

SJIS Weekly Update

2 October 2026



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This Week's Highlight at SJIS

Important Pick-Up and Traffic Flow Changes After October Half Term

Important Dates:

29 Sept to 6 Nov - CIE Nov Exams

9 Oct - St Jaime Day

12-18 Oct - Half Term Break

19 Oct - Half Term 1 starts

10-11 Oct - No Weekend CCAs

17-18 Oct - No Weekend CCAs

Upcoming Events:

Whole School:

2-6 Oct - Maths Week

6,7,20 & 21 Oct - Parents Tour with Head of School

High School Parent Workshop :

6 Oct - Preparing for Success

8 Oct - Teaching & Learning

Elementary School:

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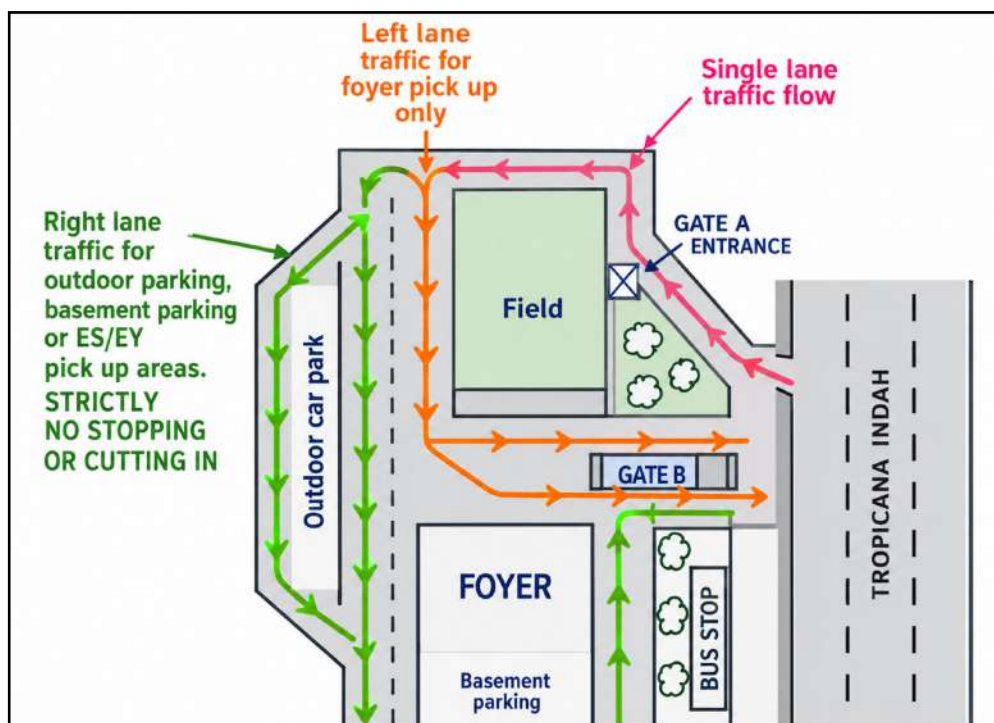
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A [letter](#) regarding important changes to our pick-up procedures and traffic flow has been sent to all parents and guardians today. We ask that all families take the time to read the letter carefully and familiarise themselves with the changes that will come into effect **after the October half term**.

These changes include new **High School pick-up points for Years 10–13**, as well as a revised traffic flow system with designated **pick-up and drive-through lanes** designed to reduce congestion and keep traffic moving more efficiently (see diagram below). Years 7–9 will continue to use the foyer pick-up area.

We are also reminding all families that **pick-up cards must be displayed clearly** when collecting students. From after October half term, drivers arriving without a pick-up card will need to have their identity and authorisation verified before a student can leave, which may cause delays for everyone. Please request a replacement card [here](#) if you need one.

We appreciate that any change to established routines takes some adjustment, but these measures are important in helping us keep our students safe, reduce congestion and make the end-of-day pick-up process as smooth and efficient as possible. Thank you for your cooperation and support in helping us make these changes work for our whole community.





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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



SAINTS SPORTS UPDATE

NEWS • RESULTS • PEOPLE • OPPORTUNITIES

U13 Boys Basketball

Well done to our U13 Boys Basketball team on their performance as our friendly tournament vs HELP and Tenby Setia Eco Park on Tuesday. From the four games played, they won 3 and the last game ended in a draw.

