SJIIS Weekly Update

6 November 2026

Important Dates:

8 Nov - Diwali (public holiday)
9 Nov - Holiday in lieu
10 Nov - Diwali break
11 Nov - All students back to school

Upcoming Events:

13 Nov - Diwali Gala and dress up day
18 Nov - Y10 Coffee Morning
18 Nov - Odd socks day
19 Nov and 3 Dec - Holy Mass

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This Week's Highlight at SJIIS

Maths Week!

It's been a wonderfully busy and exciting Maths Week across EY and Elementary! We kicked off on Monday with our Maths Dress-Up Day, with children arriving in some fantastic costumes and taking part in a range of fun maths challenges alongside other classes and year groups. On Tuesday, we welcomed parents into school for our Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 Maths Workshops, giving families an opportunity to explore how we teach and learn maths at SJIIS. Throughout the rest of the week, children have continued to enjoy a variety of maths games, activities and challenges, bringing learning to life in creative and engaging ways. It's been fantastic to see so much enthusiasm, collaboration and mathematical thinking across the school. A hugely successful week celebrating all things Maths!

In High School, Maths Week was a celebration of mathematical curiosity and creativity! Students enthusiastically participated in a range of activities, including The Great Maths Mystery code-breaking challenge, the Shape Estimation Challenge, and thought-provoking Mathematics Competition Questions during lessons. The week concluded with SJIIS's first participation in the American Mathematics Competition (AMC). The excitement and encouraging level of student participation highlighted the value of making Mathematics engaging, challenging and enjoyable beyond the classroom.

















🪔 Save the Date! Diwali Gala & Dress-Up Day

Get ready to celebrate the Festival of Lights!

Friday, 13 November 2026 will be our **Diwali Gala and Diwali Dress-Up Day**. Whole school community (students, staffs, parents) are invited to embrace the festive spirit by wearing colourful and beautiful traditional Indian attire.

Let's brighten up our school with vibrant colours, joy and togetherness as we celebrate the rich traditions of Diwali!

Wishing everyone a joyful and sparkling Diwali celebration! ✨



Year 5 & 6 Student and Parent Sip and Paint

We are hosting a student and parent Sip & Paint event for Y5 & 6 as a way to come together as a community and share an interest in art, improve watercolour painting skills, and create wonderful artworks that may be selected to be turned into a greeting card and sold at our upcoming Christmas Fair to raise money for a great cause!
All sessions will be hosted in E4-06 Art Room. Your Child's class time slot is listed on the Google Form.

Facilitated by the HS art and design team, this is also a great opportunity to learn a little more about how Art and Design lessons are delivered in the High School! A Google Form will be sent to you from your child's teacher or head of year, to indicate your attendance.

SAINTS SPORTS UPDATE

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A week full of sport at SJIIS. Well done to our Football teams and our U11 Basketball Teams. Some of the tournaments had to be cancelled due to the storms, but all of our students were a credit to us in the way they performed and the character they showed, on and off of the field or court.

