



October 2024

Dear Parents / Carers / Governors and Friends of the School

As we come to the end of our first half term of the academic year, we would like to reflect on and celebrate some of the successes over the last 8 weeks.

- We hosted a successful Year 11 Information Evening, to aid supporting our pupils with their final year, as well as a Year 7 Meet the Tutor evening to help kickstart our newest cohort at the start of their educational journey with us.
- We had our first ever Eco-Warriors and Faith in Action joint residential trip, where pupils embarked on hikes, enjoyed s'mores around the campfire and took part in team building activities.
- There has been a wide array of speakers and workshops in school talking to pupils about their careers and pathway options ranging from NHS nurses, retail merchandisers, entrepreneurs, and Microbiologists to name a few. They were encouraging our students to dream big!
- We welcomed two new sisters into the school, Sr Bernie and Sr Nhung who are readily becoming an asset to our pupils and school community as a whole.
- We continued with our annual tradition of retreats, starting with our Year 7 pupils - giving them a great opportunity to bond with their new classmates and learn about life at St John Bosco.
- Our monthly community masses have been well received with more members of the community joining us each time. Remember all are welcome, see dates for your diary section of this letter or check out the [calendar](#) on the school website for dates of the next mass.
- We have been shortlisted for 'Outstanding Arts in Secondary School' at this year's Educate Awards. As well as our choir being selected to perform at this prestigious event.

This is just a snippet of the fantastic work that goes on at our school. Remember to follow our socials and check the website regularly to stay up to date on everything.

## Keep up to date with school socials and website

We regularly share updates, event details and general good news using our social media accounts and our website. You can use the links below and follow us to make sure you don't miss out!



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## Students of the week

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Congratulations to all of our student of the week winners this half term:

Name	Year	Reason
Maria D	Y11	Nominated by Miss Brittles for being a kind and caring student, going above and beyond in all lessons.
Leo W	Y10	Nominated by Miss Kinsella for getting highly commended in the Henrietta Bradford writing competition.
Magdalena K	Y8	Nominated by Miss Armstrong for being an excellent Salesian student and always being helpful and kind to others.
Emily T	Y11	Nominated by Miss McNeil for helping a member of the community who was in need.
Demi W	Y13	Nominated by Ms Lyon for all her hard work helping raise money for charity.
Lillie-April I	Y12	Nominated by Miss Kinsella for her great work as a Student Librarian, giving up her free time to support, her help is invaluable.

## Catholic School Inspection

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We are thrilled to again bring to your attention that St John Bosco Arts College has been rated Outstanding following our recent Catholic Schools Inspectorate (CSI) inspection. This achievement is a testament to the dedication of our staff, the support of parents and carers, and the spirit of our amazing students. The report highlights our school's strong sense of community, exceptional pastoral care, and the way we live out our mission to inspire each other to flourish in faith, hope, and love. You can read the full letter and report via the link below.

[LINK TO FULL LETTER & REPORT](#)

## Reminder of school processes

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Please support the school by encouraging your child to follow school rules and processes in place.

### Students leaving school early

If your child needs to leave school early, please inform their Pupil Progress Coordinator (PPC) in advance whenever possible. You can write a note in your child's planner, which they should then show to their PPC. The PPC will sign the planner, confirming that your child is allowed to leave class at the designated time.

For safeguarding purposes, we are unable to permit students to leave class without prior consent.

In the event of a last-minute emergency appointment, please contact the school directly. This will allow us to do our best to ensure your child is released from class promptly to meet you.

### Students calling home during school day

Pupil's should not be contacting parents from personal mobiles during the school day.

If a pupil has a concern or feels unwell during the school day, we have a designated process in place - which all students are made aware of:



1. **Consulting the class teacher or PPC:** Students should, in the first instance, speak to the class teacher or their PPC.
2. **PPC Decision:** The PPC will make a judgment call to decide whether the student should be sent home or encouraged to continue in school and continue to assess their wellbeing.
3. **Communication:** If the decision is made to send a pupil home, the PPC or a member of the office team will call home using contact details on record provided by parent/carer. It is therefore vital to keep contact details up to date with the school.

### Mobile phone usage in school

We would like to remind you of our policy on mobile phones in school which can be found in our behaviour policy on our website:

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*Students are permitted to have a mobile phone in college, but it must be switched off and placed in their locker between 8.30 a.m. and 2.55 p.m. Failure to follow this rule will lead to the phone being confiscated and returned at the end of day. Sixth form students must not have mobile phones out or on during a formal lesson or around the school building.*

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**If a pupil has their phone confiscated, they will also receive an automatic 1 hour 'technology misuse' detention after school.**

### Punctuality

Pupils are expected to arrive at school by 8.25 a.m., with morning registration taking place at 8.35 a.m. Arriving to form after the register has been called will mean they will receive a late mark.

