

SJIS Weekly Update

25 September 2026



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This Week's Highlight at SJIS

Important Dates:

Upcoming Events:

Elementary School:

29 Sept: ES Mandarin & Bahasa
Parents Session

1 Oct: ES EAL Parent Session

High School:

29 Sept - HS Parent workshop:
Supporting EAL students and families

2 Oct - Parent workshop:
Trips and Camps for 2026/27

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Elementary School Parent Representatives Meeting

Parent Representatives Meeting

We held our first Parent Rep meeting on Thursday. The ES vision for the new AY was presented together with new initiatives that will be a key focus area. There was also an opportunity for the reps to be part of an activity looking at the strengths and areas for development within the ES. Many thanks to all the parent reps for their contributions during the session and we look forward to a positive academic year ahead.



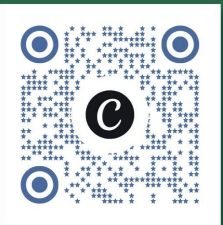
High School Parent Representatives Meeting

This week, representatives from all High School year groups met with Ms Ellis, Head of High School, for a productive and wide-ranging discussion about the year ahead.

Topics included our outstanding GCSE and A Level results, campus developments and key High School priorities, including our continued focus on teaching and learning. Representatives also discussed the new structure of the school day, the measures already introduced to address some of its challenges, and how the structure may be adapted further in the future.

We also explored EAL provision and how students are supported, stretched and challenged according to their individual needs, alongside new early-entry pathways for languages, which will be communicated to parents this week. The new camp structure, developed in response to last year's feedback, was also discussed, as was our proactive teacher recruitment strategy and the SJIS talent pool, which attracted over 600 applications.

The meeting concluded with a tour of the High School, giving parents the opportunity to see our new facilities and experience some of the spaces and resources available to our students.



★ SJIS CATHOLIC-CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

Welcome

Scan this QR code to connect with us.

FOR NON MUSLIMS ONLY



Welcome to the Chapel of St Joseph

The Chapel on Level 6 is open to our school community as a place for prayer, silence and reflection.

CHAPEL HOURS
7.45–9.00am on School days

JOIN US FOR WEEKLY MORNING PRAYER

- 8.00-8.20 am Tuesdays
Rosary Circle led by our Catholic community
- 8.00 -8.30am Thursdays
Parents-in-Prayer led by our Christian community

For Chapel access, please register at the Security Desk and wear your security pass visibly.

This space is available to Non-Muslim members of the SJIS community only.
For more information: ccc@sji-international.edu.my

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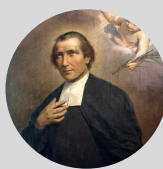
Celebration of Holy Mass

24 September 2026

On Thursday, we came together as one Lasallian family for our first Mass of the academic year, celebrated with ES and HS students, teachers and parents. Our heartfelt thanks to Fr Alvin Ng, SJ of St Francis Xavier's Parish for celebrating Mass, to our wonderful ES Choir for leading us so beautifully in song, and to our student altar servers and readers for serving with such care. Thank you also to the Catholic & Christian Community parents for preparing takeaway snacks for our students after Mass. Please join our monthly Masses as we gather in faith, friendship and prayer for one another.



A Teacher in a Time of Upheaval



Brother Solomon Leclercq FSC was a teacher before becoming secretary to the Superior General of the Brothers. During the French Revolution, religious communities were suppressed and Solomon was imprisoned. He was killed on 2 September 1792, together with many other prisoners. He later became the first De La Salle Brother to be beatified. His is not a light piece of trivia, but a story worth remembering: education and service have sometimes been carried forward by people living through extraordinarily difficult moments in history.

Access this [link](#) to get to know more about Brother Solomon.



LASALLIAN REFLECTION

“Always address people by their names and with great respect.”

St. John Baptist de La Salle, 76A. Rule, Chapter 8



A WEEKEND QUESTION

Whom did you make feel seen or valued this week?

Take this question into the weekend. Discuss it with your family over a meal or whenever you have a moment together.