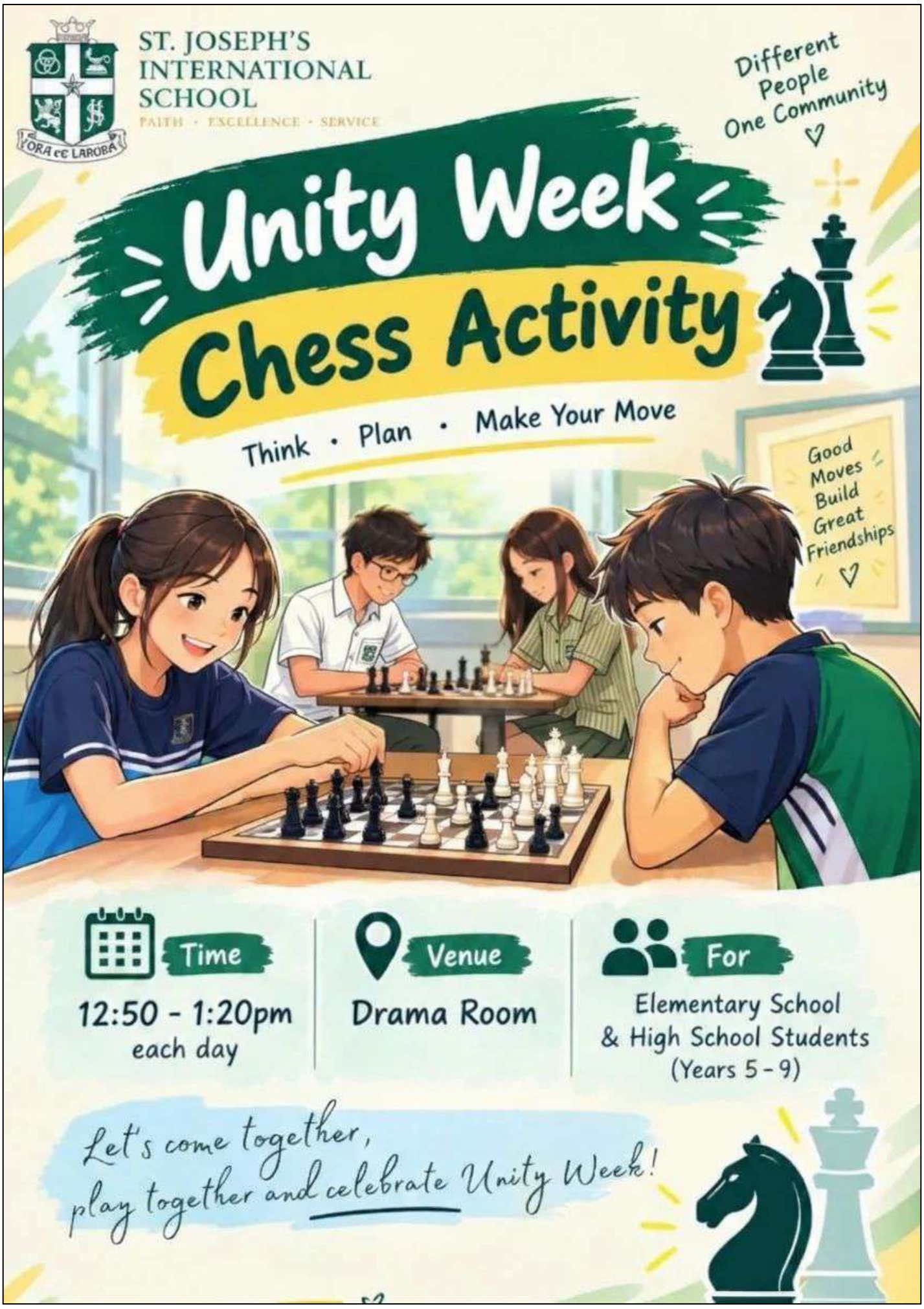


A special recognition goes to our U15 Girls team who won Bronze medals








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Unity Week
Chess Activity
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Time
12:50 - 1:20pm each day
Venue
Drama Room
For
Elementary School & High School Students (Years 5 - 9)
Let's come together, play together and celebrate Unity Week!

Unity Week and Chess activity

We are excited to celebrate Unity Week starting Monday, 16th November 2026, focusing on bringing our school community together to celebrate inclusion and friendship. A major highlight of the week will be Odd Socks Day on Wednesday, 18th November, when students and staff are invited to wear mismatched socks to express their individuality. Throughout the week, students will participate in thought-provoking PSHE lessons exploring empathy, teamwork, and acceptance. Additionally, interactive lunchtime activities will take place to help students build connections across all year groups. We encourage all families to discuss these themes at home as we reinforce the value of unity together. There is an opportunity for Year 5 and 6 students to link with High students and play chess at lunch times that week.





Maths parent session

Thank you so much to all the parents who attended both the EYFS/KS1 workshop or the KS2 workshop. It was fantastic to have the chance to explore the concrete resources that we use in school to create deeper understanding around mathematical concepts all the way to Year 6.

English/RWI Parent session

A big thank you to all the parents who joined us for our parent workshop on supporting your child with reading. It was lovely to share some practical ideas and discuss how we can help our children build confidence, develop their reading skills and foster a genuine love of reading. We look forward to welcoming you to more Read Write Inc. workshops in the future!

