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8th December 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

Headteacher's Weekly Roundup Date, Autumn B Week 6

Thank you to everyone in the community who supported the school production and students involved are settling back into the routines of school. The year 11 students are underway with their Full Mock GCSEs. The first day butterflies in the stomach have disappeared and they are fully engrossed in the process, committing fully and maturely to the challenge and opportunity. See the picture below of the students all sitting their RE paper 1 Mock.

I had the pleasure of introducing to the staff today the new 6th form leadership teams of the school. Head Girls, Deputy Head girl and for the first time in the school's history our Deputy Head boy. You can listen to their introduction message to the Ursuline Community, select [here](#)
This year's selection process was very competitive and a number of students who came close in the contest are being prepared for senior prefect responsibilities in the school. Well done again for everyone who had the courage to put themselves forward, this will lead to new opportunities for you.

Highlights of the week

Punctuality was excellent in the school despite the travel disruption this week. Well done to parents/carer and of course students for adjusting their routines.

We had a Sixth Form Science trip to the faraday Museum and the Year 9 Old Vic Theatre workshop and trip to see 'A Christmas Carol'.

The confident and mature approach for the year 11 in undertaking their Mock exams and getting experience of managing their own timing to and from school in response to their individual exam timetables.





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Focus areas for next week

Good luck to all the year 11 students as they begin their Full Mock schedule, we know you will give it your best.

Good luck to our Oxbridge interview candidates next week. We know you are ready to show of your incredible talents and product of your hard work in this process.

Some upcoming events & dates

12th and 13th December Christmas lunch in School.

13th December LAMDA showcase 6pm

14th December Year 7 to 13 Sacrament of reconciliation by appointment.

14th December Tea Party for retired members of the parish and local community in school

18th December (8pm) – Joint Carol Service at Sacred Heart.



Catholic Agency for
Overseas Development

Christmas Gift Appeal

Thank you for all of your Christmas gift donations in support of the [Catholic Childrens Society](http://www.catholicchildrensociety.org.uk) Christmas Gift Appeal.

News and announcements

Advent services have begun in the school this week for year 7 and 8. Please talk to your daughters about this special seasonal event in preparation for the feast of Christmas.

The Governors of the school are sharing the consultation report findings on the school's application to form and join the catholic academy trust 'Sancta Familia'. Please follow the link below to view this document.

To view the details of the Catholic Academy Trust please view this website.

[Sancta Familia CAT Consultation](#)

Parent Resources

FREE Online Relationship Support for Parents: Merton's free accessible digital resources provided by OnePlusOne are designed to help parents understand the impact of arguments on their children, and learn techniques to communicate, handle stress, and manage conflict more constructively.

[Parent resource sign up \(oneplusone.org.uk\)](http://oneplusone.org.uk)





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Images from the week



Year 11 Mocks are underway!



Year 13 students had a great time on their Royal Courts of London Tour on 7th December.



Year 11s take part in a collaborative rugby training session with Ricards Lodge including a 10s training match as part of their GCSE PE mock moderation.



Ursuline U14 Basketball team finished as Bronze Medallists in the Merton Borough Championships at Harris Academy Merton.





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Year 9 have been enjoying a series of talks on technology career path this week. Aiming to share female role models and broaden their minds to the variety of careers available to them in the world of Technology. Pictured: Tapashya Murali: Head of Engineering at Acumen, a Smart Revenue Management platform.



The Season of Advent has begun with special assemblies and Advent Services in the Chapel. for Years 7-8.





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Congratulations to our new Head Leadership Team (below, right). You can listen to their introduction message to the Ursuline Community [here](#).



Retiring Heads' Student Leadership Team:
A huge thank you to Erinn and Layla,
who are handing over the torch of leadership
to our newly appointed team. They have left
behind a wonderful legacy.



Heads' Student Leadership Team: Heads: Akua 12C and Clara 12A
Deputy Heads: Lara 12C and Joshua 12M



Year 7 had a great time at their Christmas fair this morning!





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Wishing you and your family a lovely weekend.

Yours faithfully

Eoin Kelly

Acting Headteacher