Well done boys.



U18 Girls Volleyball

Well done to our U18 Girls Volleyball team for their recent performance at the U18 AIMS tournament. This was a high level tournament and the girls played with passion and pride.

We are all extremely proud of them.

Safeguarding CCA's and Fixtures

Safeguarding is at the heart of our CCA and Sports programmes at SJIIS. All external providers are required to complete safeguarding training and undergo a full background check before working with our students. Parents also have an important responsibility in helping us maintain these high standards. When collecting students after CCAs, fixtures, training sessions or other school activities, parents must **wear their school lanyard visibly at all times, ensure their school car sticker is clearly displayed, follow school access procedures, and avoid allowing access to other individuals who are not appropriately identified.** These simple but important measures help us know who is on campus and ensure that our school remains a safe, secure and welcoming environment for every child.





IF YOU ARE TRAPPED INSIDE THE LIFT



WHAT TO DO

- 1  **PRESS THE EMERGENCY BUTTON**
Press and hold the alarm button for 3 to 5 seconds to connect with the Control Room. Security will respond and assist you.
- 2  **SHARE YOUR DETAILS**
Inform the responder of your location, lift identification number (BL2), and how many people are inside the lift.
- 3  **USE YOUR MOBILE PHONE**
If the intercom cannot be used, call the Control Room at **03-8605 3690**. Contact the lift vendor if there is an immediate emergency.
- 4  **CONSERVE YOUR BATTERY**
Avoid unnecessary calls, social media or other non-essential phone use.
- 5  **MOVE AWAY FROM THE DOORS**
Sit or stand near the back or centre of the lift.
- 6  **STAY CALM & REASSURE OTHERS**
Keep everyone calm, take slow breaths, and look after children or anyone feeling panicked.



WHAT NOT TO DO

- 1  **DO NOT FORCE THE DOORS**
Never use your hands, keys, or tools to try open the doors.
- 2  **DO NOT CLIMB OUT**
Never attempt to crawl through gaps or use the ceiling escape hatch on your own.
- 3  **DO NOT JUMP OR SHAKE THE LIFT**
Movement can trigger safety brakes or cause unpredictable shifts.
- 4  **DO NOT PANIC ABOUT AIR**
Lifts are ventilated, so you will not run out of oxygen.



IF YOU WITNESS A LIFT INCIDENT (AS A BYSTANDER OR STAFF)



WHAT TO DO

- 1  **TALK TO THE PASSENGERS**
Speak through the lift doors. Let them know you are there and that help has been called.
- 2  **CHECK THEIR CONDITION**
Find out if anyone is hurt, having trouble breathing, or experiencing a medical emergency.
- 3  **NOTIFY SECURITY**
Notify the nearest security officer so that the appropriate response can be coordinated.
- 4  **KEEP THE AREA CLEAR**
Prevent other students, staff, visitors or residents from tampering with the lift doors or pressing call buttons on other floors.
- 5  **PROVIDE REASSURANCE**
Keep talking to the trapped individuals and give them regular updates until rescue teams arrive.



WHAT NOT TO DO

- 1  **DO NOT ATTEMPT A RESCUE**
Never try to pry open the doors or pull people out unless you are a trained and authorised responder.
- 2  **DO NOT GIVE UNSAFE ADVICE**
Never tell passengers to jump, squeeze through a partial opening, or self-evacuate.



IF THE INTERCOM CANNOT BE USED,
PLEASE CALL:

CONTROL ROOM
03-8605 3690

LIFT VENDOR
03-5622 9933



ES Languages session

We were delighted to welcome around 50 parents to our Mandarin & Bahasa Parents Information Session. It was a valuable opportunity to share more about our curriculum, programme structure and approaches to language learning, as well as to answer parents' questions. Thank you to everyone who joined us for such a positive and meaningful session.

[Mandarin Information Session 2026/27 – Presentation Slides](#)

[Bahasa Information Session 2026/27 – Presentation Slides](#)



EAL Parent Info Session

Thank you to everyone who attended our ES EAL Session on October 1st. It was fantastic to connect with parents across the Elementary School, discuss our EAL provision and assessment processes, and highlight what our After School Programme offers. A special thank you as well to Mrs Merrett, the Head of HS EAL, for sharing details of the HS EAL provision and the transition from Year 6 to Year 7.

