



December 2025

Dear Parents, Carers, and Students

As we approach the end of the Christmas term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their hard work, commitment, and community spirit throughout the term. It has been a truly joyous and inspiring period at St John Bosco Arts College.

Reflecting on a Wonderful Christmas Term

We have been blessed with some fantastic events this term that have brought our school community together in celebration and joy. The Christmas Showcase was a magnificent display of talent and creativity, showcasing the gifts of our pupils. Our Year 7 Choir's participation in the Choir of the Year event was a proud moment, reflecting the dedication and enthusiasm of our youngest pupils. Additionally, the Christmas ClassCharts reward event was a great success, recognising the consistent effort and positive behaviour of many pupils.

Important Notices for the New Term

As we look forward to welcoming all pupils back, please note the following important reminders:

- **Return Date:** Pupils are expected to return to school on Monday 5th January 2026.
- **Punctuality:** It is essential that all pupils arrive on time and are in school by 8:25am. Punctuality is a key habit that supports learning and reflects our Salesian values of community and respect.
- **Attendance:** Good attendance remains a priority. Regular attendance is crucial for academic progress and personal development. Please ensure your child attends school every day unless there is a valid reason for absence.
- **Uniform and Appearance:** To maintain our standards and reflect the dignity of our school community, pupils must have any false nails removed before returning to school. This is part of our uniform policy and helps us uphold our values of modesty and respect.
- **Safety Over the Holidays:** We encourage all pupils and families to stay safe during the holiday period. Please take care in your activities and look out for one another, embodying the care and compassion central to our Catholic ethos.

Thank you once again for your support and partnership. May this Christmas season bring peace and joy to your homes, and may the New Year be filled with hope and success for all members of our school family.

We look forward to seeing all pupils refreshed and ready to embrace the opportunities of the Spring term.

With best wishes and blessings,

Yours sincerely

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★ Please remember:
School finishes 12pm
this Friday, and there
will be no after school
activities. ★

January dates for the diary

- 5th January - Start of Spring Term - School starts at normal time of 8:25a.m.
(REMEMBER: All holiday false nails and eyelashes should be removed before your child returns to school)
- 6th - 20th January - level 2 and 3 BTEC examinations take place
- 13th, 14th, 15th, 19th and 20th January - Year 8 Retreats
- 22nd January - Year 9 Parents Evening and Options Information
- 27th January PFTA Meeting 6pm
- 30th January - Feast Day Celebrations

[Click here to be directed to the events calendar on the website](#)

Online Safety

We take the safety of every member of our school community very seriously including their safety whilst using technology. We have measures in place to protect our students while they are working online in school, and we educate them on the importance of staying safe when they are not in school. If you require further information about keeping young people safe when they are using computers, mobile phones and gaming technology during the Christmas break please visit our website for further information and links to resources.

[Click here to be directed to further information and resources on the website](#)

School age flu drop-in clinics

The flu vaccine is available to all children from nursery up to year 11.

You can drop-in to one of the clinics being provided by Mersey Care's School Aged Immunisation Team.

Friday 19th December, 10.00-4.00pm at Sefton Road Clinic, Litherland, L21 9HE

Saturday 20th December, 9:30am to 3.00pm at Manor Farm PCRC, Huyton, L36 0UB

Monday 22nd December, 9:30 to 3:00pm at St Chads PCRC, Kirkby, L32 8RE- First floor

☑ Remember: This is a drop-in service, so you may need to wait to be seen. Your patience is appreciated.

[Click here for further drop in venues please visit the living well bus timetable](#)

Reminder of school processes

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

Meal Account and Payment Arrangements

Free breakfast is available to all students every morning between 7:30 AM and 8:30 AM.

At **break time**, students can only make purchases if there is enough money in their account. If there isn't enough, the catering team will inform the student, and the purchase will not go ahead.

At **lunchtime**, students are allowed to go into a negative balance of up to £10, but this applies only to a standard meal deal. Extras, such as slushies, cannot be purchased if the account is in negative balance.



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We generate a daily report and send text reminders to parents if an account is in negative balance. If the debt exceeds £10, we will contact parents or carers directly. Until the balance is cleared, the student will need to bring a packed lunch from home.

If you have any issues with ParentPay, please do not hesitate to contact the Finance Department for assistance.

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

Pupils should **not** have their phone on their person during the school day and so should **not** be contacting parents from personal mobiles during the school day, please support the school in discouraging this.

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.

Your child's welfare is a top priority to us, but we also understand the importance of building resilience and appreciate the support in encouraging your child to remain in school as long as they are well enough to.

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:

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.

If a pupil has their phone confiscated, they will also receive an automatic one 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.



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