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Dear Parents/Carers,

Headteacher's Weekly Roundup Spring B, Week 3

Thank you to all the parents and carers who have volunteered their homes in support of the Dallas Texas Exchange! It is really fantastic to have these links as part of our wider curricular offer and we couldn't do it without you. The staff and students from our sister Ursuline school in Dallas, who joined us on Monday, have been experiencing life this side of the Atlantic and have been in trips to all corners of London. Alongside this we have been engaging with parents and carers supporting the French exchange with the Ursuline school in Bayonne, France. The French students will be arriving next Saturday.

Year 8 and 9 students had a careers presentation from the Bank of England on Tuesday. Students in Year 10 this week have also participated in a trip to the Royal Albert Hall for Diversity Day; the school council have met to chair their agenda; students have been auditioning for the National Youth Theatre selection and the Geography department have run further class trips to Battersea Power station. Still, this doesn't even include all the sports competitions and clubs on offer, but it will give you a taste of what has been going on! We congratulate all the students whose exemplary behaviour and participation really support the staff in leading and offering these opportunities. If your daughter is not able to name a club or enrichment activity, she is not availing of the exceptional educational opportunities on offer and may need your support in signing up.

Highlights of the week

On Wednesday 12th March we hosted the annual St Cecilia's concert, led by our Head and Deputy Head girls, Serena and Ines. Please look at the incredible programme copied below listing the range of orchestral pieces through to choir and solo performances. I shared with parents and carers that this really is one of the highlights of the year and watching with pride and amazement at the parents/carers/grandparents watching their daughter's courage to perform. Thank you also to the Ursuline Parents Association who supported this event by raising money in the provision of refreshments. Remember that they are always on the lookout for more support and assistance. If you haven't secured your tickets for the annual Parents Association quiz, please sign up at via [Parent Pay](#) before 17th March. I always feel pressure not to get any of the geography questions wrong!

[St Cecilia's Concert Programme](#)

Focus areas for next week

Students have been increasingly sanctioned this week for being late to lessons. This usually results from not responding to the 5-minute bell and delaying/hurrying to class at the second bell. There can be no explanation for this becoming an issue for some students in the middle of the academic year. Lateness to lesson disrupts the start of the lesson for all students and will be managed and sanctioned by staff.

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Upcoming events & dates

Monday 17th March, 8:55-12:50: Dallas guest and hosts on trip to Japan House and the Design Museum (p1 to4)

Wednesday 19th March, 6.30-8.30pm: Multicultural evening

Thursday 20th March: Cultural Day. Once again, students are invited to come dressed in proud celebration of cultural clothing or flag colours.

Friday 21st March, 6-7:30pm, Parents & Teachers Quiz Night

Thursday 27th March: 4.00-6.30pm Year 12 Parents' Evening (venue: Wimbledon College)

News and announcements

Multicultural Evening tickets are sold out and we look forward to celebrating a taste of the rich diversity of our school community on Wednesday 19th, celebrating the colours and culture of our students and families.

Culture day, Thursday 20th, follows up and students making a small donation to our Lenten CAFOD charity can come to school adorned in cultural dress or celebration of national colours. A separate email about expectations and conditions has been sent this week by Mrs Gilmore.

Congratulations to the Equalities group who, supported by the Head Girl team, have worked tirelessly to organise and deliver these fantastic events in the school programme.

Parent and Carer Engagement

We ask parents and carers to support the Lenten appeal for the foodbank above. We know we cannot do this without your generous support. Students, parents and carers and staff working together can make a significant difference in this appeal.

Newsletters

Missed our Spring A school wide and year group newsletters? Read them [here](#).

Parenting Resources

We are delighted to share our comprehensive [Parent/Carer Support Services & Resources directory](#). On this page you'll find a directory of recommended support services including charities, websites, books, free downloads and other valuable resources. We hope you'll find this and our [Keeping Safe Online Directory](#) of value.

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A selection of images from the week



On Tuesday, Year 9 received a Bank of England talk from Andrea Sandretto Locanin!



Our Year 12 students had an unforgettable day at the BFI Southbank this week, diving deep into the art of documentary filmmaking! Exploring the film Amy with Asif Kapadia.



We held our fantastic St Cecilia's Concert on Wednesday evening which was very well received by our community. Well done to all staff and students involved.



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Year 10 GCSE Geography students did a fieldwork trip to Battersea Power Station this week investigating the sustainability of the recently regenerated area.

On Thursday 13th March, Year 10 Student Leaders attended a Diversity Day at the Royal Albert Hall. They were given a tour of the hall, including backstage and Royal Areas, and heard presentations from a range of Royal Albert Hall employees. They also networked with students from other schools. Thank you to the Naz Foundation for organising this excellent event and for inviting Ursuline High School to take part.



We were pleased to host Ursuline Dallas staff and students this week, as they received a taste of school life at Ursuline Wimbledon. Among many things, they shared a presentation about life in the USA, completed a thorough historical walking tour of Wimbledon – including centre court, and distributed food bank donations to those in need. We hope they have enjoyed their visit so far!





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Wishing you and your family a lovely weekend and a good week ahead.
Yours faithfully,

Eoin Kelly
Headteacher

