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Dear Parents and Carers,

Headteacher's Weekly Roundup Summer A, Week 2

First of all, I would like to draw your attention to an advertisement for applications to become a parent governor of the school. You can find out more in our [Parent Governor Letter 2025](#) and submit your nominations via the [Nomination Form](#). We invite all parents to look and consider an application to become involved in the governance and future direction of our wonderful school.

The most significant highlight this week has been the Finals of the year 8 Philanthropy project. Weeks of effort by Year 8s culminated with a big presentation in the hall today. The presentations and leadership qualities of the Year 8 students has been stunning. More details to follow next week on the results of the Project but so far, the Project has succeeded in generating over **£8,424** funding for all the charities involved. This is a staggering and truly remarkable figure, smashing all previous records and is testament to the passion and energy for Serviam of all the Year 8s involved.

Congratulations to Anastasia in Year 13. We are delighted to announce that Anastasia has received an offer from University of Oxford this week for their Foundation programme in English Language and Literature. This programme is really competitive with only 80 students in 3 different subjects. Well done also to Mrs Harrison and Mr Vvedenskiy for encouraging and supporting Anastasia in her application.

12 of our 6th Form Students on the Oxbridge programme secured places on the Eton Summer School Programme. A limited number of places were available from over 1140 applicants, so congratulations to all those involved. Please see the Picture below.

Highlights of the week

On Tuesday, I had a conversation with two Year 7 students, Rhea 7F and her friend Sienna 7F. What was unusual, is that Rhea, was in a leg boot having broken her leg and was being helped by Sienna. As she was early to school I enquired into the details of this situation and was amazed to discover that Rhea had broken her leg the evening before but went to bed early to get a good sleep so she could be on time to school the next morning. If ever there was a model of Ursuline resilience and perseverance, this was it and her friend selflessly supported by Sienna was living example of Serviam.

Olivia (9B) continues to embark on further ambitious charitable fundraising initiatives. Over the Easter weekend, Olivia raised money for her chosen charity, Great Ormond Street Hospital, with another new challenge! In two days, she collected £273.15. In total, Olivia through swimming events, 5km running events, bucket collections and others has accumulated £5,536.15 for GOSH and is closing in on her £6,000 target by the end of this year. Well done Olivia and we look forward to hearing when you achieve your goal.

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Focus areas for next week

We ask parents not to contest or challenge the school when mobile phones are confiscated when students fail to conform with this most basic expectation. Doing so wastes time and effort of staff in managing these communications. The rules are clear, they must be turned off and secured in lockers and cannot be used on site. Student services will support with any communication to or from your daughter about important messages in the school day. If a phone is confiscated and parents wish to remain in contact with their daughter on the way home we will provide a standard school phone on request during the period of confiscation.

Upcoming events & dates

Sunday 4th May at 12:00pm: Solemn Requiem Mass for Pope Francis at St George's Cathedral, Southwark, celebrated by Archbishop John Wilson.

Parent and Carer Engagement

Laura Tuck from the Merton Library service contacted the school seeking;

"We are looking for teenagers aged 14+ to help out across our libraries during the summer, helping with the Summer Reading Challenge – a challenge encouraging primary school children to read six books across the summer to be in for the chance to win big prizes". See the Poster attached [Summer Reading Challenge 2025](#)

Newsletters

Missed any of the school wide Newsletters and updates at the end of Spring? Read them [here](#).

You can now read our newly-released Spring Term Chaplaincy Newsletter [here](#)..

Parenting Resources

On Tuesday, as part of our commitment to supporting the health and well-being of our children, [Catch22 Merton](#) delivered a Vaping Prevention Workshop titled "[Kick the Cloud](#)", to years 7-11.

Even though it is illegal for anyone under the age of 18 to buy/use vapes, according to the 2023 [Response to Youth Vaping report](#) from the Children's Commissioner, Dame Rachel de Souza, the number of children and young people doing so is increasing at an alarming rate. It is clearer than ever before that vaping is not safe, healthy, or wise and we don't want our kids to be doing it.

Smoking and the use of vapes at Ursuline High School

A reminder that smoking, including the use of electronic cigarettes (vaping) has always been prohibited on all school premises and whilst in uniform on the way to and from school. Smoking/vaping is also prohibited at all public transport stops and stations and on transport to and from school. Anyone found to be vaping in school uniform both in and out of school will be at risk of fixed term suspension or exclusion. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's Head of Year.

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Parent/carer resources

See our Parenting Resource section below for a list of valuable resources to support your ongoing conversations at home. These can also be found on our [website](#).