International Lasallian Days of Peace 21 September - 21 October

During LEDU classes this week, students reflected on the meaning of peace as part of the International Lasallian Days of Peace. The celebration highlights that achieving peace is a community effort. While each of us has a responsibility to contribute, lasting peace is built when communities work together. This reflects the Lasallian theme for the year, **"Peace by Piece."**

The initiative also aligns with the United Nations International Day of Peace, observed annually on 21 September. In solidarity with the global Lasallian family, we dedicate a month to raising awareness about peace and practising it through our daily interactions in school. We also remember Lasallian communities around the world where peace is not always present.

Students contributed by creating peace cranes, each carrying their personal meaning of peace and a wish for peace. The celebration will culminate on 22 October, when all members of the school community are invited to wear a white accessory.



25 Sep 2026: Happy Mid-Autumn Festival!

As the full moon reaches its brightest, the Mid-Autumn Festival brings a season centered on family reunion, social well-being, and timeless cultural traditions.

This day offers a dedicated pause for us to slow down and cherish time with loved ones. Families celebrate by sharing delicious mooncakes—from classic lotus paste to refreshing snowskin—and carrying colorful lanterns on evening walks under the stars. Explore some weekend family events to unwind and enjoy this festival. 🥮

Keeping Our Children Safe: Working Together

Keeping children safe is a shared responsibility, and at SJIS we are committed to creating an environment where every student feels safe, supported and empowered to make positive choices. Since the start of the academic year, we have introduced a range of initiatives to strengthen safeguarding awareness among students, staff and parents, with a particular focus on online safety. In High School, students have revisited our Acceptable Use Policy and explored social media, online relationships, digital behaviour, boundaries and making safe choices through PSHCE, with Year 7 also taking part in an online safety assembly this week with Mr Hember. In Elementary School, Kapow PSHE and Computing lessons support age-appropriate learning around digital literacy and staying safe online. Ms Chin our ES lead on computing has been supporting children, staff and this week with parents on online safety. Our staff continue to receive regular safeguarding training to ensure they are confident in recognising and responding to concerns, while our parent engagement programmes provide opportunities for families to work in partnership with the school. Thank you to all parents who attended this week's Whole School Parent Workshop, which was highly interactive and very well received. Together, we aim to give our children the knowledge, confidence and skills to recognise risks, make safe decisions and know where to seek help, both online and offline.

To support student online safety, devices used on campus must connect through the **school Wi-Fi**, with network controls in place to protect students and restrict access to inappropriate or high-risk content. Students should not access or store personal or sensitive data on school-use devices. The school network blocks **social media, Discord, gaming sites, internet banking, proxy and unauthorised remote-access tools, and most payment platforms**. These measures, alongside our Acceptable Use Policy and online safety education, help students develop safe, responsible and respectful digital habits.

We are sharing some helpful resources to help build home and school approaches:

[Presentation on Keeping Children Safe Parent Workshop Whole School](#)

[Online Safety Safety Assembly by Mr Hember](#)





Parent Teacher Conferences - Friday 6th November

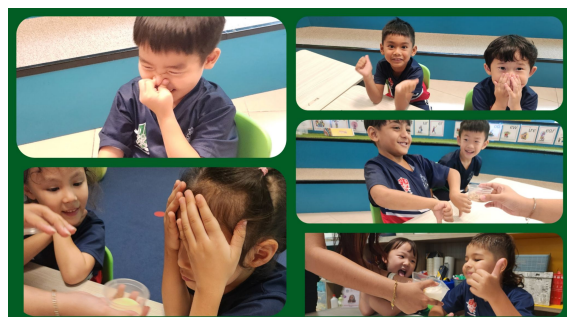
Our first Parent-Teacher Conference of the year will take place on **Friday, 6 November**, running throughout the school day from **7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** Parents will have the opportunity to meet with their child's teachers across the curriculum throughout the day. As a result, **Friday 6 November will be a non-school day for students.** However, students are encouraged to attend their Parent-Teacher Conferences with their parents. The booking system will go live during the **week beginning 5 October**, with further details to follow shortly.

