years 7 and year 10 to school on Thursday afternoon for their meetings with form tutors. This is a great chance to catch up on your child's early progress this year and to ask any questions or raise any concerns that you have with the person who sees your child every day in school.

HALF-TERM

Finally next week is also the last week of this half-term. School finishes at the normal time of 2.40pm on Friday and we return at normal time on Wednesday 6 November.

KEY DATES

Thursday 24th October

Monday 28th October

Wednesday 6th November

Year 7 & 10 Tutor/Student/Parent Meeting
(4:15 - 6:30pm)

Half Term holidays

School starts at normal time



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24TH OCTOBER - YEAR 7 AND 10 PARENT TUTOR PUPIL MEETING

We would like to invite you and your child to attend our **Year 7 and 10 Parent/Tutor Evening** on **Thursday 24th October 2024, 4.00 pm - 5.30pm**, at St John Bosco College. The evening is a chance for year 7 parents to meet their child's form tutor and to discuss how they have settled into secondary school, and for year 10 parents to discuss the start to their GCSE studies amongst other things.

YEAR 7

The Year 7 evening will start at **4:00pm** with a Headteacher's welcome and information in the RUA Hall, followed by the Literacy, Numeracy and Homework information from other members of the Senior Leadership Team.

Appointments with your child's tutor will follow the workshops. Appointments should be made by your child speaking to their form tutor for **4:20pm, 4:35pm, 4:50pm, 5:05pm and 5:20pm**. Your child can book these appointments from the week commencing Monday, 14th October.

YEAR 10

The Year 10 evening will start at **5:00pm** with the Headteacher's welcome in the RUA Hall, followed by information presented by members of our Senior Leadership Team.

Appointments with your child's tutor will follow the workshops. Appointments should be made by your child speaking to their form tutor for **5:20pm, 5:35pm, 5:50pm, 6:05pm and 6:20pm**. Your child can book these appointments from the week commencing Monday, 14th October.

We look forward to seeing you on Thursday 24th October, 4.00-5:30pm, at St John Bosco College.

FRIDAY MASS



We warmly invite all the students to join us for Mass every Friday morning at 8:00 am in the school chapel. This is a wonderful opportunity to come together as a community, reflect, and start the day with peace and grace. Whether you come every week or it's your first time, all are welcome. We look forward to seeing you there!

NEW ROUTINE



When students arrive at school we will provide them with a Yondr pouch.



They place their phone in pouch and lock it. Students then place the pouch in their bag and keep it on them throughout the day.



When exiting the building students will unlock the pouch using a Yondr magnet located at the gate.



The pouch is then handed back ready to be used the following day.

It is understandable that some students may have reservations around this change. As adults we know the importance of using mobile devices appropriately and understand the importance of moderating screen use.

Yondr gives your students a true break from their mobile phones, no notifications, no temptation and no distractions. This is rare in modern life, especially for teenagers who are now spending upwards of 8 hours on their phone per day.

Parents are reminded that if they need to contact their child/or their child needs to contact them, that we are able to do this through reception who will ensure messages are delivered.

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