The pupil is then required to attend a 20-minute lunch detention on that same day. If a pupil does not attend the 20-minute lunch detention they will attend 30-minute after school that day.

Pupils arriving after 8.55 a.m. will receive an hour detention after school on the same day.

### Dates for the diary

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- Monday, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> November - Year 9 Geography Fieldwork Trip to Chester Zoo
- Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> November - Sixth Form Open Evening (5pm till 7pm)  
- A Level Science Study Skills Trip
- Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> November - Community Mass followed by tea and coffee (9:15am till 10am)
- Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> November - Choir performing at the Educate Awards
- Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> November - GCSE Drama Theatre Trip
- Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> November - Salesian Sleepover
- Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> December - Year 7 Choir of the Year
- Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> December - A Level Geography Trip
- Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> December - Year 8 Parents Evening (4pm till 6:30pm)

[LINK TO EVENTS CALENDAR ON WEBSITE](#)

### Holiday Support

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Please see below for any additional support for your child or family over the half term break:

Alumina is a free, online 7-week course for young people struggling with self-harm. Each course has up to 14 young people, all accessing the sessions from their own phones, tablets or laptops across the UK. The courses take place on different evenings of the week and are run by friendly, trained counsellors and volunteer youth workers. You don't need an adult to refer you or sign you up, and no-one will see or hear you during the sessions - you'll just join in via the chatbox.



[LINK TO ALUMINA](#)

## Positive Futures - HAF Provision

After a busy 'back to school' period Positive Futures are happy to announce their half term activity timetable:



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p><b>What's On!</b> <b>October Half Term</b> <b>2024</b></p> <p>Aged 8-18 years, new and existing members welcome!</p> <p>Memberships on Coacha, ask one of the Youth Development Team for more information.</p> 	<p><b>9AM-10AM</b> <b>Breakfast Club</b> Positive Futures, 181 Townsend Lane, L13 9DY</p> <p><b>9AM-3.30PM</b> <b>Open Access</b> Positive Futures, 181 Townsend Lane, L13 9DY 0151 207 6003 07803442452</p> <p><b>10AM-12PM</b> <b>Sports Hall Tournament</b> Competitions and Prizes</p> <p><b>1PM-3PM</b> <b>Pool and Ping Pong</b> Tournament Competition and Prizes</p>	<p><b>9AM-10AM</b> <b>Breakfast Club</b> Positive Futures, 181 Townsend Lane, L13 9DY</p> <p><b>9AM-3.30PM</b> <b>Open Access</b> Positive Futures, 181 Townsend Lane, L13 9DY 0151 207 6003 07803442452</p> <p><b>10AM-12PM</b> <b>Murder Mystery</b></p> <p><b>1PM-3PM</b> <b>Halloween Movie</b> Marathon</p> <p><b>4PM-8PM</b> <b>Senior Open Access</b> Pamper Night, Pool Night, Dinner and Desserts</p> <p><b>Senior Offsite Trip</b> <b>Halloween Scary Escape Room</b> 5:45PM-7PM <i>Book on Coacha</i></p>	<p><b>9AM-10AM</b> <b>Breakfast Club</b> Positive Futures, 181 Townsend Lane, L13 9DY</p> <p><b>9AM-3.30PM</b> <b>Open Access</b> Positive Futures, 181 Townsend Lane, L13 9DY 0151 207 6003 07803442452</p> <p><b>10AM-12PM</b> <b>Pumpkin Carving</b></p> <p><b>1PM-3PM</b> <b>Ghost Rave!</b></p> <p><b>4PM-8PM</b> <b>Senior Open Access</b> <b>Halloween Movie Night</b></p> 	<p><b>9AM-10AM</b> <b>Breakfast Club</b> Positive Futures, 181 Townsend Lane, L13 9DY</p> <p><b>9AM-3.30PM</b> <b>Open Access</b> Positive Futures, 181 Townsend Lane, L13 9DY 0151 207 6003 07803442452</p> <p><b>10AM-12PM</b> <b>Baking and Making</b> Cooking Session</p> <p><b>1PM-3PM</b> <b>Sports Hall Games</b></p>



With lots of 'Spooktacular' Halloween themed crafting, parties, murder mystery, sports competitions, spooky escape room, movie marathons, pumpkin carving and more - check out their timetable and get booking! Most activities do not require booking, but some do so please check to avoid disappointment, they are holding lots of open access sessions on a drop-in basis.

**Positive Futures HAF Provision:** [BOOKING LINK](#)

We wish you all a happy and healthy half term break.

Yours sincerely

*D Gidman*  
**Mr D Gidman**  
**Headteacher**