Fobisia CodeBreaking

All of Year 6 had the opportunity to participate in the annual FOBISIA code breaking competition, hosted online by the British School of Phuket. Students took part in a series of code breaking challenges involving numbers, symbols, letters and multi step problems. We definitely saw a lot of determination and resilience on display! We look forward to announcing the successes of our students in the near future.

Year 1

Year 1 have been busy testing their sense of smell in their science lessons. The children used words to describe different smells and decided whether they found them pleasant or unpleasant, both individually and as a class. There was lots of joyfulness and enthusiasm as they shared their opinions, making it a great opportunity to explore how we are all different and can enjoy different things.



Mandarin & Bahasa Parents Session

Tuesday, 29 September | 8:00–9:00 am
Level 5, Function Room

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL EAL SESSION

EAL SESSION TOPICS

- Elementary and High School EAL provision
- After School programme
- EAL assessment

EVENT DETAILS

Date: Thursday, October 1, 8-9 am
Location: Function room on Level 5

EAL Parent Session

Thursday, 1 October | 8:00–9:00 am
Level 5, Function Room

Changemakers

A huge thank you to all the students who applied to become Changemakers during the first half of the year. We were delighted to introduce our new Changemakers in this week's assembly, celebrating the enthusiasm, courage and commitment they have shown towards making a positive difference within our school community.

Look out for our Changemakers in their red hats as they begin supporting a range of exciting initiatives, including Buddy Bench games, canteen support, healthy choices and helping to create a clean, welcoming school environment.

However, you don't need to wear a Changemakers hat to make a difference! Every student has the opportunity to be a Changemaker by showing kindness, including others, making healthy choices, recycling responsibly and helping to make our school a happier and more caring place.

Together, our small actions today can create bigger tomorrows.



Year 5 Science

Year 5 have been exploring how the tilt of the Earth's axis causes the seasons. Using their own models of the Earth and Sun, the children investigated how Earth's **23.5° tilt** changes the amount and angle of sunlight each hemisphere receives as our planet travels around the Sun.

Working collaboratively, the children used their models to explain why different parts of the world experience summer and winter at different times of the year. They also explored how the angle of sunlight affects the amount of energy received by each hemisphere, helping them to understand why temperatures and daylight hours change throughout the year.

A fantastic hands-on learning experience that brought our learning about space to life and gave the children the opportunity to test, discuss and explain their ideas using their own models!



Auditions for A Midsummer Night's Dream High School Production

We are delighted to announce that SJIS High School will be presenting William Shakespeare's most fantastical comedy, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, in May 2027. **Students in Years 7-12** will have the exciting opportunity to perform not only for our school community on our Auditorium stage, but also for the wider public at the Damansara Performing Arts Centre as part of the **Take to the Stage Shakespeare Festival**. Please read more info [here](#).



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SJIS HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS
A Midsummer Night's Dream
AUDITIONS

AUDITION DATES
Wednesday 18th & Thursday 19th
November
3:30 – 5:00pm

LOCATION
Blackbox

YEAR GROUPS
7 – 12

CCA COMMITMENT
Students will need to join the CCA every Wednesday during Terms 2 and 3 until the end of May.

PERFORMANCES
The show will be performed both at school and as part of the Take To The Stage Shakespeare Festival at Damansara Performing Arts Centre, week commencing 24th May.

LEARN MORE & SIGN UP
Students can learn more about the audition by signing up to the Google Classroom page.
Scan the QR code to join!

Class Code: 5ilcymwi

STEP INTO A WORLD OF
MAGIC, MISCHIEF AND MIDSUMMER



A Midsummer Night's Dream
CHARACTER GUIDE

FAIRIES & YOUNG ATHENIANS

PUCK
The mischievous woodland fairy who loves causing trouble and playing tricks on humans.

OBERON
The powerful King of the Fairies who uses magic to get what he wants.

TITANIA
The proud and powerful Queen of the Fairies who refuses to obey Oberon.

PEASEBLOSSOM
One of Titania's tiny fairies who serves and protects her.

COBWEB
One of Titania's tiny fairies who helps look after her.

MOTH
A small fairy who serves Titania and helps care for her.

MUSTARDEED
One of Titania's fauns who helps care for her enchanted world.

