

SJIS Weekly Update

3rd July 2026



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"Enter to Learn, Leave to Serve"

This Week's Highlight at SJIS

Important Dates:

2nd July - End of Term 3 25/26

17 August - Start of Term 1 26/27

Upcoming Events:

Exams Results Day:

11 August - Cambridge AS and A-Level

18 August - Cambridge IGCSE

19 August - OxfordAQA

Dear SJIS Families and Friends,

As we close the gates on an extraordinary academic year, we look back with immense pride on a milestone-heavy 12 months that perfectly capped off our **10-year anniversary reflections**. This year, our community reached historic heights by achieving prestigious **ISQM accreditation** and securing **FOBISIA full membership**, cementing our place among the region's top international schools.

Beyond academic excellence, our vibrant school spirit was on full display during our spectacular **Family Day Festival**. As we pause to celebrate these achievements, we also extend our deepest gratitude and a fond farewell to the departing staff and students who have left an indelible mark on our history, while extending a warm, anticipatory welcome to the new families joining our journey next year. Thank you to everyone who has built our school's legacy over the last decade; we look forward to an even brighter year ahead and wish our entire community a restful break and **safe travels** wherever your holidays take you!

Warm regards,

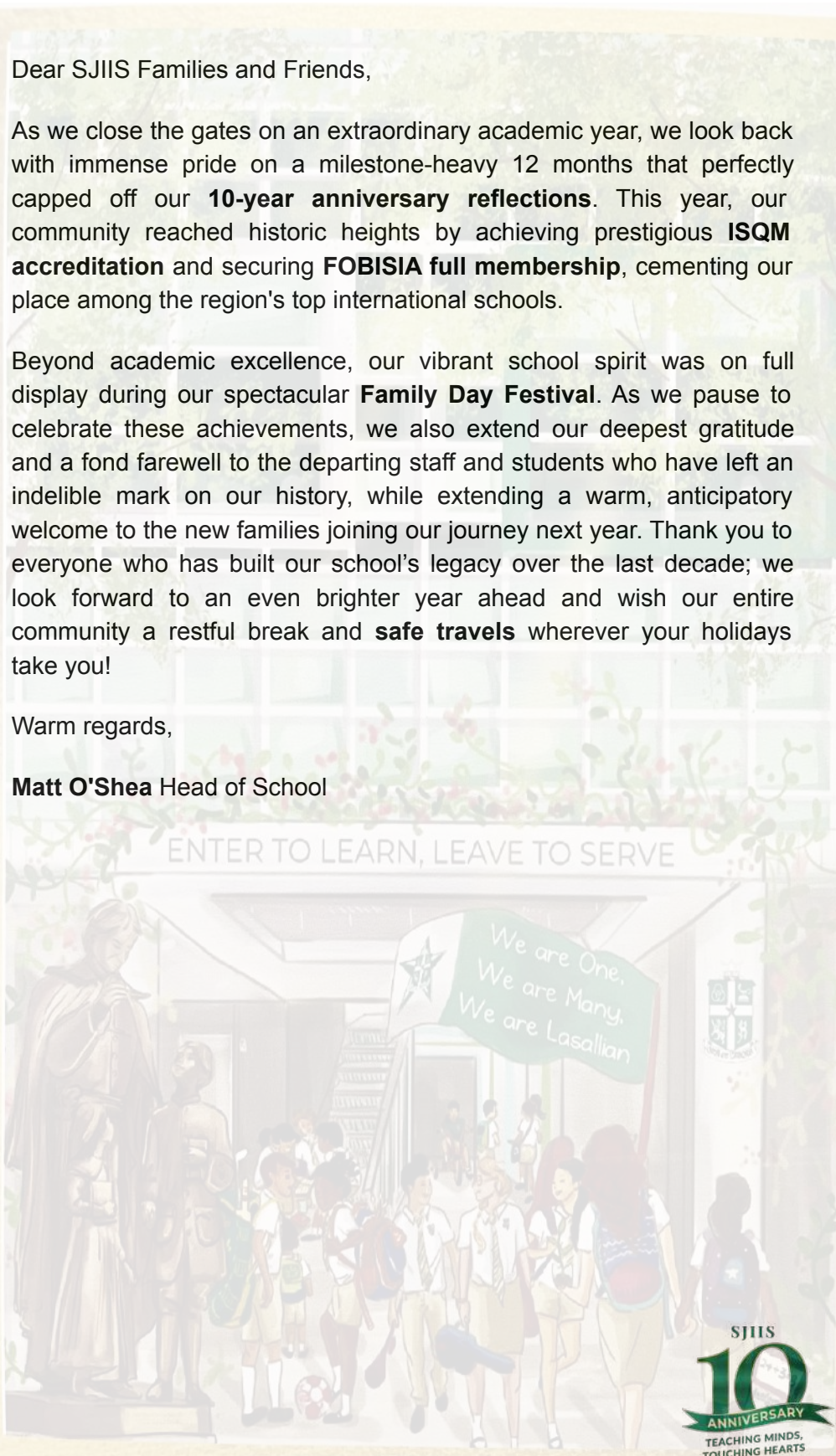
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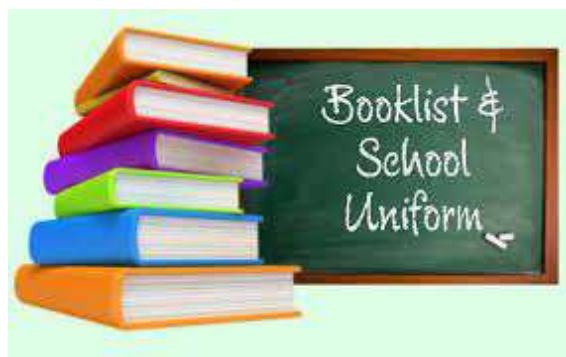
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Textbooks and uniform purchase

