

SJIS Weekly Update

28th March 2025



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Important Dates:

28th Mar - Term 2 ends
31st Mar and 1st Apr - Hari Raya
Aidilfitri (public holiday)
14th Apr - Term 3 starts
21st Apr - 11th June IGCSE exam
23rd Apr - 11th June AS/A Level
exam
28th Apr - 21st May IBDP exam

Upcoming Events:

18th Apr - Good Friday -
Paraliturgy Service

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This Week's Highlight at SJIS Science Week and Science Showcase

Today, we held the Science Showcase as a culmination of our Science Week activities. Over the past week, students worked in groups to plan and conduct investigations based on a topic of their choice, all centred around this year's theme: *Change and Adapt*. Each group designed a scientific investigation, carried it out, and prepared creative displays to explain their findings. The Showcase took place in the school's main foyer, where our High School students set up interactive booths to present their projects. Throughout the day, Elementary School students visited the Showcase, and it was heartwarming to see them so engaged and curious about the experiments on display. The HS students did an excellent job communicating their ideas in a way that was both fun and easy to understand for a younger audience. The entire event highlighted not just scientific thinking, but also collaboration, creativity, and communication. The Showcase was a resounding success and a fitting celebration of student-led inquiry. A big thank you goes out to all the teachers and students who contributed to making this such a meaningful and memorable experience. We look forward to more cross-campus events that inspire and connect our learners.



Catholic and Christian Community -CCC

We extend our sincere thanks to Fr. Albrero for celebrating a beautiful and uplifting Mass for our examination students. A special thank you also to Brother Butch and Brother Mico for the meaningful prayer cards — may God bless all those preparing for their exams.



Good Friday - Paraliturgiy Service

 **April 18th**
 **12:30 - 1:00 PM**
 **Chapel**

- Open to **parents** and **students** (Year 4 and above).
- Led by the **Brothers**

Elementary school CCA
 Catholic CCA sign up sheet for Term 3 for students in year 1-6 [HERE](#)



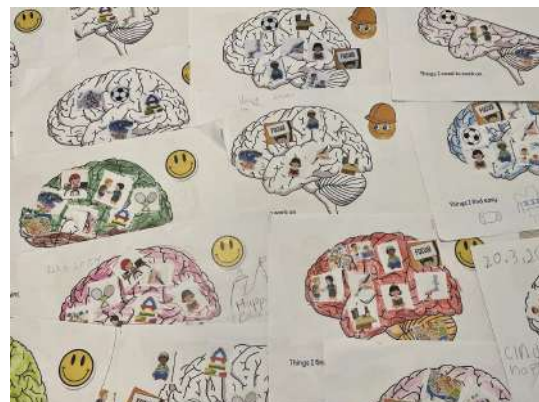
Neurodiversity Week

Last week, across the whole school, we took part in Neurodiversity week. The overarching aims of this week were to increase awareness of what it means to be neurodiverse, recognise the strengths of neurodiversity and continue building our inclusive community.



In ES, we focused on learning about the fact that other brains are different which is what makes us unique. We talked about our strengths and things we find more challenging. We raised awareness about ADHD, Autism and Dyslexia.

In the HS, we developed our understanding of what life is like for people with ADHD, Autism and Dyslexia and in our assembly two of our neurodiverse teachers, Ms. Heather and Mr Merrett, shared their experiences. We finished our assembly with flash mob performance to This Is Me, expertly put together by Ms. Heather and our student leaders, continuing the message that we should all celebrate who we are. Please read more info [here](#).



LYM ES Language Support

Over the last few weeks, every Thursday and Friday, a group of Lasallian Youth Movement (LYM) students set aside their lunch to support younger students who are learning English as an Additional Language (EAL). For 30 minutes, they sat together in small groups, chatting, playing simple language games and helping the students grow in confidence with their English. More info and photos can be found [here](#).

