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Dear Parents and Carers

Headteacher's Weekly Roundup Summer B Week 2

We said goodbye to our Dallas exchange students as they returned home to Texas after a fantastic 10 days experiencing life in London and also being in our school. Thank you to everyone who opened their homes and looked after our guests and to staff students, parents and carers who arranged all the visits and made them feel so welcome. These exchanges are invaluable in understanding and appreciating our shared global ethos as an Ursuline school committed to the values of Serviam.

In another busy week for cultural enrichment on Tuesday 11th June, KS5 French students took part in a visit to South Kensington for a cultural afternoon at the French Institute. They then went on to watch a screening of 'Here' at the French Cinéma Lumière. On Thursday 13th June Sociology students visited the Buddhist Temple in Wimbledon and some Year 12s visited Surrey University to get a taste of what it's like to be a student at university. Mr Cunliffe, our school Chaplain, brought a delegation to the CCE Conference in St Mellitus College with a focus on 'Student Driven Leadership.' Students from Year 7 to Year 10 involved in this programme had an excellent experience of how students can lead for change with a focus on ethical and moral leadership.

Highlights of the Week

We had a visit from our Ursuline School Improvement Partner today, Mr Steve Williams accompanied by a School Governor. Mr Williams met staff to discuss the plans and priorities for the upcoming academic year. Mr Williams helped staff adjust some of the priorities and plans but was effusive in his praise for the clarity and direction of school leaders.

As part of our Primary Outreach Programme, we hosted an interschool Sports Day for Year 5 students from St John Fisher and Sacred Heart. These students, guided by our staff and students, enjoyed such activities as trampolining, volleyball and hockey. A day thoroughly enjoyed by all participants.

Focus areas for next week

Students must not loiter in Wimbledon, Raynes Park or Mitcham Town centres. Centre Court Shopping Centre in Wimbledon is out of bounds for students after school. All of these areas are designated Anti-Social Behaviour Dispersal Zones.

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Some upcoming events & dates

Monday 17th June: Year 10 End of Year Exam/ Y8 Team Building and Picnic at Morley Park 12:45-3pm

Tuesday 18th June: Year 12 Business and Economics Trip to Thorpe Park

Wednesday 19th June: Year 11 Graduation Evening

Thursday 20th June: Year 7 Public Speaking Showcase in St Angela's

Friday 21st June: Year 7 and 8 Auditions for the School production in St Angela's

News and announcements

We have been delighted to receive applications from parents and carers and our wider community for employment roles in the school and we have recruited some excellent new staff. Please keep a look out for current and upcoming roles by following the link to the school website: [Job Opportunities](#).

Newsletters

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

Parent resources

Please ensure that students are not being provided with stationery which is unsuitable for school. Special care needs to be taken when supplying your child with Art, Craft or Design Technology sets in school. Frequently these contain blades or tools for cutting which are inappropriate for school and are a potential safeguarding risk to all students. Any student bringing such items to school will have them confiscated and as this is in contravention for the school's Behaviour policy this will need to be managed as a disciplinary matter. Any questions or concerns please speak to your daughter's Form tutor or Head of Year.

Catholic Life of the School

Visit our [website](#) to read more about what we currently do to embed our Catholic ethos into school life.

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Our Chaplaincy team were sharing their ministry at the CCE National Chaplaincy Conference this week with Mr Cunliffe held at St Mellitus College. Students demonstrated great leadership- well done.



Students have been preparing for their DofE gold expedition recently with expedition training. This is in preparation for their 'on the hill' training this weekend, students have already covered campcraft, first aid and emergency procedures and will be focusing on navigation this weekend.





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A huge well done and THANK YOU to all of class 8Margaret who single handedly led an excellent morning of Multi-Sports with some of our visiting Primary Schools on Thursday.



It's been a busy few weeks for many students who have been selected to represent Merton at the London Youth Games. Well done, Maeve: Bronze medallist with the Squash team (top left). Basketballers: Alyssa and Stephanie and our U13 Footballers: Joanne, Robyn, Leia, Alyssa and Clara!





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After a fun filled two weeks, we said goodbye to our Ursuline Dallas staff and student visitors yesterday. They enjoyed another fun week, with a particular highlight including visiting the local AFC Wimbledon football stadium on Plough Lane where they enjoyed a tour and helping out with the Dons Local Action food bank charity - displaying great Serviam attributes.





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Wishing you and your family a lovely weekend.

Yours faithfully

Eoin Kelly
Headteacher