Parents can start purchasing uniforms and books through www.tekbookmart.com. Please follow the updated order guide [here](#).

[SJIIS HS Booklist 2026/2027](#)

[SJIIS ES Booklist 2026/2027](#)

Below are the **bookshop operating hours during the Term Break**.

- **3rd July 2026 - 10th July 2026:** Closed
- **13th July - 24th July 2026 :** Open only on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM (Weekdays Only)
- **27th July 2026 – 12th August 2026 :** Open Daily from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM (Weekdays Only)
- **From 13th August onwards:** Resumes normal hours, 7:30 AM to 3:15 PM (Weekdays)
- During school days, the bookshop will be closed during lunch time from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm.



Farewell to Our Departing School Teachers

As we come to the end of another memorable school year, we bid a heartfelt farewell to a number of valued members of our St. Joseph's community as they begin exciting new chapters in their journeys.

We extend our sincere thanks to Br. Butch, Ms Goldman, Ms Watts, Mr Ziad, Mr Madhi, Mr Biggar, Mr Bedding, Mr Hussain, Ms Low, Mr Tay, Mr O'Neil, Ms Aston, Mr May, Mr Yau, Ms Sian Morgan, Ms Lucy Mole, Mr Elliot Roberts, Mr Jake Miles, Ms Aileen Yang, Ms Karen Willoughby, Ms Amanda Lint, Ms Kalpana Madura, and Mr Daniel Edry.

Thank you for your dedication, kindness, and the countless ways you have enriched the lives of our students, colleagues, and wider school community. Your commitment and care have left a lasting impact, and you will be greatly missed.

We wish each of you every success, happiness, and fulfilment in the journey ahead. Thank you for being part of the St. Joseph's story.

Once a Lasallian, always a Lasallian.

Opportunity for a Magical End to Term 1



We are currently exploring an exciting possibility of organising a **school trip to see Ballet Theatre Malaysia's production of *The Nutcracker* this December**, and need to gauge interest from students and families before confirming anything.

This trip is now open to all students who will be Year 4 and above next academic year.