FIRST FAIRY
A fairy who serves Titania and warns her about dangers in the forest.

THE YOUNG ATHENIANS

HERMIA
A strong-willed young woman who values her freedom and choice.

LYSANDER
A loyal and brave young man who follows his heart and won't give up on what he believes in.

HELENA
A kind and hopeful young woman who sees the good in others even when it's hard.

DEMETRIUS
A proud and confident young man who is torn between what he wants and what he thinks is right.

"THE COURSE OF TRUE LOVE NEVER DID RUN SMOOTH."

A Midsummer Night's Dream
CHARACTER GUIDE

THE ATHENIANS & MECHANICALS

THE ATHENIANS

THESEUS
The Duke of Athens who is preparing to marry Hippolyta and wants everything under control.

HIPPOLYTA
The powerful Queen of the Amazons who is engaged to Theseus and values strength, independence and respect.

EGEUS
Hermia's strict father who demands that she marry Demetrius.

PHILOSTRATE
Theseus's Master of Revels who organises entertainment for the Duke's wedding.

THE MECHANICALS

BOTTOM
A confident but ridiculous amateur actor who thinks he can play every role – and is magically given a donkey's head.

QUINCE
The organiser and director of the amateur actors who tries to keep everyone focused.

FLUTE
A young craftsman and nervous actor who has to play the female role of Thisbe.

SNUG
A nervous actor who plays the Lion and worries that his performance will frighten the audience.

SNOUT
An amateur actor who plays the Wall in Pyramus and Thisbe.

STARVELING
An amateur actor who plays Moonshine and later carries a lantern to represent the moon.

University of Toronto Visit

The University of Toronto representative discussed about the admissions process, including A-Level entry requirements, where competitive applicants typically present strong predicted or final GCE A-Level grades (typically across three full A-Level subjects, alongside IGCSE results) and the wide array of merit-based and need-based scholarships, such as the Lester B. Pearson International Scholarship and automatic admission awards.

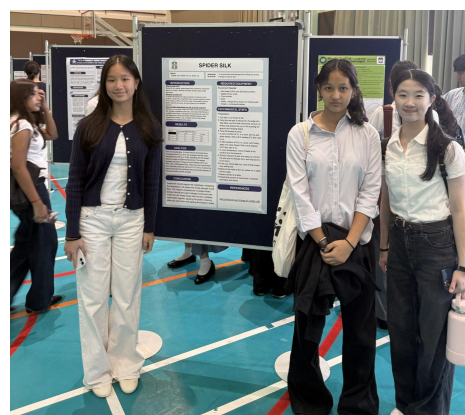
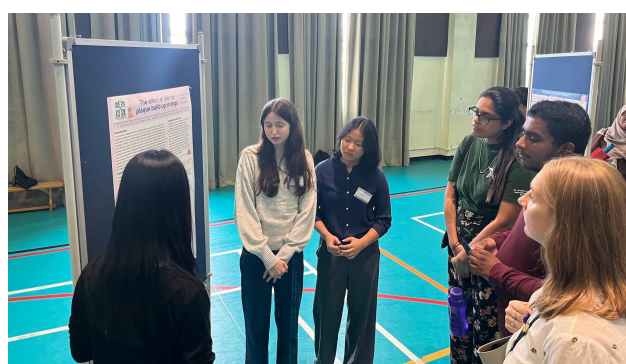
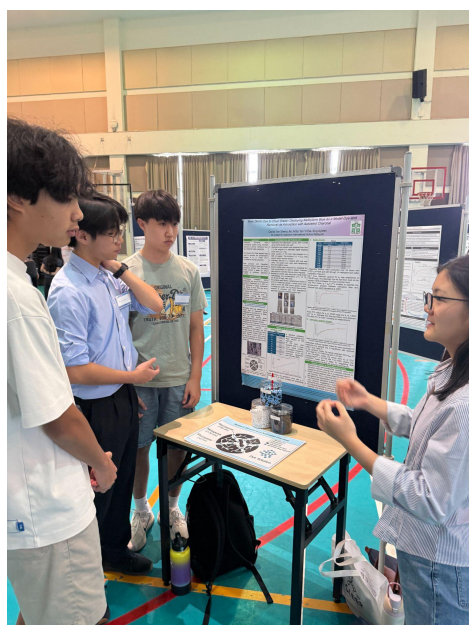
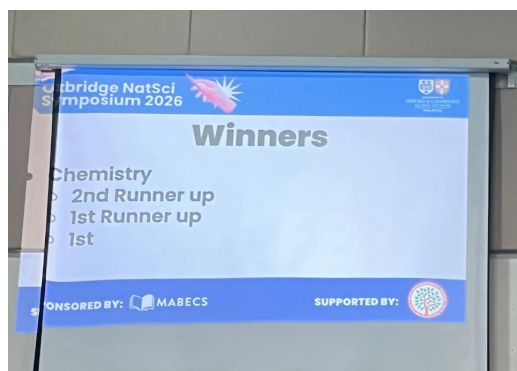


