



St John Bosco
ARTS COLLEGE

31st August 2023

Dear Families

As we look forward to a new school year, I hope you have had a lovely summer. We warmly congratulate our Year 11 and 13 students on their GCSE and A level results this year and wish them the best of luck for their next steps. I would welcome our new Year 7 families into our Bosco family and thank our parents and carers for the continued support.

All Students are to return on the 6th September, we are having a staggered start on the first day only. Please check the times of your child's year group on the table below.

Start Times

Arrival Time	Year Groups	Location
08:25	Year 7	Main Yard for form allocation
	Year 12	Main Reception
09:25	Year 10	Main Yard for form allocation
	Year 11	Teaching School Yard for form allocation
09:55	Year 8	Main Yard for form allocation
	Year 9	Teaching School Yard for form allocation

School Bus

The school bus will be running at its usual times and is due to arrive at school at 08:25.

There will also be an additional bus running on Wednesday 6th September only, to support students staggered start times:

Stops	Times
Stockbridge Village – Denes Way	08:50
Waterpark Drive – Chalfont Way	08:58
Princess Drive – Yew Tree Lane	09:08
Arriving at school	09:20

Autumn Term Dates for 2023 - 2024 Academic Year

Term	Dates
Autumn Term 1	Wednesday 6th September till Friday 27th October <i>(Friday 1st, 4th & 5th staff inset days - school closed for pupils)</i>
Half Term	Monday 30th October to Friday 3rd November 2023
Autumn Term 2	Monday 6th November to Friday 22nd December (half day)

For the full academic year calendar please [click here](#).

Attendance and Punctuality

In order to reach their full potential, a high level of attendance is vital for pupils. We rely on the support of parents and carers to send their children in EVERYDAY, on time, unless the reason for absence is unavoidable.

Daily routine for pupils:

08:00	School opens with FREE breakfast items for ALL students - Passive supervision
08:30	Students attend morning registration (registers taken at 08:35)
08:35 -08:55	Students who arrive between these times will need to enter the school via the main entrance and sign in using the school InVentry system. They will receive a late mark and complete a 20-minute detention at lunch time
After 08:55	Students who arrive after 08:55 will need to enter the school via the main entrance and sign in using the school InVentry system. They will receive a late mark and complete a 1-hour detention after school.

To view our full Attendance and Punctuality Policy, please [click here](#).

Uniform Standards

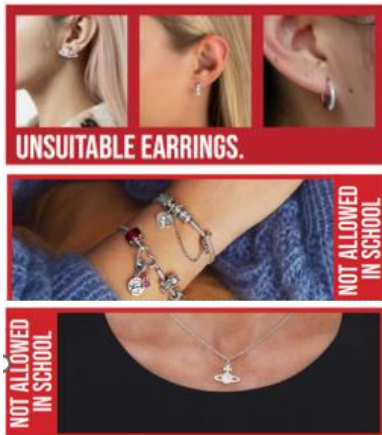
I would like to remind all families that the expectations of students' uniform must be met as outlined in the Uniform Policy which can be found [here](#).

Uniform Swap Shop

For all students, a supply of clean, good quality pre-loved items are available to all. Parents/carers are asked to consider donating and collecting pre-loved items; as well as the financial benefits, this reduces clothing waste and helps the environment.

Jewellery

Students are permitted to wear one plain pair of simple studs in the lobe of the ear as part of the school uniform. Students are not permitted to wear any other jewellery, including necklaces and bracelets. If a student attends school wearing jewellery that is not permitted, they will be required to remove the jewellery, place it in an envelope and it will be stored in the PPC's safe until it can be collected at the end of the day. Failure to follow these rules will result in the use of the school behaviour policy. Please see the diagram below and do not hesitate to contact the school if parents/carers have any questions.



Nail Varnish/Fake Nails/ False Eyelashes

Nail varnish and any type of fake nails and eyelashes are **not** permitted at St John Bosco. Please ensure that any of the above are removed before students return for the start of the new school year.

Mobile Phones and Technology

Mobile phones and other technology, such as wireless headphones, must be placed in student lockers at the start of the day and not collected until the school day has concluded. Failure to follow this rule will lead to students being issued with a 1-hour detention after school.

Welcome New Staff

Our new students are not the only ones we are pleased to welcome into the Bosco family, we have some fantastic additions to our team too:

Name	Department	Name	Department
Ms R Brooks	Technology	Mr W Neill	Subject Leader Maths
Ms I Clarke-Halewood	SENDCo	Mr D Proctor-Williams	Subject Leader Geography
Ms V Cuthbert	Science	Ms E Purse	English
Ms R Hughes	Science	Ms P Thomas	English
Ms A Johnson	Finance Manager	Ms M Walker	Medical Admin
Ms G Lawson	MFL	Mr D Williams	Subject Leader Geography
Ms A Lunney	Deputy Head	Ms J Woods	Science
Ms E Martindale	MFL		

I hope the rest of your summer break is restful and look forward to seeing you safe and well in September.

Yours sincerely,

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