Last term, Ballet Theatre Malaysia visited our school to perform an excerpt from one of their productions for the entire secondary school, and the response from students was absolutely fantastic. The performance was of an incredibly high standard, and students were completely engaged throughout, with lots of enthusiastic questions during the Q&A afterwards.

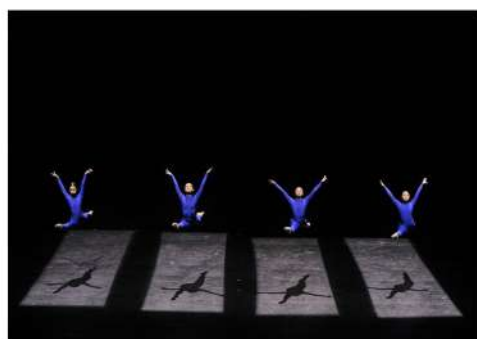
Following that experience, we have been offered the opportunity to attend a special school's afternoon performance of *The Nutcracker* at D Theatre, Empire City on **10th December** (our final day of term). **The [attached PDF](#) outlines the proposed programme. Children would visit the Christmas Fair before leaving for the event and would reach back at school around 4:30 pm on Friday, 10th December**

At this stage, this is **not yet a confirmed trip**. The performance will only go ahead if enough schools are able to commit to attending. However, if it does proceed, ticket prices would be significantly reduced for students, with a **trip fee of around RM85 for the ticket and the bus** (tickets for their normal performances are around RM120-200).

We think this could be a really special and festive way to round off the term before the Christmas holidays. Since I was a child, I have often watched ballet at Christmas and found it really magical. The Nutcracker is an especially festive and fun story.

If your child may be interested in attending, please complete the Expression of Interest Google Form [linked here](#). Completing the form is not a commitment to attend, but it will help us to determine whether there is enough interest for the trip to move forward.

If you have any questions please contact me heathersmith@sji-international.edu.my





End of Year Gratitude Assembly

Our annual Gratitude Assembly was a wonderful opportunity to pause and celebrate the people who make our school community so special. A huge congratulations to our outstanding MCs, **Penny, Nicholas, and Matilda**, who led the assembly with confidence and excellence. Thank you also to the **Mathavan family** for their vibrant Indian dance, which filled the auditorium with joy, energy, and a wonderful sense of community.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all of our Class Parent Representatives for the time, care, and commitment they have given throughout the year. We are equally grateful to our incredible **St. Joseph's Parent Volunteers (SPV)**, whose enthusiasm and dedication have helped create so many memorable events. The Family Festival was undoubtedly a highlight, bringing our community together in true Lasallian spirit—and yes, we can't wait for another opportunity to dunk a few teachers next year!

[If you would like to become a Class Parent Representative next academic year please complete the Google Form using this link.](#)



Family Festival 2026 Stall/Year Group Winners

1st Place

Year 5

2nd Place

Year 7

3rd Place

Year 8

Winners of Family Festival 2026!

Congratulations to our **Year 5 students**, who were crowned the winners of **Family Festival 2026** after raising the highest number of coupons through their hugely successful **Teacher Target Throw** stall! Well done to everyone involved, and enjoy your well-deserved trip to **Sunway Lagoon**. A heartfelt thank you to our amazing **SPV** for your generosity, fantastic prizes, and for creating such a fun-filled day that brought our school community together.

Transition - Moving Up Morning

Tuesday morning was an exciting time as the children took part in our Moving Up Morning. They enjoyed meeting their new teacher, spending time with their new classmates and exploring their new classroom. It was a wonderful opportunity to begin building new relationships, become familiar with their new learning environment and ask any questions they had about the year ahead. The morning helped to build confidence and excitement for the transition, and the children thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

End of Year Class Parties

A big thank you to all the mums and dads who helped organise and set up our end-of-year class parties. Your support created a wonderful celebration for our children and a special way to mark a successful academic year. It is always a joy to see our school community come together. Thank you for making these moments so memorable.

