



February 2024

Dear Parents / Carers,

As we come to the end of our first half term of 2024, we would like to reflect on and celebrate some of the successes over the last 5 weeks.

Our new year started with high quality teaching and learning trips out for our pupils; guest speakers delivering inspiring and educational talks to pupils; collaboratively supportive parents' evenings for year 8 and 9; not forgetting the fabulous Feast Day celebrations!

We also saw the launch of the new weekly parental bulletin, which is emailed to all families with the most recent news and updates. If you are yet to receive the bulletin into your Inbox, please be sure to check your junk folder and contact the school office to check we have your correct email address.

Reminder of school processes

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.

We would like to remind you of our mobile phone policy on our website:

“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 2.50pm. Failure to follow this rule will lead to the phone being confiscated and parents will collect it at 2.50pm the next school day.”



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Punctuality

Pupils are expected to arrive at school by 8.25am, with morning registration taking place at 8.35am. 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 8.55am will receive an hour detention after school on the same day.

Attendance

Every pupil at St John Bosco Arts College has an attendance target of 100%.

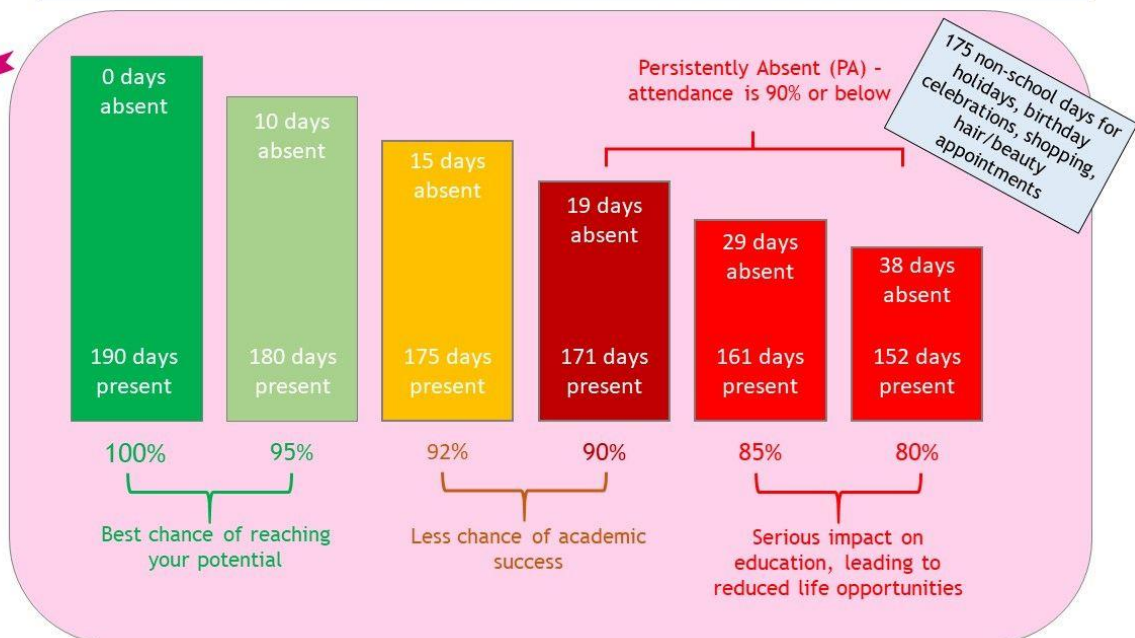
However, the expectation is that every child maintains an attendance of 97% or above.

If a pupil has 6 days off in a school year, they will achieve 97% attendance and will have missed 30 lessons.



Good attendance at St John Bosco means being in school *at least* 95% of the time...

365 days in a calendar year
- only 190 of them are school days.



Year 11 and 13 History revision session

There will be a revision session taking place over the half term. These sessions have proven to be extremely beneficial in the past and we would encourage pupils to attend.

Monday 12th Feb at 9am till 11am for all Year11 and 13 History pupils.

We hope to see you there!

Class Charts Awards

Congratulations to Lily in 9B and Ava 7C for achieving their bronze ClassCharts award! Keep up the fantastic work you're doing!

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



ClassChart Rewards



BRONZE AWARD (450 points)

Bronze award certificate.



SILVER AWARD (550 points)

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

GOLD AWARD (650 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.

Dates for the diary

Friday 9th February - INSET Day, school will be closed to pupils

Monday 12th February - Year 11 and 13 History Revision Session (9-11am)

Monday 12th February to 16th February - Half Term week

Monday 19th School Reopen, pupils should be in by 8:25am

Thursday 29th February - Year 10 Parents Evening

Thursday 14th March - Sixth Form Parents Evening

Thursday 28th March - Last day of Spring term (Friday 29th is a bank holiday)

[Link to events calendar on website](#)



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!



Plus - we are currently very busy working on improving the accessibility on our school website. In the meantime it 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/>

Yours sincerely,

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