Read Write Inc. Phonics

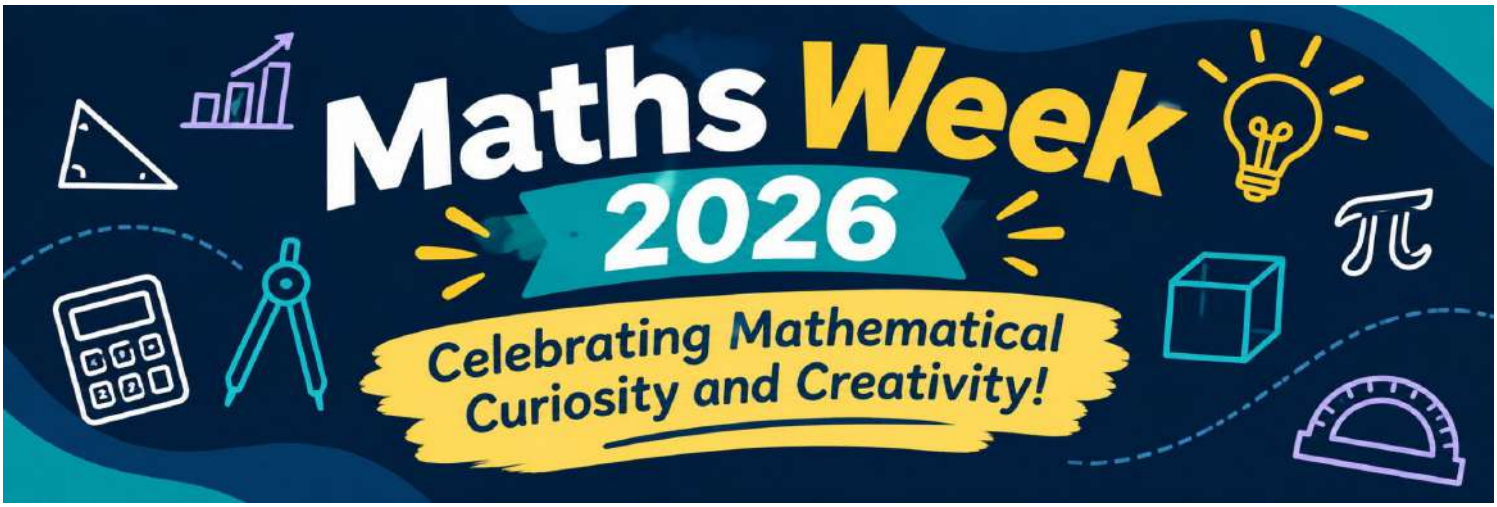
Upcoming Special Days

We have several exciting special days right around the corner! These events are a fantastic opportunity for students to let their personalities shine and join in on the fun. Please also note Monday and Tuesday are public holidays.

9 and 10 November - Public Holidays (school is closed)

13 November Friday - Deepawali Gala and Dress up

18 November Wednesday - Odd Socks Day



Maths Week, held from 2nd to 6th November, brought excitement, curiosity and mathematical challenges to SJIIS! Throughout the week, students were encouraged to explore Mathematics beyond the classroom through a variety of engaging activities designed to develop critical thinking, logical reasoning and problem-solving skills.

One of the highlights was **The Great Maths Mystery**, a week-long code-breaking challenge in which students became detectives, solving mathematical puzzles and analysing clues released throughout the week to uncover the culprit behind the mysterious disappearance of the Golden Calculator. The **Shape Estimation Challenge** encouraged students to put their estimation skills to the test, while **Mathematics Competition Questions** introduced during lessons challenged students to think creatively and apply their knowledge in unfamiliar situations. The week culminated in SJIIS's first participation in the **American Mathematics Competition (AMC)**, providing students with an exciting opportunity to challenge themselves on an international platform.

The enthusiasm, curiosity and willingness of students to participate were particularly encouraging. It was wonderful to see students engaging with mathematical challenges, discussing ideas with their peers and embracing opportunities to think beyond conventional examination questions. **Maths Week was a celebration of Mathematics as a subject of discovery, creativity and enjoyment**, and we hope it inspired students to continue exploring the fascinating world of Mathematics!