First Day Back at School 2026/27

Just a reminder that the first day back for students for the 2026/27 academic year will be **Monday 17th August 2026.**

Wishing you all a wonderful summer break and we look forward to welcoming you back for the next school year.

OXBRIDGE BUBBLE DAY 2026



Oxbridge Bubble

On Sunday, 28 June, 9 Sixth Form students along with Ms Quennie and Ms Warrier attended the Oxbridge Society Malaysia Bubble Day 2026, hosted at Garden International School. The event connected with lecturers, alumni, Oxford and Cambridge student representatives, and Oxford University ambassadors to prepare for their upcoming university applications.

The day provided valuable support for students preparing for highly competitive UK university applications, with a focus on admissions tests, interview preparation and collaborative “bubble” learning.

This event supported students in consolidating the knowledge and skills they learned during our in-house university application support sessions, in SJIIS included an LNAT and UCAT preparatory day. SJIIS has also provided with a bank of materials and a pathways booklet to allow students to have a productive summer of preparation.



Year 11 to Sixth Form Transition Booklets

We are very excited to welcome the next cohort of Year 12s into the sixth form in August. In preparation for this big step, subject departments and the sixth form have created [transition booklets](#) to support them.

We hope students enjoy spending time getting to know their subjects in more detail through the real world applications in the booklet.

Y12 and Y13 Lasallian Formation Camp Launch 2026

We are also pleased to launch the Lasallian Formation Camp 2026, open to next year's Year 12 and Year 13 students.

The [invitation letter](#) contains further details about the camp and how students can take part. The deadline to make the initial payment to secure your place is at the end of this term before the summer break.



Y12 and Y13 UK University Trip: 2 Proposals

We are pleased to share details of two proposed UK University Trip options:

- September 2026, open to Year 12 and Year 13 students, and
- June 2027, open to Year 12 students only.

These trips are designed to give students meaningful insight into UK university life, including visits to Oxford and leading London universities, workshops with tutors and current students, and cultural activities in Oxford and London. Both trips are subject to minimum numbers.

Please see this [letter](#) for details regarding proposed dates, estimated costs, accommodation, payment schedules and next steps.



Project Connect: Year 12 Internship Week

This week, our Year 12 students have been taking part in Project Connect, our Sixth Form internship week. Some have plans to extend these internships over the summer, including a few ambitious sixth formers who will be interning all summer. We are very proud of the positive feedback we have received about our cohort from their workplaces.

Experiences like these allow students to step beyond the classroom, develop professional confidence, and begin to understand the different pathways open to them. We will publish a more detailed reflection of their experiences in August.



Plea for Internship Opportunities from Parents

As we look ahead, we would love to broaden the range of real-world opportunities available to our students through Project Connect. If you would be interested in offering internship opportunities in the future, or if you know someone in a key sector who may be willing to support our students, please complete the Google Form below.

This does not need to be through your own workplace. Introductions to contacts in relevant industries would also be hugely valuable. We are particularly keen to hear from those connected to fields such as **medicine, law, engineering, finance, business, technology, architecture, design, media, psychology, education, research, sustainability, public policy, NGOs and the creative industries.**

Parents, alumni and community contacts may be able to support in a range of ways, including:

- Offering summer internships to Year 12 students, either full-time or part-time, for 1–4 weeks
- Offering job-shadowing visits, office visits or field trips for small groups of students interested in a particular field
- Volunteering to give a lecture or talk to students, either in person or online
- Offering mentoring or coaching through one of our student-run societies
- Volunteering as a mock interviewer
- Speaking in an assembly about a particular career, industry or area of expertise

Ms Warrier will arrange a meeting next term with interested parents and contacts to discuss logistics, expectations and safeguarding arrangements. If this drive is successful, we may also be able to develop shorter workplace-shadowing opportunities for younger students in Years 9 and above. Ultimately, when our community helps one another, we can raise opportunities for all our students.

Please complete the [form](#) here.

If you would like to know more about Project Connect and Internships, please contact Ms Warrier - anuwarrier@sj-i-international.edu.my



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