[EAL parent session slides](#)

Changemakers

What will they be working on?

Our new Changemakers have been busy getting started and learning what it means to make a positive difference within our school community!



This week, our Changemakers have been working in teams and learning about their different responsibilities. Our Break and Lunch Buddies will be helping students in the canteen and playground, encouraging everyone to feel included and making sure that nobody is left out of play. They will also be taking an active role in upcoming assemblies and whole-school initiatives, including Unity Week and Odd Socks Day, helping us celebrate inclusion, individuality and what makes our community special.

Elementary Playground Update

We're really pleased to share that the main work on the space is now complete, including the structure and installation of the resources. Our next step is to complete the necessary safety checks and risk assessments to ensure everything is safe and suitable for children to use. Once these checks are complete, we look forward to making the space available for our students in the coming weeks.



Maths Week is coming!

We are excited to launch **Maths Week on Monday 2nd November!** We'll be kicking off the week with a whole-school maths battle and a special dress-up day. Children in **Reception–Year 2** can come dressed as **NumBots**, while **Years 3–6** can show off their **TT Rock Stars** style! There will be maths battles happening in classrooms, across classes and between year groups throughout the day.

There is lots more happening across the week, including our **Maths Parent Workshops on Tuesday 3rd November** in the **5th Floor Function Room: 8:00–9:00 am** for **Nursery–Year 2 families** and **9:00–10:00 am** for **Year 3–6 families**.

We are also delighted to welcome our **Maths Consultant** to school for the week, who will be working with our teachers and leading professional development, as well as welcoming teachers from other schools to join us for maths training.

It's going to be a fantastic week of **maths, problem-solving, competition and fun!**

Parent-Teacher Conferences – Friday 6 November

A reminder that our first Parent-Teacher Conferences (PTCs) of the year will take place on **Friday, 6 November, from 7:30am to 4:00pm**. The booking window opens next Wednesday 7th October at 12:00pm.

This is a valuable opportunity to meet with your child's **class teacher and specialist teachers** to discuss how they have settled into the new school year, celebrate their early successes, and consider their next steps for learning and development. Sign up for these sessions will be shared to your school Gmail next week.

There will be **no school for children on this day**. However, we encourage parents to bring their children along to their scheduled PTC sessions so they can be involved in the conversation about their learning and progress. We look forward to seeing you all and having some positive conversations about the year ahead.

Goodbye and Good Luck Mr. White

After two wonderful years, we bid a fond farewell to Mr. White. He leaves us with strong foundations in our core subjects, a brand new playground and a community bound together by trust, respect for all and kindness. Mr.White has led with compassion, a commitment to excellence and integrity, always keeping our children's learning and wellbeing at the heart of his work. We are so sad to see him leave, but deeply grateful for his leadership and all he has given our school.

His care for our community, encouragement of staff and commitment to helping our school grow have made a lasting difference. We wish him every happiness and success as he begins his next chapter in Singapore.

Thank you, Mr.White for all you have given our school. You will be greatly missed.





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MATHS WEEK DRESS UP DAY!

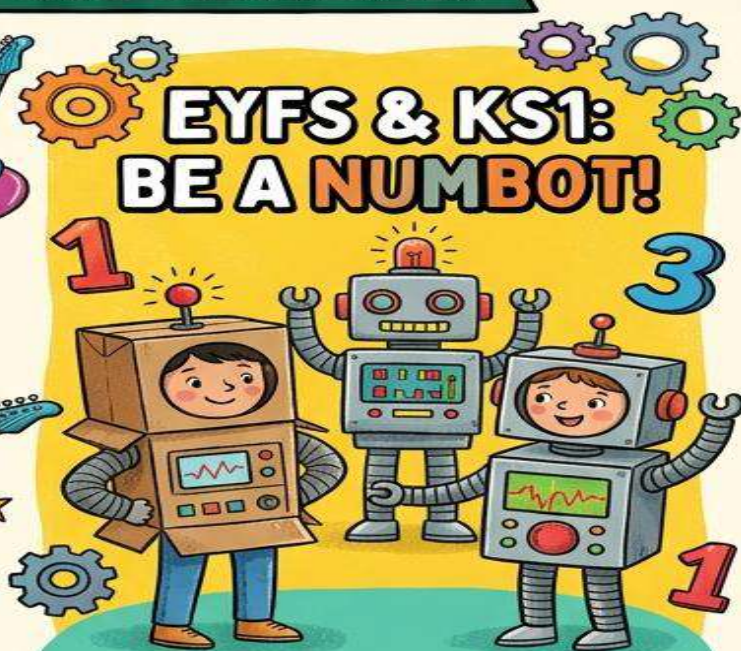
MONDAY 2ND NOVEMBER

**KS2: BE A
TIMES TABLE
ROCKSTAR!**



Get ready for TTRS battles
throughout the day!

