

# IN TOUCH



## MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Our year 7, 8, 9 and 10 students have been hard at work this week sitting their first PPEs (pre-public exams) of the academic year. We have been delighted with their effort and application and look forward to each of them continuing to develop the excellent study habits that will stand them in good stead for the future.

As well as the exams this week we've seen a variety of interesting trips and events in school this week which you can read about in this bulletin.

Finally, a reminder that we celebrate the Feast of St John Bosco on Friday 31 January with students going out on tutor group trips and we will celebrate Holy Mass in his honour at 8.50am on Monday 3 February. Any parents wishing to attend mass are more than welcome to join us.

## FREE BEGINNERS ENGLISH LESSONS

for parents and families of students at St John Bosco College

**Classes every Tuesday**  
term time only  
**4:00– 6.00 pm**  
here at school

New to England? Let's help  
your child thrive! Sign up  
for our free beginners  
English lessons at school.

**Limited  
places**

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

Improve language skills, make new  
friends and get a head start in a new  
country. Plus, it's all at your child's  
school, here at St John Bosco's  
college, so no hassle for you!



## KEY DATES

Tuesday, 29th January

Year 11 Parent Seminar

Friday, 31 January

St John Bosco Feast day

Thursday 6th February

Year 7 Parents' Evening

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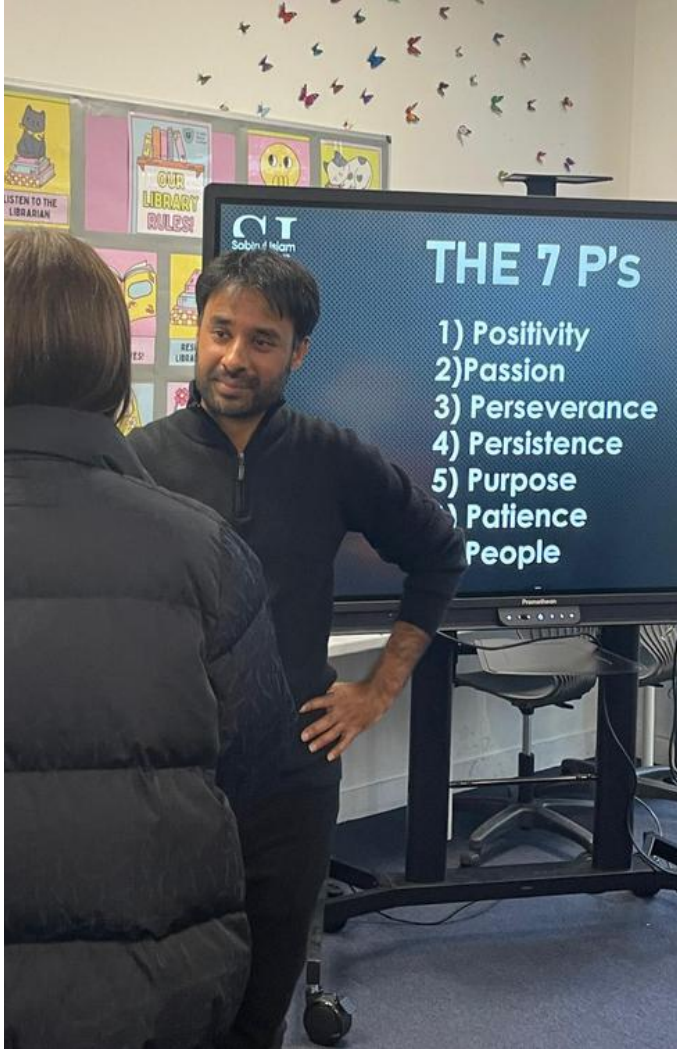


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# BOSCO DISCOVERY TALKS

We had an amazing guest speaker, Sabiru Islam, talk to our Year 12 students about his journey as an entrepreneur. Sabiru shared how he was fired from his first job at just 13, which woke him up and motivated him to get out there and make his life a success. He went on to write a globally successful book, and designed a board game, "Teen-Treprenuer", to teach teens about the world of business. His story of resilience and innovation left everyone inspired!



## AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS ARE STARTING ON MONDAY

**Spring 1 Term Extra Curricular Timetable**

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## YEAR 13 PARLIAMENT TRIP

Our Year 13 Government and Politics students had an unforgettable visit to Parliament! They toured the historic building and enjoyed a Q&A session with Marsha de Cordova, MP for Battersea.

Marsha shared her journey into politics, the challenges she faces, and her passion for helping people. She even expressed her love for SJBC and plans to visit us again soon!

Afterwards, students sat in the public gallery of the House of Commons to watch Foreign Secretary David Lammy respond to MPs' questions. Seeing parliamentary proceedings live was an exciting and surreal experience for everyone.





# THE PILGRIMAGE OF THE RELICS OF THE BLESSED ULMA FAMILY AT SJBC: A PROFOUND AND MOVING EXPERIENCE

This week, our students had the unique opportunity to learn about the inspiring story of the Ulma family through a series of workshops. The Ulmas, a Polish Catholic family beatified for their selfless bravery and faith during World War II, left a lasting impression on all who attended. Students were deeply engaged and moved by the story of their sacrifice, and many stayed afterward to receive blessings.

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# ST JOHN BOSCO PTFA SPONSORSHIP TREE

Dear Friends of SJBC,

The PTFA sponsorship tree offers you the opportunity to make a positive contribution to the education of young people at SJBC.

For each stone leaf sponsored, the donation received will provide us with much-needed funds to enrich the lives of our students.

The sponsorship tree will have pride of place in our school grounds, housed close to the historic 'ambulacrum', providing a link between the past and present of the school.

The name of each donor will be inscribed on a leaf or stone, providing a permanent reminder of their generosity and contribution to the school.

## DONATIONS

Small gold pebbles £25

Light green leaves £50

Dark green leaves £100

Large gold stones £200

If you would like to donate, you can do one of the following:

- Bring cash to school reception in an envelope clearly marked 'PTA donation'
- Pay online via ParentMail (only for staff and parents)
- Direct payments into the PTA account

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**Bank: NatWest Bank**

**Account Name: St John Bosco College Parent Teachers Association**

**Account Number: 69632812**

**Sort Code: 602228**

**Please put "Donation Tree" as a reference when making payment**

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