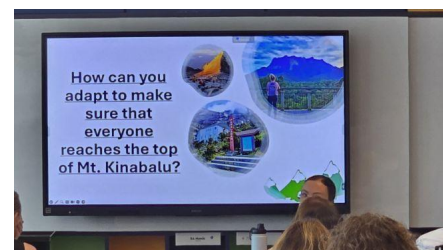
Student Success at the Oxbridge Natural Sciences Symposium 2026

On Saturday, 19th September, SJIIS made a remarkable mark at the Oxbridge Natural Sciences Symposium 2026. Centred around the theme *'Fundamentals to Frontline,'* our students formed the largest delegation in the competition, showcasing 12 independent research projects completed over the summer break. Each team delivered a detailed paper, an explanatory video, and a scientific poster, which they eloquently presented to industry professionals and peers from across Malaysia.

A major highlight of the event was the success of Daniel Tan Sheng Jie, Abby Tan Yi Pei, Eng Ayleen in the Chemistry category. Shortlisted as top finalists, they delivered a detailed and thought provoking presentation on their research, *"From Denim Dye to Clean Water: Deploying Methylene Blue as a Model Dye and Removal via Adsorption with Activated Charcoal."* Investigating practical water purification techniques using activated charcoal, our young scientists won their category—a testament to their scientific rigour, particularly as they competed against A-Level students from other schools.

We are so proud of all our participants for their dedication, scientific precision, and articulate communication. To celebrate these achievements, SJIIS will host an internal Mini-Symposium on Thursday, 1st October, giving the school community an opportunity be inspired by their research firsthand.





Empowering Every Learner: Adaptive Teaching in Our Classrooms

This week, our teaching staff engaged in a dedicated workshop focused on **adaptive teaching**—an approach designed to ensure every student is both challenged to achieve high standards and fully supported along the way.

To illustrate this concept, teachers reflected on the experience of climbing Mt. Kinabalu. While reaching the summit is a shared goal for everyone, each climber starts from a unique place and may require different support along the journey. Some hikers move quickly on their own, while others benefit from additional guidance, tools, or paced rest stops to reach the top successfully.

We apply this exact philosophy in our classrooms every day:

- **High Expectations for All:** We maintain ambitious learning targets so that every child is inspired and pushed to reach their highest potential.
- **Targeted Support (Scaffolding):** For students who need help grasping complex concepts, we break learning down into manageable steps and offer tailored tools, such as word banks and sentence starters.
- **Flexible Pathways:** We provide diverse opportunities for students to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding in ways that best align with their strengths.

By adapting our teaching to meet every child's unique needs, we ensure that every student feels confident, supported, and equipped to reach their personal summit.

Alumni Spotlight: Standing Up Against Modern Slavery

On Wednesday, as part of our International Lasallian Days of Peace assembly, we welcomed back alumni Joshua Kong, Business Development Director for the 24 Hour Race Malaysia 2026, alongside Community Director Meera Maleni.

They invited our students to join the world's largest student-led movement against human trafficking this November.