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STEP INTO THE HIGH SCHOOL CLASSROOM

A glimpse into learning at the next stage

We are delighted to invite **Year 5** and **Year 6** parents to join us for a series of interactive classroom sessions, designed to give you a taste of the High School learning experience at SJIIS.

- ENGLISH & MEDIA
- MATHS
- SCIENCE
- LANGUAGES
- PE
- HUMANITIES
- DRAMA
- ART AND DESIGN
- MUSIC
- HIGH SCHOOL TRANSITION

FIND OUT MORE

Scan the QR code to view session details, dates and times.

RSVP

Scan the QR code to let us know which session(s) you would like to attend.

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SCIENCE WEEK, November 23rd-27th

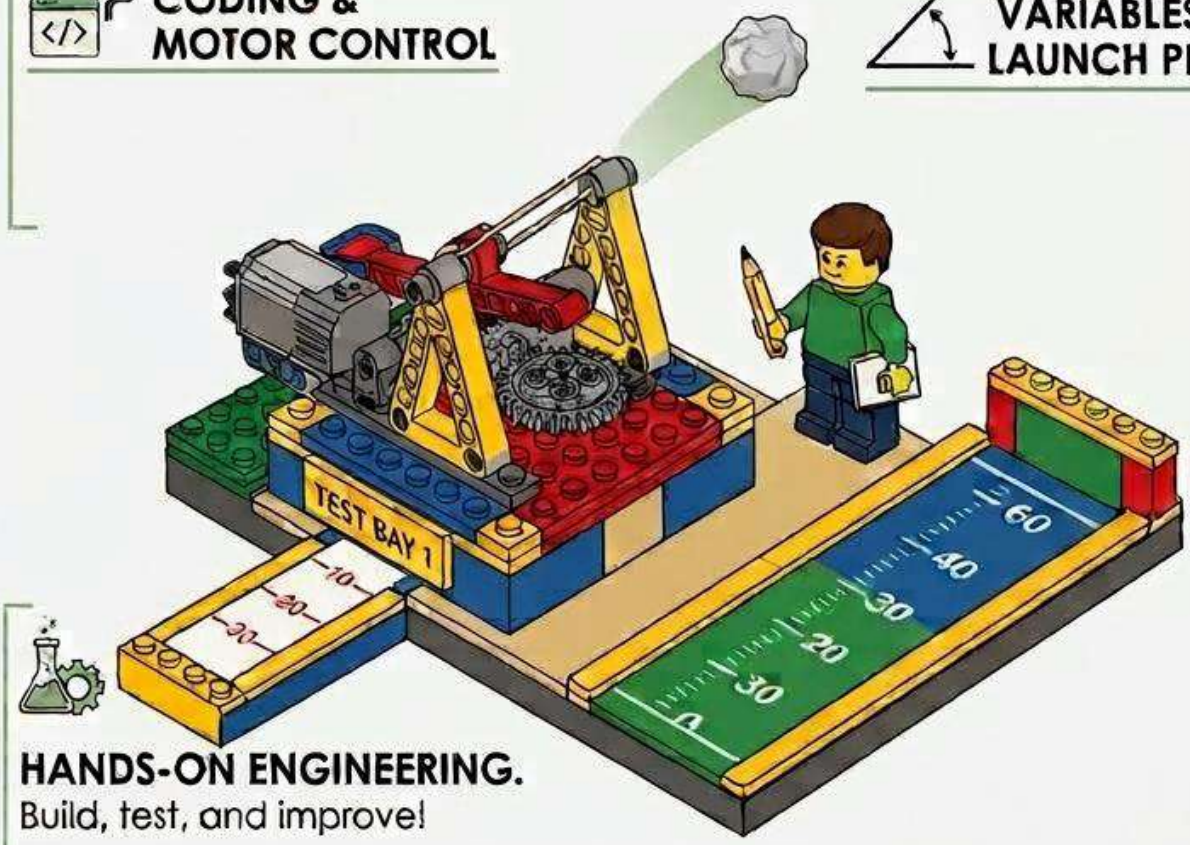
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HOW TO APPLY & SELECTION

Write a letter (max 200 words) to Ms Cartwright in Class 3M **by Friday 6th November** explaining why you want to take part.

