

SJIS Weekly Update

26th September 2025



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"Enter to Learn, Leave to Serve"

Important Dates:

10&11 Oct - ES Parent Teacher Conference

Upcoming Events:

29 Sept - University Visit (UCL)
30 Sept - University Fair

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This Week's Highlight at SJIS

Malaysia Day Celebrations - 24th-26th September

In conjunction with Malaysia Day, a three-day educational and cultural exploration event was successfully held from September 24th to 26th by the SJIS Parent Volunteers (SPV) bringing together high school students, elementary students, parents and teachers, for an unforgettable experience across Kedah and Perlis.

The event aimed to deepen students' appreciation for Malaysia's rich heritage through immersive, hands-on learning experiences — blending history, geography, agriculture, and local cuisine. From paddy fields to ancient civilizations, the journey showcased the unique cultural and natural beauty of the northern states.

Students paid a visit to a traditional paddy planting site and experienced the rewarding process of planting rice by hand. This hands-on activity not only taught the basics of agriculture but also built respect for the effort behind Malaysia's staple food.

Students explored Gua Kelam, also known as the Cave of Darkness - a mystical limestone cave in Perlis. They walked through its dimly lit passageways, learning about the area's tin mining history and geological formations.

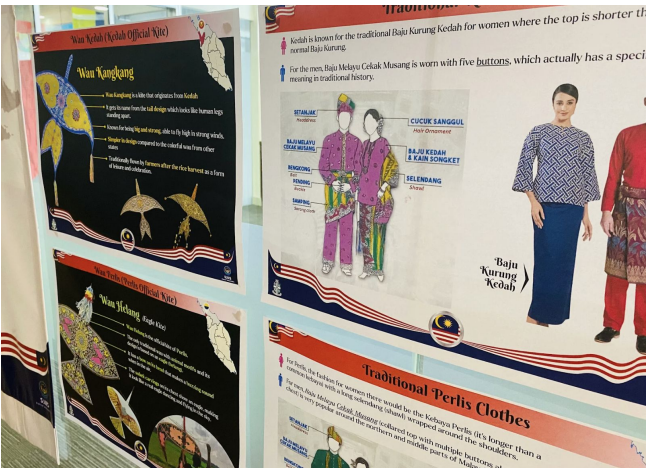
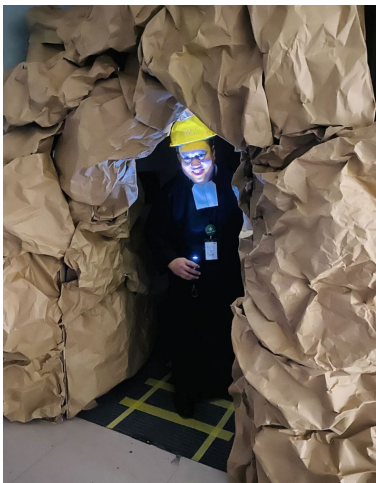
The students continued their journey to Lembah Bujang, Southeast Asia's oldest archaeological site, where students learnt about a once-thriving Hindu-Buddhist kingdom. They also had the unique opportunity to participate in an excavation activity.

Participants learnt about Perlis, being the home of the largest sugarcane plantation in Malaysia and gained insight into the crop's harvesting process culminating in a taste of some sugarcane juice.

The experience ended with a food tasting, featuring traditional northern delights like kuih karas and coq peneram, offering a delicious introduction to Kedah's culinary heritage.

The SPV hopes the Malaysia Day experience enriched students academically. The variety of hands-on, historical, and culinary experiences made it an ideal balance of fun and education.

The SPV would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to our parent volunteers who helped make this event an event to remember.



Catholic and Christian Community CCC

Chapel updates

Some wonderful work has taken place in the chapel over the past few weeks, and it is now beautifully prepared for our school community. The space has been refreshed and arranged so that everyone can gather in a calm and welcoming atmosphere. In the coming weeks, we will have a blessing of the altar. We look forward to celebrating our first Mass of the academic year and many more in the months ahead.