**EYFS & KS1:
BE A NUMBOT!**



Practical number battles
throughout the day!

**LET'S GET READY TO
RUMBLE WITH NUMBERS!**

**TIMES TABLE
ROCKSTARS**

NUMBOTS



Celebrating Student Voice and Leadership

It has been an inspiring week in High School, listening to our student leaders share their experiences and encourage others to get involved in the many leadership opportunities available at SJIS.

Through our assemblies this week, students highlighted how each leadership group offers something unique from developing confidence and communication skills to building meaningful relationships, serving others and making a positive contribution to our school community.

At SJIS, **student voice is not simply about listening; it is about partnership and action.** We want our students to know that their experiences, ideas and perspectives matter, and that they have an important role to play in shaping our community. Please read more info [here](#).

Mrs Jasmine Sabharwal - Assistant Principal High School – Character and Wellbeing



Adventure Awaits: Exploring our 2026/27 Trips and Experiences

It was wonderful to welcome parents and students to our Trips, Camps and Activities Information Session this morning: an exciting, action-packed opportunity to showcase some of the experiences on offer across 2026–2027.

The session began with our Big Ocean presenters, who shared details of the exciting Year 7–10 end-of-year camps taking place in June/July 2027. We heard about the wide range of activities, curriculum connections and opportunities for students to build friendships and develop independence.

We also heard from Ms Warrier about the Year 11 Hong Kong Lasallian Formation Camp, a new formation and service-learning experience taking place in June 2027 and the Year 12 UK University Experience, taking place after the AS examinations. Mr McManus shared details of our annual Japan Ski Trip, which offers students six full days of skiing or snowboarding alongside a range of cultural experiences. Ms Ann outlined our March 2027 China Cultural Trip to Shanghai and Hangzhou.

Finally, we heard about the FOBISIA Music Festival and January's Battle of the Bands in Guangzhou, with submissions due on 18 October.

It was a fantastic showcase of the breadth of opportunities available to our students. You can read about all trips [here](#) including those not covered today. We warmly welcome any questions following the session, and the presentation slides are also available to view [here](#), as well as the detail about camps provided by [Big Ocean](#). Please read more information [here](#).



FOBISIA CODE BREAKING MATHS CHALLENGE

FOBISIA Codebreaking Challenge 2026: SJIS Places in the Top 30!

Congratulations to all our students who participated in this year's FOBISIA Codebreaking Challenge! SJIS recorded **578 entries across Levels 1–4**, achieving **26th place in the school category for 501–1,500 students**.

Our students demonstrated perseverance, logical thinking and problem-solving skills in tackling the codes. Certificates will be awarded to students who completed **Level 2A and above**, with any medal and trophy awards to be confirmed by the organisers.

The challenge remains available online, so students can continue exploring the codes in their own time. Thank you to parents for supporting and encouraging our young codebreakers!

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.



8J Brings the Virtues to Life!



A huge well done to **Year 8J** for their fantastic assembly today! With parents and Year 8 students watching, the class explored the Lasallian virtues of **kindness, cooperation and compassion**, using skits, presentations and plenty of audience participation. Led by Mr Nasron, every student had a role to play, and Jonas set the tone beautifully with a musical performance as the audience arrived. It was wonderful to see all their hard work come to life, and we are incredibly proud of 8J for being the first Year 8 tutor group to take on an assembly like this!

Stronger Together: Supporting Our EAL Community

This week, Rebecca Merrett, our Head of EAL, welcomed EAL families to an informative and engaging workshop exploring how we support our EAL students at SJIIS. Rebecca shared an overview of our EAL pathways and the range of support available to help students thrive academically, socially and as confident members of our community.

The session also provided an opportunity for us to listen to our families, asking how we can work smarter and harder to ensure our EAL families feel fully included, connected and part of the wider SJIIS community. The workshop was very well attended, with Korean and Mandarin translators on hand to support the Q&A and ensure families could participate fully.

