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23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

#### Headteacher's Weekly Roundup Summer A, Week 5

Thank you for the all the support you have given us this half-term particularly as the school has been operating under exam environment conditions. Students sitting Public Examinations will be looking forward to the half-term opportunity to rest, recharge and refocus for the final push next half-term. In the main school both Year 10 and Year 9 have completed their internal End of Year exams, and the task next term will be to identify and address any gaps in knowledge or technique ahead of the start the Autumn term in these two big transition year groups.

I am delighted to share our <u>Summer A Newsletter</u> which captures highlights, celebrations and photos for this half-term. Our Year Group Updates are being sent to you directly by your daughter's Head of Year.

### Highlights of the week

On Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> Mr Vvedenskiy and Mrs Hoban accompanied a group of Year 12 students to Balliol Oxford University for an aspirations visit which was exceptional and the students have all been inspired to set their sights high as they plan their University applications. On Thursday night Mr Roberts, along with Miss Surbey, Miss O'Neill and Miss Adewale brought a large group of Year 8 students to the Cambridge Theatre in London to watch an excellent performance of 'Matilda the Musical.' Despite the late return last night, all the students were in school and on time this morning. Well done to everyone leading and involved in these two excellent trips.

In a big week for tennis fixtures, our students have won three or the four interschool competitions this week including an excellent victory at Tiffin school. In addition, now that we have the benefit of excellently refurbished facilities for the first time in many years, we have been able to host interschool competitions back here which we won, I'm sure, aided by home advantage! We continue to thank this legacy donation of funds from the Ursuline Preparatory school to the Ursuline for this facility.

#### Focus areas for next week

Parents and carers are asked to check that planners are still being brought home for signing. The evidence is clear that monitoring and supporting work completed at home has significant impact on developing independent learning habits and therefore progress is accelerated and attainment is higher.

Please also remember to discuss the importance of travelling directly home from school. Students in uniform are not permitted to assemble in the town centres or enter shops/restaurants. They are required, under the school's Behaviour policy, to travel directly to and from school without assembling. We at the Ursuline do monitor this and issue sanctions for refusal to comply with this expectation.























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# **Upcoming events & dates**

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 5-6pm, Parents' meeting for the French exchange return trip (9th to 14th June) Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June, Trips to National Physical Laboratory; Y10 in morning & Y12 in the afternoon Year 10 trip to Houses of Parliament

# **Parent and Carer Engagement**

Please see link for CFO advert from Sancta Familia: Job Vacancies | Sancta Familia Catholic Academy Trust

Keep an eye out for any vacancies available with us. We have several parents and carers successfully recruited onto both teaching and support staff roles. We will have some positions coming online early next term so please follow the link to our website Current Job Opportunities - Ursuline High School

# Sacred Heart Parish Wimbledon are seeking:

A new Accounts Manager. It is a 19-hour a week post, and the salary is £18.00 per hour. The Accounts Manager works closely with the Parish Finance Committee and the Gift Aid Co-ordinators and is supported by members of the Finance Committee. Knowledge of the diocesan accounting systems would be an advantage. Please contact Thelma in the Parish office for an Application Form, Job Description and Person Specification. Closing date Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June, interviews on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June. Tel: 020 8946 0305

#### **Summer A photos**

It's been a busy half term, see below some additional photos to the ones shared in Inform.



We are delighted to announce that our next school production will be 'Hairspray', and we look forward to updating you further with how students can get involved in due course.





















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On Tuesday, Year 10 and Year 12 students visited Balliol College of University of Oxford.

Read more <a href="here">here</a>.





Recently, three Ursuline Sixth Form Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award Participants, accompanied by staff and proud family members, attended a prestigious celebration at Buckingham Palace to celebrate their achievement and collect their Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award. Congratulations Clara B, Lucy K, and Zoe K. Full story <a href="https://example.com/here">here</a>.

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This week, our incredible Level Health, T Level Digital, and T Level Science students successfully completed their ESP assessments! A huge well done to you all.

# **T-LEVELS**





Doughnut Day was well received by Year 11 at breaktime today, who were celebrating reaching the halfway mark of their GCSEs! Doughnut Day was supported by Year 12 Sixth Form students, who remember this time very well from last year. We thank our Year 12 students for providing Year 11 with encouragement, support, and most importantly doughnuts!

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Year 10s lost 2-10 to Kingston Grammar

Year 7/8s won both their fixtures v Tiffin Girls 8-4 and Putney High 7-6.

Year 9s beat Thomas' Putney 12-0.





















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Wishing you and your family an enjoyable I look forward to welcoming students and staff back to school for Summer B on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June.

Yours faithfully

**Eoin Kelly** 

Headteacher







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