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20th October 2023

Headteacher's Friday Roundup Week 7

Dear parents/carers

This week draws to a close the first half-term. This update is brief because I have linked a copy of 'Inform' (our School newsletter) below, which captures more details on highlights and celebrations this term.

[Inform Newsletter Sept/Oct 2023](#)

Additionally, I am delighted to link a copy of 'Update' below, which is a Year specific Newsletter from your daughter's Head of Year on the activities this past term, and a signposting of upcoming dates next half term. Please do give it a read!

[Year 9 Update, Autumn Term 2023-2024](#)

Israeli-Palestinian conflict

I want to acknowledge the upsetting scenes and news emerging from the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and let parents know that we have been dedicating time to pray and hold discussions with the students. Please do contact the school if your family is directly affected by this conflict, as we would want to provide additional support for your child. Also, the images and videos on TV and online, especially on platforms like Tik-Tok can be very upsetting and unsettling so we would ask that you do hold conversations with your children re. what they are seeing. To support parents and carers, the article by [Common Sense Media](#) and poster from [National Online Safety](#) can be used as guides to hold appropriate conversations with your child.

Parent Portals

We use several portals to support our students' learning journeys, we understand this is a lot and can be confusing and frustrating for parents. This is not an issue exclusive to Ursuline High School Wimbledon, it is something many schools struggle with, as the portals all do different things, and many cannot be integrated. However, now that we





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have moved to Arbor there may be opportunities for us to consolidate some of our portals, this is a project we will be looking at over the next year. I will update parents when there is further news. In the meantime, should any parents need clarification on what portals we do use and what they are for, please do read our [Parent Portals](#) webpage. Thank you for bearing with us.

Communications

Please ensure you are reading all emails from the school to ensure you are not missing important communications relating to your child's education and wellbeing. If you are a Weduc user, you will receive emails to your Weduc account. If you did not enrol on Weduc you will receive emails to your email mailbox. We recommend notifications are enabled where possible and that emails are read daily to ensure nothing important and/or urgent is missed.

Wishing you and your families a happy and restful half term. I look forward to welcoming students back on Wednesday 1st November. A reminder that Monday 30th and Tuesday 31st October are INSET days, and the school will be closed to students.

Yours faithfully

Eoin Kelly
Acting Headteacher

