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12th January 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

Headteacher's Weekly Roundup, Spring A Week 1

Welcome back to 2024 Ursuline High School. Despite the cold snap in the weather the students have been buoyant and energetic in returning to school. Students have presented with excellent uniform, are organised and the lessons observed have shown excellent engagement.

It appears Santa may have brought lots of earrings this Christmas, but this has resulted in many being confiscated on arrival in school, please support the school in the uniform Policy to avoid unnecessary conversations.

Well done to the Year 12s and 13s who resat GCSEs in English and Maths last November we received really outstanding results this week on 11th January. A wonderful achievement, well done.

Highlights of the week

Congratulations to students securing university offers. This week, Sophia who has successfully been offered a conditional place at Trinity College Oxford to study Law in September 2024.

Congratulations also extends to Daina who has secured a conditional offer to Imperial College to study Biochemistry. We look forward to sharing more good news in the term ahead as further offers are secured by our Year 13s.

Bown Envelope Day Friday 12th January. Our Year 11s received their Mock Exam results, replicating what happens on August results day. Congratulations for all the hard work and effort which went into preparing for this and the term ahead provides the perfect opportunity to close any gaps in knowledge and understanding ahead of the Summer exams.

Focus areas for next week

Attendance in Year 9 and 10 was unacceptable in the final week of the term. Unavoidable illness could not account for the unusual drop in attendance, and this will be followed up with by Assistant Headteachers and Heads of Year. Attendance at the start and end of terms are monitored and followed up with in every case.





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A number of students in the lower school are not using their lockers correctly. Many identified without a padlock. Please talk to your daughter about this to ensure that she is securing any valuables safely in her locker.

Spring Mid-year Assessments take place across all subjects this half term. Reports will be sent home at the end of this short half term. We wish all students well for this important milestone in the journey this year.

Some upcoming events & dates

15th January Hispanic Week. Lots of activities taking place in and outside of lessons.

16th January Year 9 Pathways (options) Evening for parents.

17th January (4pm). Year 13 Joint Parents Evening Ursuline high School. Please be aware that road works are having a significant impact on traffic along Worple road. Allow extra time.

News and announcements

The Spring Enrichment programme is packed with a plethora of opportunities for students to try new things. Please follow the link below and discuss with your daughter (or Son in 6th Form) what they are getting involved in this term.

[Spring Term Enrichment Programme KS3](#)

[Spring Term Enrichment Programme KS4](#)

Parent Resources

How to Spot Misinformation Online

Listen to renowned Political journalist, author, and founder of @newsnotnoise, Jessica Yellin, being interviewed by Dr. Aliza Pressman, author of the 5 Principles of Parenting and host of the Raising Good Humans Podcast. [This valuable discussion](#) delves into the art of discerning misinformation online, critical thinking, how to be a savvy consumer of news and social media, the challenges posed by AI and misinformation, and the tools we need to make informed decisions in this age of information overload.

Related information:

BBC Newsround also summarises [how to spot fake news](#).





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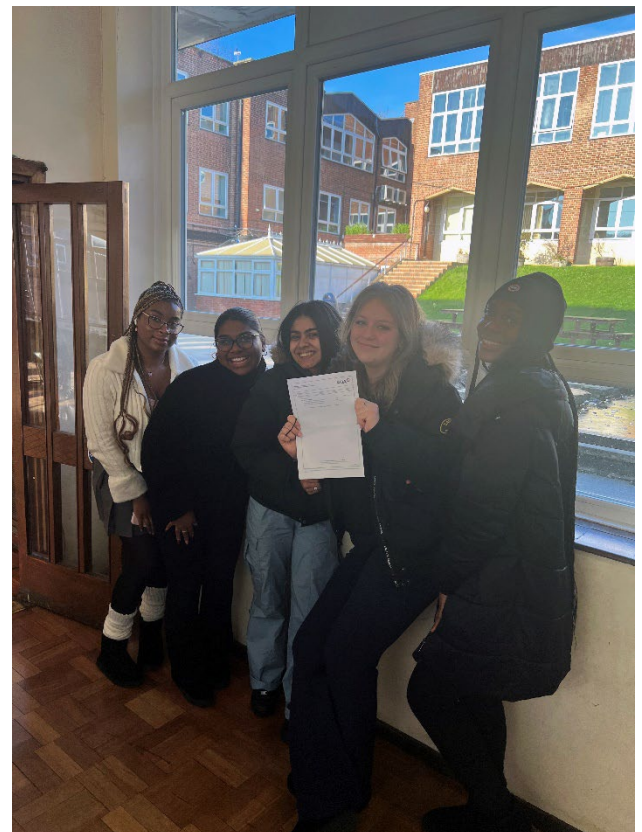
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Images from the week



Congratulations to Ursuline Sixth Form Alumnae Sophia on gaining a place at Oxford to study Law! Sophia is currently on a gap year and will be off to Oxford in October. She is spending her gap year completing internships and work experience to grow her network in the legal space. Amazing news! Best of luck at Oxford.

Congratulations to our Level 2 Ursuline Sixth Form students who received their exam results for English and Maths yesterday.





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It was a Friday full of suspense, excitement, and nerves, as Year 11 received their mock results at Brown Envelope Day.





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Wishing you and your family a lovely weekend.

Yours faithfully

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