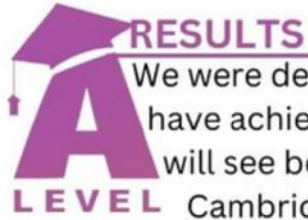


# IN TOUCH



## MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Welcome to the first 'In Touch' of the new academic year at St John Bosco College! We hope you had a restful and enjoyable summer break. As we begin the Autumn term, we are very excited about working with you and your children in the year ahead.



### RESULTS

We were delighted that so many of our year 13 students excelled in their A Levels and have achieved their ambitions to attend some of the UK's best universities. As you will see below, we are particularly proud of Ikram who has secured a place at Cambridge University to study Humanities.

## OPEN EVENING

The beginning of term is always busy and there are plenty of events coming up. Please keep an eye on the 'dates for your diary' section below. One event that I'd like to bring to your attention is our forthcoming Open Evening on Tuesday 17 September. Many of your children will be involved in showcasing the best of the school to prospective parents and we'd like their efforts to be rewarded with a huge turnout on the evening.

Please encourage friends, family, and anyone that you know with primary school age children to come along and see us in action.

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## **YONDR**

Last term we mentioned that we'd be introducing Yondr pouches to help ensure that all children can bring their mobile phone to school but not have access to it during the day. We will be rolling this programme out in a couple of weeks once the children have fully settled back into school routines.

## **YEAR 7 BBQ**

We look forward to seeing you over the course of the year, in particular our new Year 7 families who are warmly invited to our annual 'Welcome BBQ for new parents' on Friday 13th September at 2:30pm.



# **Year 7 BBQ**

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September  
at 2.30pm at SJBC.**

**This is an opportunity for Year 7  
Students, their Parents/Carers,  
and SJBC staff to come together  
as a community.**

**We look forward to welcoming you!**



# SPORTS DAY 2024



We are thrilled to share the truly memorable highlights of our Sports Day from the last academic year, a true celebration of talent, teamwork and the vibrant spirit of our SJBC community. The day began with a heartfelt morning prayer, beautifully underscoring the values of sportsmanship and unity that we cherish amongst our students, parents and staff. The atmosphere buzzed with excitement as

students showcased their creativity, crafting colourful banners to represent their house saints and marching proudly to the Millennium Arena where their unique house chants echoed in unison.



The morning was packed with thrilling activities like capture the flag, tug of war and bench ball, where the dedication and enthusiasm of each house truly shone. Kolbe took an early lead with 25 points, closely followed by Rafqa with 22, Teresa with 20, and Moses and Romero tying at 16.



# SPORTS DAY 2024



As the afternoon unfolded, our talented athletes dazzled us with their skills in traditional track events such as the 100m, shot put, high jump, and exhilarating house relays. To the shock of the crowd Kolbe was unable to reclaim their championship title finishing 3rd with 201 points. Runners up were Rafqa with 209 points. Emerging triumphant with an outstanding 238 points were house Teresa!! A humorous moment occurred when Mr. Parke, amidst the excitement, accidentally forgot the trophy, resulting in a light-hearted photo-op with a water bottle featuring Teresa's captains, Lorenzo and Siobhan, alongside Mr. Aparicio.



Rest assured, the trophy has now been presented to the deserving winners, and the entire SJBC community is already buzzing with anticipation for next year's event, eager to embrace the joy, camaraderie and spirited competition that make Sports Day a highlight of our school year!

**GOOD NEWS**

# GCSE AND A LEVEL RESULTS

We are very proud of our GCSE and A LEVEL students for their outstanding achievement. Their hard work, dedication and perseverance have truly paid off. It was wonderful to see their smiles and celebrations. It has been a pleasure supporting them on their academic journey and we are looking forward to see them continue to excel in the future :) Here are some of our amazing students.



**Our top achiever was Nicole with an amazing suite of results**



Dianne, will study Biomedical Science at Kings College London and Phoenix will be starting her studies of Psychology at UCL



**Ikram, who is off to Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge to study Humanities.**



**Nubiana (BBB) who will be off to Southampton**

**KEY DATES**

 <p><b>Tuesday 10th September</b></p>	<p>Year 11 parent Seminar (6:00pm – 7:30pm)</p>
<p><b>Friday 13th September</b></p>	<p>Year 7 welcome BBQ (2:30 pm start)</p>
<p><b>Tuesday 17th September</b></p>	<p>Open Evening (4:30 - 7:00pm)</p>
<p><b>Wednesday 18th September</b></p>	<p>Late Start (9:30am)</p>
<p><b>Thursday 26th September</b></p>	<p>- Early finish (1:55pm) - Prize Evening (6:00-7:00pm)</p>



Surafael going to University of Birmingham to study Accounting and Finance and Marvellous going to University of Warwick to study engineering.

# Use of mobile phones in school DfE Guidance



Department  
for Education

In February the DfE released new guidance to schools regarding mobile phones.

This guidance (which can be read in full using the link [here](#)) makes explicitly clear that schools have an obligation to prohibit the use of mobile phones during the school day.

Today's children are growing up in an increasingly complex world, living their lives on and offline. This presents many exciting opportunities – but also challenges.

By prohibiting mobile phones, schools can create safe and calm environments free from distraction so all pupils can receive the education they deserve.



## How will we meet this requirement at SJBC?

We are enhancing how we operate the current policy of no phones in school. To do this we will be introducing Yondr pouches. You may have come across these before as they are growing in popularity across the concert venue sector, you can read more about how these work on their website below.

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In essence, Yondr pouches work by preventing students from using their phones during the school day but without the complication of them needing to hand them over. A 30 second tutorial of how they work can be seen here.

[www !\[\]\(ab4e2b3fc7e7887b7a72f548aa6f5e60\_img.jpg\) Yondr Pouch Tutorial](#)

## Statistics on Yondr's website state that



Schools saw an improvement in student engagement in the classroom.



Schools saw an improvement in student behaviour.



Schools saw an improvement in academic performance.

# 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.



# Parents Workshop

## YoungMinds - School Anxiety

Friday 13 September, 10.00 - 11.30 am  
Katherine Low Settlement

We invite you to learn about YoungMinds Parent Helpline services. The session will shine a spotlight on emotionally based school anxiety, and coping with school transitions in the new school year.

The session will be delivered by Jill Walsh a YoungMinds Parent Engagement Officer. Crèche and refreshments will be available.

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