

# IN TOUCH



## MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

It was lovely to see so many of you at the Year 8 & 9 parent – tutor meeting earlier this week. We look forward to seeing you all again at the Christmas concert on 17th December.

It been another busy week at SJBC and we were delighted to welcome leading author and broadcaster Joanna Bogle to speak to our 6th formers as part of our Bosco Discovery Talks. Year 7 – 10 students have been actively engaged this week in our Inter House sports competitions – congratulations to all who took part in excellent Salesian spirit. Our Yr 11s meanwhile have been focusing on their PPE examinations that started today; these will continue for Year 11, and 6th formers throughout next week.

Next week sees the annual Red Wednesday event to support the church and Christians who are suffering for their faith around the world. Please encourage your children to wear a red accessory and bring £1 on Wednesday to support this important cause



Aid to the  
Church in Need

ACN UNITED KINGDOM

On Wednesday, 20th November, students can wear a red accessory to support Aid to the Church in Need's Red Wednesday campaign. It is a day when we remember those Christians around the world who are being persecuted for their faith.

Students who wish to support the appeal by wearing something red will need to pay £1.00 which will be donated to the excellent work of ACN. I also have a limited number of red card spectacles which can be bought by students on the day for £1.00.



## KEY DATES

- 18th November | Year 11 and 13 PPEs
- 29th November | school closed Staff INSET
- 5 December | Year 12/13 parents' evening
- 12 December | Year 11 parents' evening

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## FAITH DIRECT CONFERENCE

Our students took part in Faith Direct Conference. It was well-organised, providing them with the opportunity to meet representatives of major faiths face-to-face. They also had the chance to meet the Mayor of Wandsworth! We were very proud of all of our students - they were engaged, polite, and cooperative, representing our school beautifully.



## REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

Our students displayed tremendous respect and maturity during whole-school Remembrance Service. Standing in silence for two minutes, with the Last Post echoing through, they joined Fr. David O'Malley SDB, Sr. Neethu, and our Chaplaincy Team in prayers for world peace. It was a dignified and deeply moving ceremony.



# INTER-HOUSE SPORTS COMPETITION SPARKS EXCITEMENT!

This week, our school came alive with the energy and spirit of competition as students from Years 7, 8, 9, and 10 participated in an exciting inter-house sports tournament. The event showcased incredible talent, teamwork and RUAH qualities with football being the sport of choice for all except the Year 10 boys, who displayed their skills in volleyball.



The houses—Romero, Moses, Rafqa, Theresa, and Kolbe—competed fiercely, and there were many standout performances throughout the week. Congratulations to the winning teams: Year 7 Boys - Theresa, Year 7 Girls - Rafqa, Year 8 Boys - Romero, Year 8 Girls - Theresa, Year 9 Boys - Moses, Year 9 Girls - Moses, Year 10 Boys - Romero, and Year 10 Girls - Rafqa.



**Well done to everyone who participated, and thank you to the staff and students who helped make this event a huge success. What a fantastic display of house spirit!**

## KID SPIRIT

Five KidSpirit -an online magazine - contributors around the world offer a glimpse into their daily dose of learning, studying, and friendship. Follow the link to read about 'a day at school' experience shared by our student, Dylan.



### A Day at School

In a KidSpirit Feature article, five teens from across the world describe their daily routines, classes, friends, and teachers.

[kidspiritonline.com](https://kidspiritonline.com)

## RADIO MARIA PROGRAMME

### RADIO MARIA ENGLAND



On **Friday 22nd of November at 5pm**, you can listen to our students interviewing Fr Martin Poulson SDB for Radio Maria England Youth on <https://radiomariaengland.uk/>

If you're not able to tune in on Friday, it will be repeated on **Sunday 24th November at 8pm**.

## BOSCO DISCOVERY TALKS



As part of our Bosco Discovery Talk series, this week, our Year 12 students and some School Council members attended an inspiring talk by renowned Catholic writer Joanna Bogle. Sharing the story of Sue Ryder, a WWII hero and humanitarian, Joanna explored how faith and service can create lasting change. Students left inspired to lead with compassion and embody the values of courage and service.



# PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY

The Governing Body of St John Bosco College has a vacancy for a Parent Governor, and we are inviting nominations from parents/guardians who are interested in applying for the role. Parent governors are vital in achieving an effective and well-balanced governing body, and we would be delighted to hear from you.

## WHAT DOES THE GOVERNING BODY DO?

Governing Bodies play a vital supporting and strategic role in the effective planning and decision making of the school. They are responsible for different aspects of the school such as Finances, Premises, Staffing and Curriculum.

## WHO CAN BE A PARENT GOVERNOR?

Any person who has responsibility for a child on roll at the school.



## HOW MUCH TIME DOES IT TAKE?

The full governing body meets once a term. Meetings take approximately two hours. Governors also attend a committee meeting once a term and at least one monitoring visit during the school day.



## TRAINING FOR NEW GOVERNORS

New governors receive induction training explaining the role and responsibilities of governors. There is a designated helpline, website, newsletter and training courses which keeps you informed. Your fellow governors will also support you in your new role.

## WHAT QUALIFICATIONS DO I NEED?

Parent governors do not need formal qualifications and need not be experts in the field of education. What they do need is an interest in the school and in the welfare of our children and the time and willingness to get involved.

## NOMINATION PROCESS

If you would like to be nominated as a Parent Governor please contact the school for a nomination form.

**JOIN OUR GOVERNING BODY**

If you want to ask any questions about this opportunity, please contact Jane Hargrave, Chair of Governors

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