Important

Drop Off and Pick Up
Reminders



School Pick-Up: Timings & Expectations

Please be reminded that Elementary pick-up is from 2:45 to 3:05, and High School pick-up begins only at 3:10. To avoid congestion, if you are picking up High School students only, please do not arrive before 3:10. Early arrivals are blocking lanes, causing delays for Elementary parents and leading to unnecessary late-room placements. If you arrive early, please park and meet your HS child or direct them to the meet you in the car park. Do not use the Elementary lanes beside the field before 3:10. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

SJIS ES Science Week

Science Week was a fantastic celebration of curiosity and discovery, with students demonstrating cooperation, perseverance, and excellence in every activity. From Early Years to Key Stage 2, everyone embraced hands-on learning and scientific exploration.

Students across the school explored exciting experiments, from creating oobleck and lava lamps to investigating density, chemical reactions, and materials in real-world contexts. Each year group engaged in activities that sparked curiosity and encouraged scientific thinking. Year 4, 5, and 6 also had the opportunity to visit the high school science showcase, where they explored advanced experiments and interactive demonstrations.

Across Key Stage 2, students worked together on catapult building, the spaghetti challenge, and egg drop investigations. Their teamwork and problem-solving skills shone as they tackled scientific challenges with enthusiasm. Science Week was an inspiring experience for all, igniting a passion for discovery that will continue throughout the year.



Year 5 Romans

Last week, Year 5 students traveled back to ancient Rome for a day filled with feasting, shield-making, and military drills. The students enjoyed tasting Roman delicacies and testing their shield-making skills during a lively projectile challenge. Thank you to our dedicated parents and teachers for making this historical adventure possible!



Year 3 Trip - Batik Painting

Year 3 enjoyed a fantastic trip to Cwoks Batik workshop. The children learnt about batik artwork and were shown how the waxing process works using an instrument called a canting. Year 3 had an amazing time and produced some beautiful artwork. All teachers were very impressed! Thank you to our wonderful parent volunteers who helped make the day even more special.





Year 5 & 6 - Porsche Road Safety

Year 5 and 6 enjoyed a fun filled informative session with our guests from Porsche this week. Students listened intently to some very experienced and veteran driving coaches who outlined some of the important rules and regulations that exist to keep us safe on the road. There was also chance for some interactive Q & As as well as an opportunity to drive a real Porsche Simulator!

PSHE isn't just a subject—
It's about shaping confident,
resilient, and happy children.

PSHE and RSE Parent Workshop

Thank you to all the families who attended our PSHE and RSE talk. It was wonderful to welcome parents into our school and share insights into our PSHE and RSE curriculum, highlighting how we support students' personal development and wellbeing.

The PSHE and RSE information slides are accessible [HERE](#)



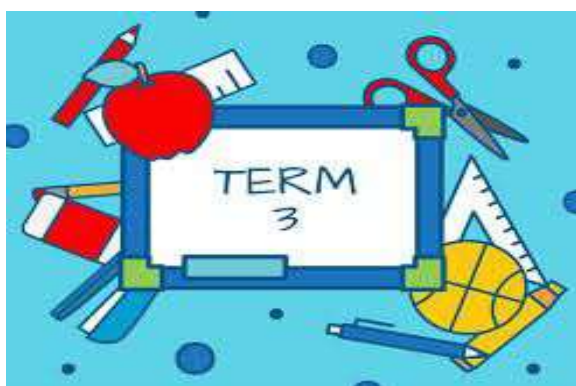
Parent Teacher Conferences

Thank you to all the parents who attended our recent parent-teacher conferences with class teachers, as well as Mandarin, EAL, and Bahasa teachers. It was wonderful to see the school filled with meaningful conversations about student progress, assessments, and next steps for learning. We appreciate your partnership and the time you took to support your children's education.



SJIS Book Week

From 21st-25th April we will be celebrating BOOK WEEK. We are excited for lots of storytelling, magicians and of course dress up day! If your child is in Early Years or KS1, take some time over the break to look at old books that you could bring for our book swap. Deadline for donations is 17th April.



Term 3 Reminders

The first day of Term 3 will be Monday, 14th April, and we look forward to welcoming your children back after the break.

