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THE URSULINE HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER FAITH DEVELOPMENT, CATHOLIC MISSION AND SERVIAM VALUES

Meet Our R.E Team



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COLLECTIVE WORSHIP



Please take a look at our NEW Catholic Life section on our website for further details of our Catholic Life!

Easter Passion Services - Weds 28th March

Every year at the end of the Spring Term and towards the end of Lent we gather together in prayer and reflection for our Passion Services. During the service we focus on the meaning of Easter: how Jesus' death and resurrection is an invitation for all us to salvation.

Chaplaincy Update

It is a pleasure to say hello here for the first time, having started as the new Chaplain for UHS Wimbledon this January. This term saw our Year 7 Commissioning Service, Year 12 Retreat on 'Social Justice' and Year 10 Form Retreat focused on "Hospitality of the heart". We celebrated our St Angela masses at Sacred Heart Church with help provided by the Chaplaincy Team. We hosted our Ursuline Conference on the theme of "Enlarging the



Dominic Cunliffe

Tent", welcoming our Ursuline schools in the UK and Ireland, more information can be found on our Instagram.

Ash Wednesday services were held for Year 7-12, with reflections and distribution of ashes, followed by a five week programme of Eucharistic Adoration, donations for Wimbledon Foodbank, a digital detox, thanksgiving cards and the Sacrament of reconciliation. Additional lunchtime activities have been added this term such as 'Time Out Tuesday'; a time of meditation, prayer, quiet music and candle ambience. Looking ahead next term we anticipate taking Year 7 students to Wintershall, our Chaplaincy team to Ayslesford and restarting our YSVP visits to care homes.

Dominic Cunliffe, Chaplain

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - RELIGIOUS LITERACY - SPRING









Year 7 Students use short stories to explore Traditions, Religious Principles, and Colonial Influences. Students explore the works of the following authors: Acclaimed novelist, poet, and essayist Leslie Marmon Silko is known for her lyric treatment of Native American subjects. Lev Nikolayevich Tolstoy was a Russian writer who primarily wrote novels and short stories. Later in life, he also wrote plays and essays. Chinua Achebe was arguably Africa's best-known novelist and the founding father of African fiction.

Year 8 Students are introduced to some of the less familiar parables that Jesus used to deliver his message about the Kingdom of God. Students are then expected to create their own parable with links to one of the principles of the Catholic Social Teachings, viz, Solidarity. Through the study of these parables, students develop their knowledge of the Word of God as well as developing skills in critical analysis of a text, deciphering metaphors and creative writing.

Catholic Life in Pictures



St Angela Mass: celebrating our patron saint Angela Merici at Sacred Heart Church



'Rest. Rhythm. Prayer' R.E Team Retreat at the 'Kairos Retreat Centre'



Year 8 Form Retreats looking at gratitude, gifts and how to be a person of impact



Ursuline Gives Thanks; students wrote messages of gratitude to our community



Flame 2023; A Catholic youth event at Wembley Arena with the theme of 'Rise Up'



Year 8 Mosque Visit; Year 8 received a talk at Baitul Futuh Mosque, Morden