



May 2025

Dear Parents / Carers

As we approach the half term break, we always enjoy using this time to reflect on our favourite success stories of the term so far. This half term has been filled with many achievements so just to name a few;

Our Duke of Edinburgh expeditions have been well received again, with 38 students completing their expeditions. Obtaining a Duke of Edinburgh Award at any level is a fantastic accomplishment and it really does create lifelong memories for those who take part, allowing them to gain skills and experiences they wouldn't normally get the opportunity to. But it's not an easy challenge to complete so well done to all those who took part!

We would like to extend a heartfelt 'Well Done!' to all our pupils for their hard work during the exam period so far. We are incredibly proud of your efforts. Keep it up, everyone - your dedication to learning is paying off, and you're almost at the finish line. Be sure to check out the intervention timetable running before and after school as well as over the half term break.

Looking towards the end of this week, on Friday we come together as a school community to bid farewell to our students who are currently in years 11 and 13. This special Mass not only marks an important milestone for our graduating students, but it also provides us with the opportunity to celebrate the Feast of Mary Help of Christians. As we honour Mary's role as a protector and guide, we invoke her blessings upon our departing students, entrusting their futures to her care. This dual celebration highlights the significance of both academic achievements and spiritual growth within our school, reinforcing our commitment to nurturing well-rounded individuals guided by faith and wisdom.

School will finish at the normal time of 2:55pm this Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May and pupils return to school at 8.25am on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025.

A reminder that pupils should not have jewellery other than a watch and one set of small stud earrings in the lobe of the ear. Pupils are not permitted to wear makeup or have false or painted nails for school. Please support us in ensuring the school rules are followed and pupils are ready for the final term.

If you are in need of support over the break please familiarise yourself with the 'Useful Contacts and Support' details which can be found on our website [HERE](#).

Yours sincerely,

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## Reminder of school processes

### Attendance During Exam Season

Please be reminded that we **cannot authorise study leave**; all pupils are expected to remain in school until the conclusion of the exam series. Should your child have an appointment, please provide a note detailing the appointment time and whether they will be collected or will make their own way to the appointment/home.

### Students are still calling home during school day

Students should **not** contact parents from personal mobiles during the school day.

If a student 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 student 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.

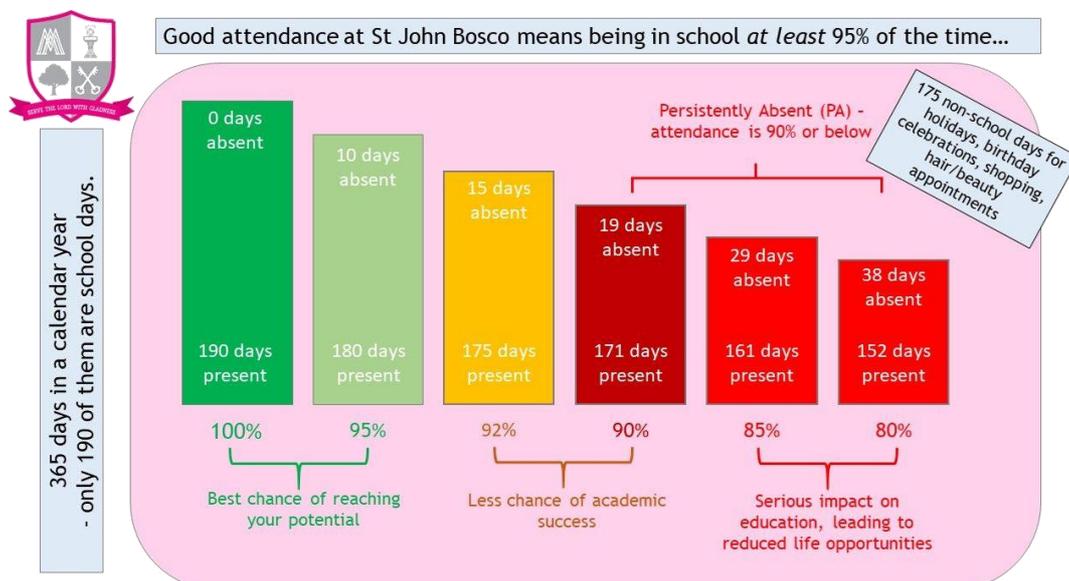
*“Mobile Phones: The College will continue with the policy of permitting students to have a mobile phone in College but it must be switched off and placed in the students’ locker between 8.25am and 2.55pm. Failure to follow this rule will lead to the phone being confiscated and a detention issued.”*