INVITE: Lasallian Encounter 2025 – Brotherhood on the Move

La Salle Centre, Ipoh | 17-20 October 2025

BROTHERHOOD ON THE MOVE

LASALLIAN ENCOUNTER 2025

FACILITATORS

BR ZENNEL, BR MICO, BR IFANO

The **Lasallian Encounter 2025: Brotherhood on the Move** is a 4-day camp for **Christian young men and women (14+)** organised by the **De La Salle Brothers** - a chance to deepen faith, live service in action, and form lasting brotherhood. Registration fee is **RM200.00** per participant, covering food, accommodation, and a camp kit.

De La Salle Brothers Malaysia

Deepen your relationship with God by reflecting on the lives of Jesus, and John Baptist de La Salle, Patron Saint of Educators.

Discover today's "peripheries" and put your skills into action by serving others during our Service Day.

Get to know the vocation of the De La Salle Brothers and **build lasting brotherhood and solidarity** within a supportive Lasallian family.

MR ISAAC STEPHEN +60 16-543 9940 **DLSBrothersMYS**

Brother Mico will be leading the **Lasallian Encounter 2025: Brotherhood on the Move**, joined by two guest Brothers from the Philippines, **Brother Zennel** and **Brother Jeano**.

This 4-day camp (**Oct 17–20, 2025, La Salle Centre, Ipoh**) brings together **Christian young men and women (14+)** from La Salle schools in both West and East Malaysia.

☀ What to expect:

- **Deepen** your faith through prayer and reflection
- **Live out** service in action
- **Build** lasting brotherhood with fellow Lasallians

📌 Details

- Fee: RM400–RM900 (includes food, transport, accommodation & camp kit)
- Slots: Maximum of 10 (first come, first served)
- Confirmation deadline: **Wednesday, Oct 1, 2025**
- Sign-up [here](#).

More information may be found [here](#).

Best regards,
Brother Mico
SJIS Trip Leader

Keeping children safe in education 2025

Statutory guidance for schools and colleges

September 2025

Whole School Safeguarding

Below are the key areas we will be developing this year following updated Keeping Children Safe in Education which is now in our safeguarding policy:

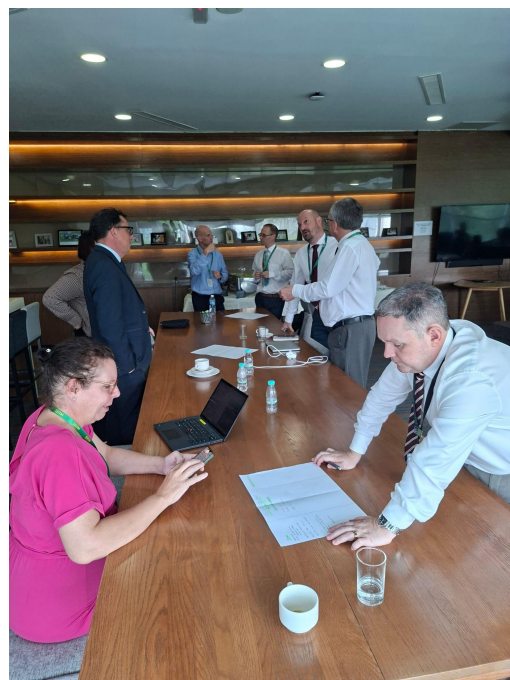
- Online Safety / Content Risks
- Relationships, Sex and Health Education
- Attendance & Safeguarding Links
- Safer Recruitment

[Keeping Children Safe in Education September 2025](#)

Association of International Malaysian Schools Principal's Meeting

On Friday 26th September, St. Joseph's Institution International School was proud to host the Principals of 26 schools for the first meeting of the year. The meeting was a chance for the Principals of international schools across Malaysia to come together and discuss some of the key issues facing international schools today as well as explore opportunities for student events, collaboration and professional development for teachers.

The AIMs Principals also had the opportunity to visit our SPV Malaysia Day Celebrations!





EAL Parent Q & A

After watching a short video available in different languages, parents of ES EAL learners joined a Q&A session about our EAL provision, the After-School EAL Programme, and the assessment framework we use. It was a valuable opportunity to answer questions, share information, and discuss how we can best support their children in developing English language proficiency. We also explored ways to help students feel confident, included, and fully integrated into school life, both academically and socially.