Resources on Vaping

Read the full [Response to Youth Vaping report](#) from The Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza.

[BBC Panorama – Teenage Vaping: What's the harm?](#)

[Vaping in children and teens: smoke without fire?](#)

[Protect Kids from Vapes, doctors urge government](#)

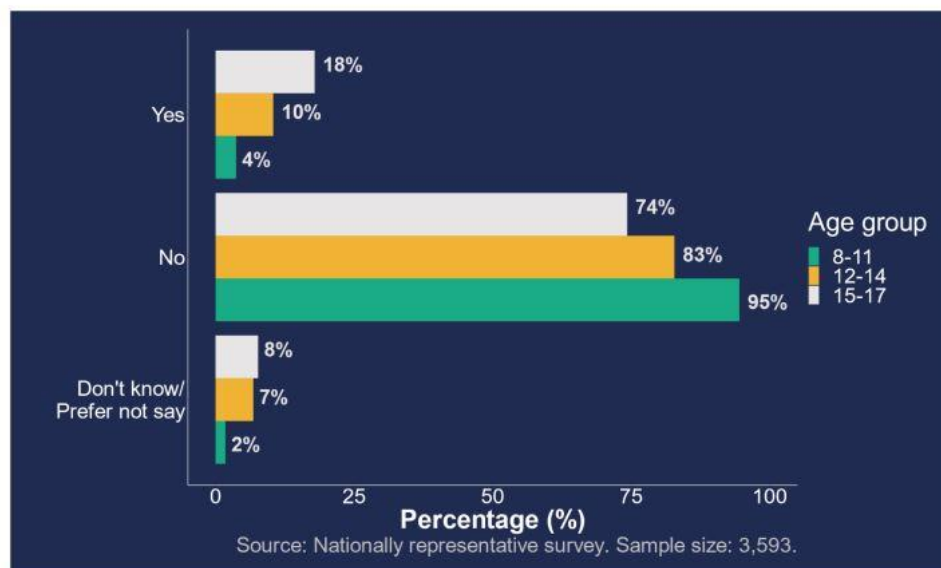
[Ask Lisa Podcast: Episode 103 'How do I talk my teen out of vaping'](#). In this podcast, Dr Lisa Damour discusses peer pressure, how the industry is manipulating young people, strategies that can keep children from experimenting, or help them stop once they have started.

Happy Families podcast: Episode 498 'Children and Vaping'.

[Better Health - One You Merton Quit Vaping | Smokefree Teen](#)

A selection of images from the week

Figure 1. Parents views on whether their child has vaped, by child's age group.



On Tuesday 29th April, we held an insightful Vaping Workshop for all year groups. It vital we highlight to students the dangers and repercussions of vaping. **Image (Left) The Children's Commissioner's response to 'Youth vaping: call for evidence' Report, June 2023**





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We were proud to represent Ursuline High School at this year's Good Shepherd Mass, held at St George's Cathedral this week - which was celebrated by Canon Michael Branch. As part of this special Year of Jubilee, we brought along our Jubilee Passport and had it officially stamped, marking another step in our journey of faith and celebration.



Incredible efforts from all 19 of our mini-London Marathon runners last weekend. A huge achievement- well done everyone involved! Absent from photograph: Annabelle, Evie, Sophia, and Bea.



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We ended the week with the Year 8 Philanthropy project final - in partnership with First Give. Congratulations to 8 Ursula, who were awarded an extra £1000 for their local charity The Dons Local Action Group. Congratulations to Isabelle, Lilian, Poppy, Hilary, Olivia, Natalia, and the whole of 8 Ursula!

All of Year 8 have worked very hard to raise awareness and money for their local charities, we are sure they are very grateful!



Congratulations to our Year 12 students who were accepted on to the Eton Summer School programme. There were 1140 applications and only 516 spaces, so this really is an exceptional achievement for our students. Well done: Eleanor McC, Maya C, Isla C, Ellen W, Natalia B, Niamh B, Beatrice G, Ines P-H, Rosie K, Leanne L, Alexis D, and Gabriella K.

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Year 11 were sent off in style on their last official 'last school day' earlier on today, as they gathered in the hall and old gym for shirt signing and well wishes video from staff, concluding with a clap out by Year 7/10 students and many staff members. Wishing Year 11 all the best for their GCSE exams ahead.

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Wishing you and your family an enjoyable bank holiday weekend!

Yours faithfully,

Eoin Kelly
Headteacher

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