Selection will be made from applications.

LIMITED PLACES

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Year 9 – Making Connections

At the heart of our Year 9 vision is a commitment to **promoting unity, building relationships and empowering others**.

Bringing this vision to life, we have launched our new *Making Connections* initiative. This ongoing programme provides opportunities for our Year 9 students to connect with and support younger pupils across the school.

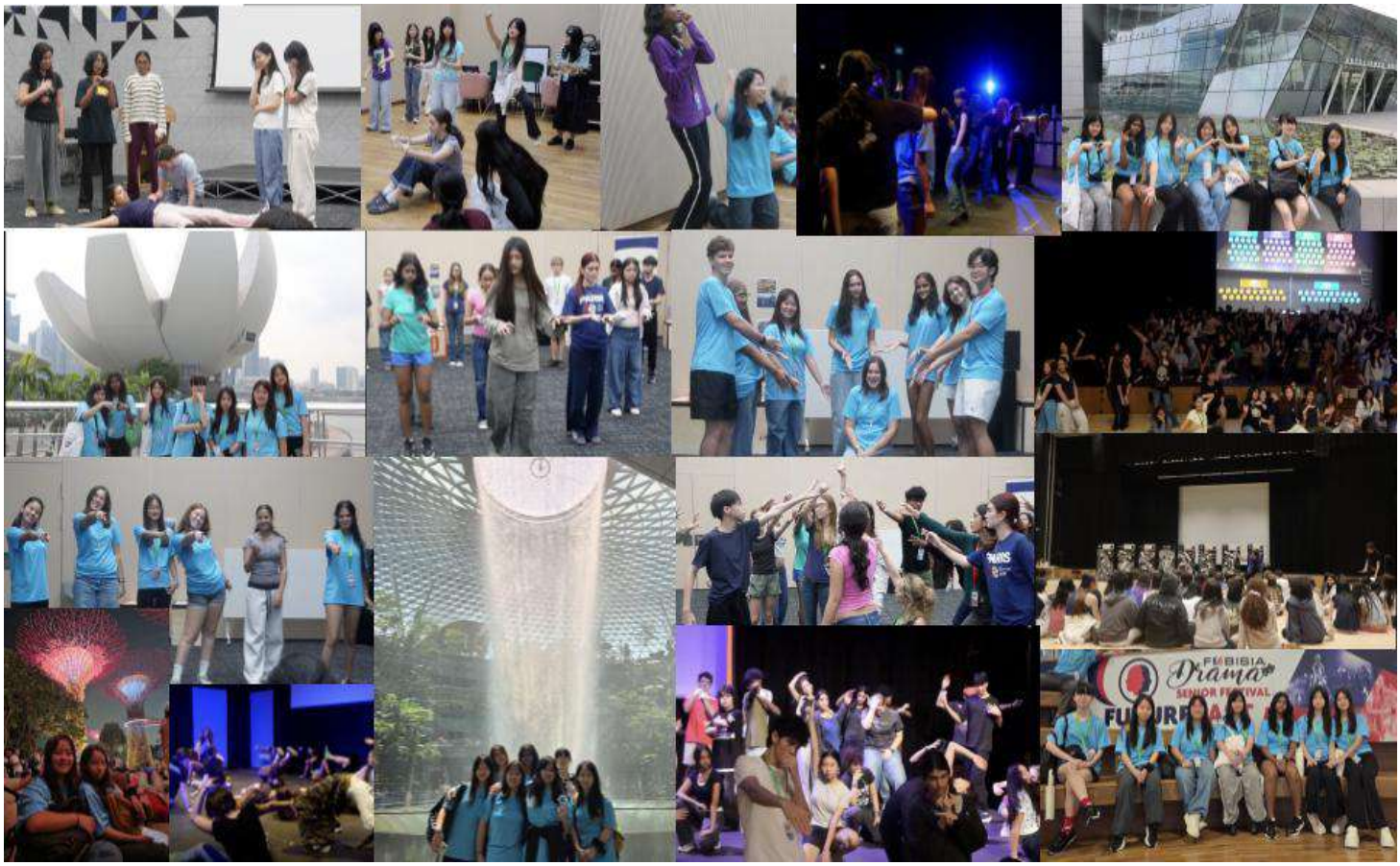
During High School tutor time and Elementary School break times, Year 9 students will work alongside younger pupils, offering guidance, encouragement and attentive support as they develop their social skills and confidence.