Timetable Change

Due to recent public holidays, some Monday lessons were missed. To balance this, **Wednesday, 1st October** will follow a **Monday timetable** (8:00–2:50). CCAs remain unchanged.

Read Write Inc Parent Workshop

We had a wonderful RWI parent workshop where we learnt the pronunciation of sounds and how to support our children in blending these to read words. It was wonderful to see so many parents joining in with the activities and eager to support reading at home. Thank you to everyone who attended and for your enthusiasm in helping your children on their reading journey.



ES Parent Teacher Conferences

A reminder that our Parent Teacher Conferences will take place on **Friday 10th October** and **Saturday 11th October**. The online booking system 'Meet the Teacher' is now open. It became available on **Thursday 25th September at 8:00 am** and will remain open until **Wednesday, 11th October at 4:00 pm**. Please log in to your school email account to access the **Meet a Teacher** platform, where you can book appointments with your child's teachers for these in-person conferences. Contact helpdesk@sjj-international.edu.my if you have any queries about logins.



ChangeMakers Council

Our Changemakers programme has had a fantastic response this term, with over 40 applications from Years 4–6. This shows how many of our students are eager to make a positive difference in our school. Last week, all applicants were recognised in assembly and awarded a certificate for showing the virtue of courage. This week, they will take part in interviews with the Senior Leadership Team, after which our Term 1 Changemakers will be selected. Congratulations to everyone who applied you've already demonstrated bravery and leadership, and we look forward to seeing the impact of our new team in the weeks ahead.





Boxhouse Theatre Trip

On Wednesday, 24 students from Years 6–10 took part in an exciting theatre residency with the renowned UK-based Boxhouse Theatre Company.

The morning began with dynamic workshops, where students explored platform theatre and a range of storytelling techniques. They challenged themselves to create bold, imaginative work through abstract movement and powerful vocalisation, discovering just how much can be expressed beyond words.

In the afternoon, students were treated to the company's acclaimed production *Twisted Tales*, a clever fusion of mythical legends and much-loved children's stories, brought to life with Boxhouse's signature energy and inventiveness.

True to the Lasallian spirit, our students not only threw themselves into the creative challenges but also forged new friendships with peers from other schools. Their curiosity shone through in the post-show Q&A, where they asked thoughtful, insightful questions to the performers.

It was a day that celebrated collaboration, creativity, and the joy of live theatre, an experience we hope our students will carry with them for a long time.



IDP Study Overseas Fair

01 OCTOBER 2025

12:15 - 2:00 PM

ST JOSEPH'S INSTITUTION INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL (FOYER)

AU	The University of Western Australia	UK	University of Bristol
AU	Australian National University	UK	Cardiff University
AU	University of New South Wales	UK	University of Kent
AU	Adelaide University	UK	Queen's University of Belfast
AU	Queensland University of Technology	UK	Coventry University
AU	Deakin University	UK	University of Western of England
AU	University of Wollongong	UK	University of South Wales
AU	Curtin University	IE	University of College Dublin
		IE	Trinity College Dublin
		IE	Technological University of the Shannon
		Malaysia	Herriot-Watt University Malaysia
		Singapore	JCU Singapore

Update from our University Counsellor

- **University Visit** - University College London (UCL) will be on campus on Monday, 29 September from 9.00-9:45am. Venue - A5-02 classroom
- **University Fair at SJIIS** - 1 October from 12:30 - 2.00pm, main foyer
- **Nottingham Malaysia visit** in November (Y11-13 students) date yet to be confirmed.

Please read more info [here](#).

AIMS Battle of the Bands Success

On Thursday, 25th September, seven of our students travelled to Nexus International School to represent SJI International at the **AIMS Battle of the Bands**. Performing in the KS4/5 category – with two of our competitors still in Key Stage 3 – the band impressed with their energy, synergy, and confident stage presence. Please read more info [here](#).

