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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach an incredibly exciting and historic moment for The Salesian Academy of St John Bosco, I am writing to remind you of the arrangements for the coming weeks and to share some of the special activities planned as we prepare to say farewell to our current school building.

School Is Open as Normal This Week – Every Day Counts!

Firstly, I would like to emphasise that school is open as normal throughout this week, and we expect all pupils to attend every day. Normal lessons, learning and school routines will continue until **Friday 23rd October**.

This is a particularly special week for our school community as we celebrate the end of an era in our legacy building, which has been home to generations of pupils, staff and families.
To mark the occasion, we are running a special attendance competition throughout the week, with some fantastic prizes available!

Every day that a pupil attends school, they will receive an entry into our prize draw. The more days they attend, the more chances they have to win.
Prizes include:

- Gift vouchers worth up to £50
- An exclusive opportunity to be among the first pupils to visit our brand-new school building on Friday 23rd October.

We want every pupil to be part of this memorable week and to have the opportunity to celebrate this important milestone in our school's history.

Friday Afternoon – Making School History
On Friday afternoon-last lesson, pupils will spend time in their form groups reflecting on and celebrating the memories, experiences and friendships that have made our current school building so special.
As part of these celebrations, pupils will also take part in a special event that will give them the opportunity to leave their own mark on the history of our school, becoming part of its story as we prepare to begin an exciting new chapter.
This will be a unique and meaningful occasion, and we are keen for all pupils to be involved.

Reminder: October Half-Term and Return to School
As outlined in my letter at the start of this term, our October half-term holiday will last for two weeks, from Monday 26th October to Friday 6th November 2026

Please remember the following important arrangements

Monday 9th November – INSET Day

School will be closed to all pupils while staff prepare the new building.

Tuesday 10th November – Phased Return

- Years 7 and 11: Return to school at 10.00am.
- Years 8, 9 and 10: Remain at home.
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Wednesday 11th November – All Year Groups Return

- Years 7, 10 and 11: Arrive at the normal school start time of 8.35am (be onsite for this time)
- Years 8 and 9: Arrive at 11.15am.
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These arrangements are designed to ensure that pupils are welcomed into their new surroundings in a calm, safe and supportive way.

We are approaching a truly significant moment in the history of the Salesian Academy of St John Bosco. While we are excited about the opportunities our new building will bring, we also want to ensure that we give our current school building the farewell it deserves.

Please support us by ensuring your child is in school every day this week. Every lesson matters, every day counts, and we want every pupil to have the opportunity to be part of these final celebrations.
Thank you for your continued support and partnership as we prepare to make school history together.

Kind regards,

Mrs S. Bourgade
Headteacher