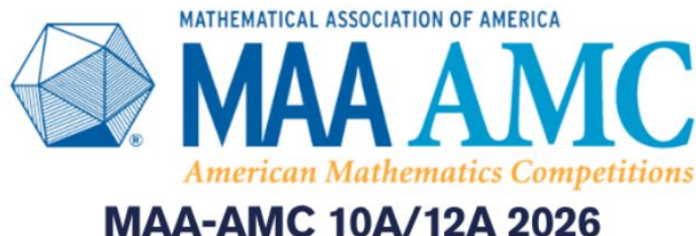
Sharing sobering statistics—such as the 50 million people currently trapped in modern slavery and that 1 in 3 victims is a child—they challenged our students to push their physical limits and raise vital funds.

Beyond supporting this November's initiative, today's presentation also sets the stage and builds momentum for our very own SJIS 12-Hour Run early next year.



MAA American Mathematics Contest 10A/12A 2026

Registration is now open for the **MAA American Mathematics Contest 10A/12A**, available to students in **Years 8–12** who are studying in Malaysia.



Duration	75 Minutes
Questions	25 MCQ
Total Marks	150 Points
Marks Allocation	Correct: 6 points, Blank: 1.5 points, Incorrect: 0
Language	English

*Calculators are PROHIBITED

The competition will be held **online with physical invigilation at St. Joseph's Institution International School on Friday, 6 November 2026**. It will most likely take place **after school at approximately 4:00 p.m.** in one of the school's classrooms.

Students must bring their own **laptop** to access the competition platform. **Tablets, iPads and mobile phones cannot be used.**

The registration deadline is **Friday, 9 October 2026**. Places are available on a first-come, first-served basis, so early registration is encouraged. **The registration link can be found in your child's Google Classroom.** After making payment, parents must also complete the Google Registration Form provided through the link in the emailed payment receipt.

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**PARENT
INFORMATION EVENT**

**SUPPORTING
OUR EAL
STUDENTS
AND THEIR FAMILIES**

**TUESDAY
29 SEPTEMBER**

8:00 AM

**5th Floor
Meeting Room**

**Ms Becky Merrett
(Head of EAL)**

Supporting Our EAL Students & Their Families

Join Ms Becky Merrett, our Head of EAL, for an informative session exploring how we support students who are developing their English language skills. Find out more about our EAL provision, how language development can impact learning across the curriculum, and the ways we work with students to help them build confidence and succeed. We'll also explore how families can support their child's language development at home and work in partnership with the school. Whether your child is currently receiving EAL support or you simply want to understand more about how we support multilingual learners, this session will provide practical insight and an opportunity to ask questions. **Please RSVP using [this link](#).** We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday.



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TRIPS & CAMPS FOR 2026/27

Join us to hear about our exciting new camps for this year, as well as all the other trips on offer, including the UK university trip, ski trip, China trip and FOBISIA opportunities. Discover how these experiences enrich learning, build independence and create opportunities for students to challenge themselves beyond the classroom.



FRIDAY
2 OCTOBER



8:00 AM



AUDITORIUM



Details of all
this year's trips
can be found here:



Please RSVP
using the QR code:



Ski Trip



UK University Trip



China Trip



Camps & Adventures





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FAMILY CAMPUS TOURS
October 2026

Come see our new campus

A guided tour of our refurbished learning spaces and new facilities

WHAT'S NEW

Academic spaces

- Upgraded Primary & High School classrooms
- Two new state-of-the-art ICT labs
- A dedicated Design & Technology room
- An enhanced Library
- A new pastoral support hub
- A refurbished Sixth Form Centre

Technology & campus life

- Interactive TVs in every classroom
- A redesigned canteen
- Two new student playgrounds

TOUR DATES

8:15 – 9:00 AM

Choose any one morning

TUESDAY
6 Oct

WEDNESDAY
7 Oct

TUESDAY
20 Oct

WEDNESDAY
21 Oct

Co-led by our Senior Leadership Team and Student Ambassadors.

Bring a friend

Guests, colleagues and prospective parents are very welcome – they don't need to be current SJIS families.

Matthew O'Shea
Head of School

REGISTER BY FRIDAY, 2 OCTOBER

Reserve your place

Click here to register →

OR





[ES Student Absence Form](#)
[HS Student absence form](#)



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[WS Teaching Staff Email 26/27](#)
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Our Safeguarding Team



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