It was a wonderful opportunity to bring different parts of our community together, strengthen our understanding of one another and continue building an inclusive and welcoming environment for all our families.



Pathways Programme Update

Since launching in August, our Sixth Form Pathways Programme has given students the opportunity to explore subjects and issues **beyond the traditional curriculum**, working with **subject specialists** and developing skills through a combination of **Thursday form-time sessions**, pre-reading, discussion, collaborative planning and practical challenges.

The programme is organised around five pathways:

- Health, Medicine & Human Life
- Science, Sustainability & the Natural World
- Enterprise, Business & Global Markets
- Engineering & Technology
- People, Power & Society

These pathways converged for three exciting showcases over the last two weeks.



Xenotransplantation Ethics Committee

Crossover: Health, Medicine & Human Life + People, Power & Society

Students explored the emerging science of xenotransplantation alongside the ethical, legal and societal questions it raises. Working in teams, they researched competing perspectives, developed evidence-based arguments and took part in a simulated Xenotransplantation Ethics Committee hearing, responding to questions and challenging the arguments of others.

This gave students the opportunity to see how a scientific development can raise questions far beyond the science itself, bringing together medical knowledge, ethics, law and wider questions about society.



Future Protein – Dragon's Den Pitches

Crossover: Science, Sustainability & the Natural World + Enterprise, Business & Global Markets

Students developed ideas for future protein products and considered not only the science behind their proposals, but also whether consumers would actually choose them. They then pitched their concepts in a Dragon's Den-style presentation, receiving feedback on their ideas and communication.



Science Symposium

Engineering Pathway + all NatSci symposium students from last week

The students on the Engineering pathway designed and demonstrated their own heating and cooling suits, taking inspiration from innovative designs explored earlier in the programme from MIT. This was a great example of the pathway's emphasis on moving from research to design to prototype and then demonstration.

They were also joined by the SJIIS students who presented last week at the **Oxbridge Natural Science Symposium**, who had the opportunity to share their experiments with their peers at school as well.

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PARENT INFORMATION EVENT

PREPARING FOR SUCCESS

How to support your child with exams and revision

(YEAR 10-13 PARENTS ONLY)

TUESDAY 6 OCTOBER | **8:00 AM** | **AUDITORIUM**

Ms Victoria Thomas (Assistant Principal)
Ms Anu Warriar (Head of Sixth Form)
Ms Jasmine Sabharwal (Assistant Principal)

Preparing for Success: How to Support Your Child with Exams and Revision

As we approach an important period of examinations, we invite parents of students in **Years 10–13** to join us for a practical and informative session on supporting your child with exams and revision. Ms Victoria Thomas, Ms Anu Warriar and Ms Jasmine Sabharwal will share useful revision techniques and strategies that students can use to prepare effectively and develop positive study habits at home. We will also explore how parents can provide the right balance of encouragement, structure and support, while helping students manage stress and maintain their wellbeing during what can be a demanding time. The session will offer practical ideas that you can use at home, as well as an opportunity to better understand how we support students through the examination period.

Tuesday 6 October | 8:00am | Auditorium
Year 10–13 parents only. Please RSVP using this [link](#)
See you there!

Teaching & Learning at SJIS

What does great teaching and learning look like at SJIS? Join Mr Doug Lawrence, Head of Teaching & Learning, for an opportunity to find out more about the approaches and strategies we prioritise across the High School. This session will explore how we create engaging, purposeful and inclusive learning experiences for our students, as well as the ways we monitor and support the quality of teaching through our quality assurance systems. Parents will gain an insight into some of the key principles that underpin classroom practice at SJIS and see practical examples of these approaches in action. It is a great opportunity to understand more about what happens behind the scenes to support your child's learning and progress, and to ask questions about our approach.

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PARENT INFORMATION EVENT

TEACHING & LEARNING AT SJIS

Our approach, our priorities and how it benefits your child

Learn about the strategies we prioritise through teaching and learning at SJIS, our quality assurance system and see some practical examples from the classroom.

THURSDAY 8 OCTOBER | **8:00 AM** | **5th Floor Meeting Room**

Mr Doug Lawrence (Head of Teaching & Learning)

Thursday 8 October | 8:00am | 5th Floor Meeting Room
Please RSVP using this [link](#)
See you there!



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