Please watch the Performance video here - [AIMS BOTB - 25 SEP - FINAL PERFORMANCE.mp4](#)



Parent Event: Teaching & Learning in HS



It was fantastic to see so many parents at Thursday morning's presentation with Ms Ellis, focusing on the developments in our pedagogical practices in the High School. It was a privilege to be able to share the wonderful work staff are doing with our students. With a conscious drive on shared norms in classrooms, and using technology with purpose, it was a chance to show how students are thriving in the SJI classroom. Slides are available [here](#), with an additional video on assessment and reporting for new parents. This session will also be repeated online later in the term for any parents who couldn't attend.



International Lasallian Days of Peace

Brothers Mico and Butch officially launched the International Lasallian Days of Peace this week during the HS assemblies and Lasallian education classes. From September 21 to October 21, Lasallian schools around the world dedicate a month to promoting peace through learning, reflection, and action. This year's theme, Connected for Peace, Committed to Creation, calls us to care for our planet as an essential path to building lasting peace.



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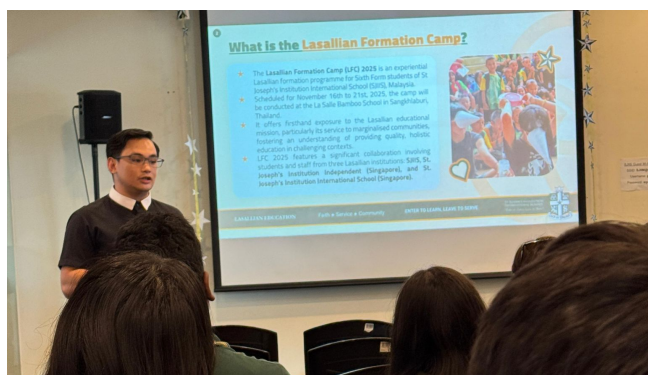
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Lasallian Formation Camp 2025 Information Session

Held at the Lasallian Mission Centre and delivered by the Brothers, the session helped parents and students familiarise themselves with the camp's site, mission, and programme. They also reviewed health and safety procedures and identified the next steps leading up to the Lasallian Formation Camp on 16 November. More info, click [here](#).





Kangaroo Maths Gold Award Ceremony 2025

We are proud to celebrate the achievement of **eight of our students** in the **Kangaroo Maths Competition 2025**, with seven current students and one who has since left the school earning the prestigious **Gold Medal**.

Our heartfelt congratulations go to:

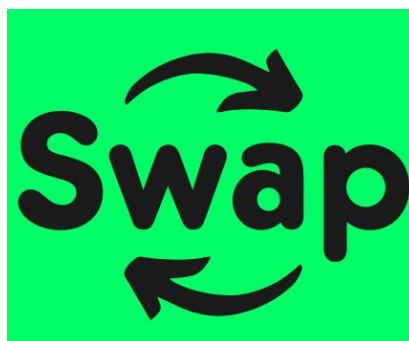
Amelia Majella Yen En Hui
Choi Kim (9I)
Hong Yi Jun (6J)
Jaden San Ming Xu (13S)
Shaohong Li (9M)
Taeha Ryu (7J)
Takahashi Aki (5S)
Yunu Jeong (9S)

These students have been invited to attend the official Kangaroo Maths Award Ceremony later this term, where their success will be formally recognised. We commend them for their dedication and excellence, and we look forward to celebrating their accomplishments as a community.

Mr Ziad will represent our school and facilitate those participating during the ceremony. The parents and students to whom this pertains received an invitation to RSVP their attendance.

AWARD CEREMONY DETAILS:

- **Date:** 11 October 2025, Saturday
- **Registration:** 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM
- **Event Time:** 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
- **Venue:** The Ballroom, MAHSA University, Saujana Putra, Puchong, Selangor
- **Attire:** School Uniform / Formal Wear / Smart Casual (*slippers are not allowed*)
- RSVP closes on **29th September 2025**
- Walk-in registrations will not be accepted



Lesson Day Swaps: Wed 1st October

To compensate for lost curriculum time due to the recent public holidays, the following days will be swapped. We will remind students in assemblies.

Wed 1st Oct: MONDAY lessons



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[HS Student absence form](#)



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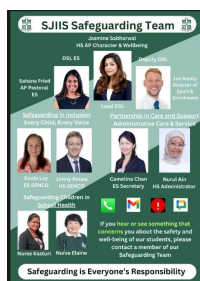


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