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Dear Parents and Carers

### Headteacher's Weekly Roundup Autumn A Week 1

I am delighted to share the first weekly roundup which captures/shares a snapshot of the **school's** news and life. This message will run in addition to Inform (half-termly), Catholic Life and Year Group (termly) newsletters.

I was thrilled to welcome students back to school and wish them and their families a successful academic year ahead.

I particularly enjoyed speaking with the newly arrived students at break and lunch this week as they shared with me their experiences and travels over the summer. From those who were taking part in Summer School to those visiting all corners of the globe, it has been great hearing how the experiences from the summer have the students ready and eager to get back into their next step in their **educational** journey. Sasha in Year 7 told me she is already excited about learning all the new content in her History lessons. She was going to tell me about this in great detail, but I pointed out that she really needed to be in her French lesson, so we located that **instead**.

### Highlights of the Week

We have already begun to deliver our **Mass** Services marking the start of the year based around the school theme for 2024-25 'Pilgrims of Hope.' We thank the Priests from Sacred Heart parish who celebrated these Masses and called on the Holy Spirit to be with **and** guide each student.

**Below is a clip which I am delighted to share of our Year 7s reflection on their first week!**  
[Year 7 First Week 2024](#)

### Focus areas for next week

Please remember Smart watches are not permitted in school and will be confiscated, a few students have not received this message so next week this rule will be implemented in full. If parents and carers have any questions or need further information on this, please contact the appropriate Head of Year.

### Some upcoming events & dates

Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>	: School Production Rehearsals begin
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	: Year 13 Information Evening in the Hall – 6pm
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	: Year 8 Parents Information Evening in the Hall – 6pm
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	: Year 9 Parents Information Evening in the Hall – 6pm
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	: Doughnut Day at break in the Hall

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### News and announcements

There have been separate communications sent to parents and carers about upcoming Information Evenings. We look forward to welcoming **parents and carers** to the school and updating you on changes in the school and important calendared events/information.

### Parent/carer resources

*Mind over Tech* and *Jessica Chalmers* have collaborated on a free guide for parents and carers, aimed at empowering families to navigate the digital world with confidence & responsibility, maximising technology benefits, all **the** while ensuring our children's safety. **Please do [Sign up](#)** to receive weekly resources and ideas for how your family can build better digital habits.

### Catholic Life of the School

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

### Quick Links

- [Arbor](#) - student records and reports
- [Catholic Life & Mission](#)
- [Curriculum Information](#)
- [Newsletters](#) – school-wide, year group, and Catholic Life
- [Headteacher's Weekly Roundups](#)
- [ParentPay](#) - lunch card top ups and other purchases
- [Parent Engagement & Communications overview](#)
- [Parent Portals](#) – Arbor and ParentPay – Parent Guides & FAQs
- [Safeguarding, Health & Well-being](#) (please note that this section is currently undergoing an overhaul).
- [Sancta Familia Consultation](#)
- [Term Dates 2024/2025](#)
- [Ursuline Directory](#)

Have a restful weekend, we look forward to seeing students on Monday morning ready for their first full school week.

Yours faithfully

**Eoin Kelly**  
Headteacher

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