Through these interactions, we hope to foster a stronger sense of community, encourage positive relationships across year groups and empower our students to become compassionate, supportive role models.

We look forward to seeing these connections grow throughout the year!



Students Take to the Stage at the FOBISIA Senior Drama Festival in Singapore!



Last week, our Key Stage 4 Drama students travelled to Singapore to take part in the FOBISIA Senior Drama Festival, hosted by NLCS Singapore.

Over four days, they immersed themselves in a programme of acting and movement workshops, exploring new skills, techniques and approaches to performance. Working alongside students from schools across Asia, they then formed their own theatre companies to create an original short performance inspired by the theme *'Future Past'*. Their devised pieces were performed on the final day to an audience of around 500 people, alongside a spectacular collaborative dance performance, *Dance Through the Ages*, featuring all 130 festival participants.

One of the most rewarding aspects of the festival was seeing how much students gained from working with people of different ages, backgrounds and nationalities. At dinner each evening, it was wonderful to hear them enthusiastically sharing stories from their companies, reflecting on the techniques they had discovered and discussing how they hoped to apply these new ideas to their own coursework back at SJIIS. Being exposed to different perspectives, performance styles and creative approaches encouraged them to experiment beyond their usual comfort zones and broaden their understanding of what theatre can be.

The festival also offered plenty of opportunities to experience the arts and culture of Singapore beyond the rehearsal room. Highlights included an evening at the theatre experiencing a two-hour immersive performance exploring urban planning and displacement, a trip to the cinema to watch *Legally Blonde: The Musical*, and visits to the Science Museum and Marina Bay Sands.

As the final performances came to an end, the festival lobby was filled with tears, hugs and heartfelt goodbyes as students said farewell to the new friends they had made over the four days. It was a lovely reminder that festivals like these are about so much more than developing skills in the classroom; they are about building connections, sharing experiences and discovering new possibilities together.

We returned to SJIIS with plenty of new ideas, inspiration and, undoubtedly, some lasting memories!



Annual Y9 Sip and Paint

Thank you to all the Year 9 parents who joined us for our annual Parent Sip and Paint session! We had a fantastic turnout this year, with parents stepping directly into their child's High School Art lesson for an engaging, hands-on experience.

Together, parents and students developed watercolor techniques and worked side-by-side to create beautiful collaborative artwork. The session gave families a firsthand look into how our High School classes run, offering a unique window into daily school life while providing dedicated quality time to learn and create together.



We truly appreciate your continued support and enthusiasm for our Art department and school community!



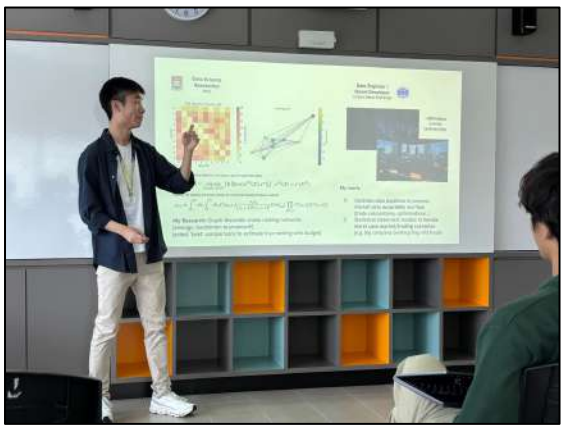


Global Enterprise Pathway: Sixth Form Pitches

On the 29th of October, 6th Form students enrolled in the Enterprise pathway gave their marketing pitches for a combined Lego partnership product. The presentations were well-researched, well thought-out and engaging.

Students took into account market research, target audiences, and reaching audiences in the marketing landscape of 2026.

Teams presented their work, and answered questions from a teacher and student panel. A big well done to all participants!



Alumni Insights: Ethan Lam, UCL

On Thursday the 5th, we were happy to host Ethan Lam, an alumnus from the Class of 2023. He gave a very insightful talk about his university life in the UK, and some tips about the daily realities of being a university student.