In response to parent feedback about the high volume of Friday updates, we are making a change in Term 3. All year group updates will now be combined into a single post from the Head of Year. This update will include information about your child's core subjects, as well as Mandarin, EAL, Bahasa, and Music, all in one place for easier access. More details will be shared in Term 3.



Final Exam Season Begins

The IBDP exams officially began on 11th March with the oral examinations, this was followed by IGCSE Languages speaking tests on 19th March and throughout this week. On 24th March, Monday morning, we conducted an exam briefing for all Year 10 to Year 13 exam students to ensure they are well-prepared. The briefing slides and exam timetables have been shared with students and parents. We wish all our students the very best in their exams!

Exam Workshops

Year 11, 12 and 13 took part in a number of workshops this Friday, to help prepare them for their upcoming exams. A number of teachers ran 'Walking Talking Mocks' which is a step-by-step approach to exam style questions that allows students to externalise their thinking and become more cognisant of specific timings. The students took part in sports activities in the afternoon to bring some balance to their wellbeing and remind themselves of the importance of taking some time out from revision.



U13 FOBISIA Games – Our Most Successful Yet!

A huge well done to the 26 students from Years 7 and 8 who took part in the FOBISIA Games in Thailand last week. They did an amazing job representing SJIIS and made it our **most successful FOBISIA sports event ever!**

The team came away with some incredible results – **overall gold in both swimming and athletics**, a **silver medal in boys football**, and a **bronze in girls football**. More importantly, they supported each other brilliantly and gave it everything in every event.

We're really proud of how they performed and carried themselves throughout – a fantastic few days of sport! Please find more photos and info [here](#).



Bronze Duke of Edinburgh - Practice Journey

Our Bronze Duke of Edinburgh participants embarked on their Practice Journey last weekend, facing new challenges with resilience and determination. Over the course of the 2 day expedition, they hiked through unfamiliar terrain, developing their map reading and navigation skills using a compass. Meanwhile they embraced the *Leave No Trace* principles, ensuring they protected the environment while on their journey. Please find more info and photos [here](#).



Congratulations to our student Lasallians of the Week!



LYM Harmony Week

This past week, we came together to celebrate Harmony Week, embracing the theme "Everyone Belongs." The Lasallian Youth Movement (LYM) organised a series of activities to promote inclusivity, teamwork and cultural appreciation. There were Tutor Times activities, Lunchtime activities and Group karaoke.

Tutor Time Activities – At the start of the week, tutor groups engaged in a special session on Multiculturalism and Harmony, with tutors guiding students through informative slides, a video ([link here](#)) and interactive games. Thank you to all the tutors who supported this initiative and helped facilitate meaningful discussions! Please find more info and photos [here](#).



Porsche Road Safety

Year 10 to 13 enjoyed an informative session about staying safe on the road from experts and a former racing driver! We talked about common road safety errors and then spent an enjoyable lunchtime putting our racing skills to the test with the driving simulators.



HS Spring Showcase

On 26th March, our school community held its annual Spring Showcase. This event has provided a fantastic platform for students to present their musical talents and showcase the dedication of personal groups who have been rehearsing tirelessly to perfect their craft.

This year, the Performing Arts Leader introduced the theme 'Children's Cinema and Animated Works', which inspired a wealth of creative submissions. The programme featured 19 performances across 16 groups, offering a diverse range of musical styles including Classical Music, Pop, Rock, Jazz, Choir, and Dance. What was particularly heartwarming to witness was the diversity within our school community. We enjoyed Chinese pop songs, Korean dance routines, students' arrangements of beloved music, and even an original composition presented on stage. The evening also marked the debut performance of the St Joseph's Jazz Band, who impressed the audience with their improvisational skills. Please see more photos [here](#).





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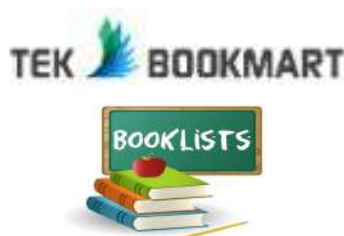
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