### Punctuality & Attendance

Pupils are expected to arrive at school by 8.25am; morning registers are taken by 8.35am. Arriving to form after the register has been called will result in 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 8.55am will receive an hour detention after school on the same day.





## Half Term GCSE & A Level Interventions

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Year 11 and Sixth Form intervention sessions are taking place over the half term break. Please click on the links below, to be directed to the timetables online. We have also given paper copies to the pupils.

[Year 11 Timetable](#)

[Sixth Form Timetable](#)

These sessions have proven to be extremely beneficial in the past and we would encourage pupils to attend.

We hope to see you there!

## Ellergreen Young Peoples' Project

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Ellergreen Community Centre are running a FREE open all access youth sessions being held at Scargreen Pavilion. Details are on their Instagram page [HERE](#).

## Key Dates for Summer Term

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### Term Dates

-  Half-Term Break Begins: Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 2:55pm
-  Return to School: Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 8:25am

### Celebrations & Masses

-  Year 11 & 13 Celebration Mass: Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May
-  Community Mass: Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June
-  Year 11 Celebration Day: Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June
-  Year 13 Prom: Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June
-  Year 11 Prom: Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July

### Curriculum & Trips

-  A Level Geography Trip (Manchester & Liverpool): Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June
-  A Level Geography & Biology Trip (Sefton Coast): Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June
-  A Level Geography & Biology Trip (Southport): Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June
-  KS5 Science Trip: Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June
-  Blackpool Rewards Trip: Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July

### Retreats

-  Year 8 Retreat: Monday 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> June
-  Year 10 Retreats: Monday 7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> July

### Exams & Assessments

-  Year 10 & 12 Mock Exams Begin: Week commencing 18<sup>th</sup> June

### Sports & Awards

-  Salesian Games: Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June
-  Awards Afternoon: Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July
-  Sports Day: Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July (All students finish at 1pm)

🔗 You can also view *all* events on our [online calendar](#).

## ClassCharts Rewards

Remember you can check how your child is doing on ClassCharts by logging into your account, if you need assistance please call the school.

**ClassChart Rewards**

 **BRONZE AWARD (500 points)** 

Bronze award certificate.

**SILVER AWARD (600 points)**

Silver award badge, certificate, free breakfast and a lunch queue jump.

**GOLD AWARD (700 points)**

Gold award badge, certificate and gift voucher.

**ClassChart points will also be used to determine if pupils are eligible to attend rewards trips/events.**

## Will you be on the bus to Blackpool?

### Summer Rewards Trip

**When:** Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2025

**Where:** Blackpool Pleasure Beach

**How to qualify:**

- The top 50% (90 students) in each year group for the overall number of ClassChart points achieved (positive-negatives) will qualify. Points are **counted from today onwards!**
- Any student(s) who ends up in inclusion or suspended from today onwards will not be eligible to go.
- PPCs will have the final decision on which students qualify.



## Keep up to date with school socials and website

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



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Our school website is kept up to date with all school information including an events calendar, news articles, and copies of letters sent home - check it out here: <https://www.stjohnboscoartscollege.com/>



Just a reminder we have moved over to My Child At School (MCAS). Here is where your child's school report will be published and notifications are sent so it is important to log in and keep abreast of their academic achievements as well as most recent letters and notices from the school.

If you haven't logged in yet you can [CLICK HERE](#) to be directed to step-by-step guide.