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19th January 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

Headteacher's Weekly Roundup Date, Spring A Week 2

This week we had two very important events in school, the Year 9 Options Evening on Tuesday 16th January 2024 and the Year 13 Parents Evening on Wednesday 17th January 2024. I wish to extend the school communities thanks and gratitude for the outstanding attendance and engagement in these crucial meetings. I enjoyed speaking directly with Parents and Carers and getting your direct feedback at these events. A reminder that the links to the presentations from the Year 9 Pathways Presentation evening can be found in the Quick Links section below.

Highlights of the week

The Hispanic week celebrations all week in school created lots of opportunity to recognise and share Hispanic culture and contributions to society. All subjects in Year 7 to 9 had specific curriculum themes linked to this and outside of lesson a whole range of activities were on offer from Hispanic morning prayers, film events, Loteria Mexicana and even a Mexican lunch menu in the school canteen.

Staff and Student Leaders in the Sports department ran an outstanding Year 7 Merton Indoor Athletics Competition in the school Sports Hall. Please see the pictures below. Well done to all our Year 7 winners.

Theatre Trip

Students in Year 7 to went to see the 'Snow Queen' at the Polka Theatre and thoroughly enjoyed the performance and we look forward to noting the impact that this opportunity has on their learning.

Focus areas for next week:

Feast of St Angela Masses to mark Feast Day on 27th January 2024. We look forward to celebrating this very special date in the school year with reverence and participation. Spring A Assessments continue to take place across all subjects this half term. Parents and Carers will be able to view the report after the 8th February 2024.

Some upcoming events & dates

22nd January - Year 7 and 8 test Assessment Week. Good luck.

Tuesday 23rd January - Feast of St Angela Mass in School Year 12 and Year 13.

Wednesday 24th January – 11:15am Feast of St Angela Mass Year 8 and Year 11 and 1.25pm Year 9 and Year 10

Thursday 25th January (4pm). Year 11 Parent's Evening. Please be aware that parking is restricted and there is no access to Crescent Road before 4pm due to local street restrictions.

Thursday 25th January Year 8 Merton Indoor Athletics Competition at Wimbledon College.

Thursday 25th January Jack Petchey Speak Out Challenge.

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Friday 26th Chinese and Mandarin lesson Continue 2:00 – 3:00pm
Friday 26th January Feast of St Angela Mass Sacred heart Church Year 7

News and announcements

Following the very sad news of the death of Mrs Shirley Ward on the 15th December 2023, her funeral will take place on Tuesday 23rd of January at 11:30am. The school will be represented at the funeral of our dear colleague Mrs Ward and our choir will be assisting in the service on the specific request of Mrs Ward herself as she made preparations ahead of her untimely passing. Parents and Carers of students involved have been informed separately. There will be some adjustments to the teaching schedule on Tuesday to accommodate staff in attendance. School lessons will continue as scheduled.

For more details of the funeral arrangements please follow this link

<https://lodge.afuneralnotice.com/n/e05f6109>

May she rest in peace.

Parent Resources

[Newsletters](#) – school-wide and year group

Images from the week

**It was the perfect wintry weather for the Year 7 trip to see The Snow Queen at the Polka Theatre on Thursday!
They all loved the show and I'm happy to report that behaviour was outstanding!**



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Spring approaching means the start of the athletics season! Students were excited to take part in the Merton Indoor Athletics this week.



Year 8 were learning about aeration in Food and Nutrition this week. Just look at that Swiss roll a student made. Yum!





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Students have really enjoyed Hispanic Heritage Week. They have analysed Elizabeth Acevedo's poem and Carlos Ruis Zafon's novel in English, cooked Hispanic food, learnt about historic events as well as the importance of Latin American countries in subjects such as History and Geography. Here they are in French speaking about the dress code at a Quinquennia (a celebration of a girl's 15th birthday. It has cultural roots in Mexico and is widely celebrated throughout Latin America.)





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Wishing you and your family a lovely weekend.

Yours faithfully



Eoin Kelly

Acting Headteacher

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