His presentation was focused on studying for his degree in data science, an important emerging field in the contemporary job market. Ethan was kind enough to stick around to answer questions that one of our very interested Year 13 students had. We thank Ethan for his time, and hope to see him again soon!



Creative Universities Visit

This diverse group of internationally recognized institutions spans traditional visual arts, digital production, luxury design, and technical engineering. Together, they offer high-school students, portfolio builders and prospective undergraduates a comprehensive look at how creative expression and technical rigor converge in modern careers.

Read more here



Ireland University Medical Consortium

The Irish Universities Medical Consortium (IUMC) for counsellors happened last 31 October at Four Seasons Hotel Kuala Lumpur. IUMC provides a streamlined admissions portal for international students seeking entry into four premier Irish medical schools

Please read our key insights here.

Thank You for Joining Our 2027 End of Year Camps Parent Briefing

A sincere thank you to all the parents and guardians who joined us for our 2027 Year 7–10 End of Year Camps briefing on Friday, 6 November. We greatly appreciated your time, engagement and continued partnership as we prepare for this exciting programme.

Under this year's theme, **Adventure with Purpose**, our camps have been carefully designed in partnership with Big Ocean to go beyond traditional trips and provide meaningful learning experiences rooted in our SJIIS Lasallian ethos.

During the presentation, parents were given an insight into how each camp connects learning beyond the classroom with our Humanities curriculum, character development and Lasallian virtues. Across the year groups, students will progress from developing self-awareness and personal reflection, to understanding different cultures and communities, working collaboratively, and recognising their responsibility to contribute to the wider world. Each experience incorporates opportunities for service, leadership, resilience, reflection and meaningful engagement with others.

We hope the session provided families with a clearer understanding of the educational purpose behind each camp and the opportunities these experiences will offer our students to grow in character, independence and compassion.

Our next step is to secure your child's place! Parents are invited to complete the initial **RM1,000 deposit payment by Friday, 4 December 2026**, using the relevant camp payment reference code. All medical forms, available through Google Classroom, should also be completed by the end of November.

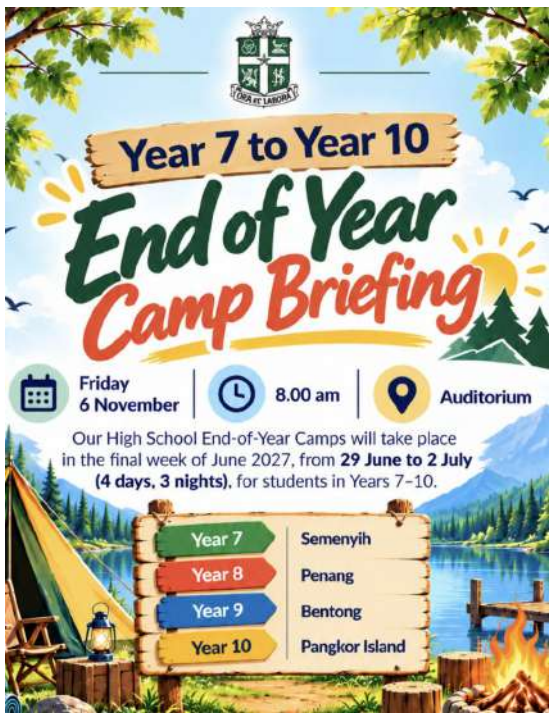
Thank you once again for your support and enthusiasm. We look forward to working together to make our 2027 End of Year Camps a memorable experience, where our students discover more about themselves, understand others and learn to make a positive contribution to the world around them.

Below are all the useful links for from this Briefing

Meeting Recording Link

Presentation Link

How to secure Deposit Payment





ES Student Absence Form

HS Student absence form



SJIIS School Calendar 2026/27

HS Parent Overview Assessment Window 26/27 calendar



WS Teaching Staff Email 26/27

HS Staff Information link





SJIIS Safeguarding Team



SPV Website

E-service (Top Up Credit)

E-service Manual

FAQ Meal plan

Term 1 AY26/27 Menu

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WS CCA Website

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