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Dear Parents and Carers,

Headteacher's Weekly Roundup Summer A, Week 4

The Directors of Sancta Familia Catholic Academy Trust have announced the appointment of Mr Michael Feely as the Senior Executive Leader of the Trust from 1st September 2025. Mr Feely brings significant and wide-ranging experience into the CAT and we wish him every success in this new role at an important time in the development of the Trust.

The school is in full examination season now with the first A Level written papers. All students across A Level, T Level and GCSE have been giving their absolute best. Students appeared confident and determined which is indicative of the hard work and diligent preparation. We continue to wish them well and keep on the message, 'answer the question requested.' We once again ask parents and carers to ensure that you have gone through the timetable of exams and use the official schedule, not one composed at home, to avoid mistakes in the timings of the papers and the exam entered. This will help avoid unnecessary distress and potentially missing an exam at this time. The timetables can be accessed here: [Examinations Information - Ursuline High School](#)

Highlights of the week

It has been another week of significant sporting accomplishment, and we are looking forward to the scheduled under-14 Football final next Wednesday. Come on UHS!

- Amy in Year 8 went to Aland in Finland with Tolworth Gymnastics club to compete in her first international competition. Incredibly, she placed first in the Floor exercises, second in the Uneven Bars and fourth in the vault. An incredible haul at her first attempt and helped her team win the overall Gold medal.
- Success also on the track last weekend, Maia won the 100m U17 Surrey Championship with a huge personal best of 11.69. Maia is now No. 2 in the UK for 100m and hurdles and she currently stands no. 22 in the UK across all age groups for her 100m. Her mum said, 'that warm weather training camp in Jamaica over Easter certainly paid off!' What is even more incredible is that Maia managed to do this alongside her revision for all her GCSEs, which she is sprinting through as well!
- Maria in Year 7 was telling me about her recent swimming successes in the South-East London Regional Championships that took place at the Olympic London Aquatics Centre last weekend. Maria competed across a number of disciplines and had some superb results, including a Silver medal in the 100m Breaststroke.

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Focus areas for next week

As external exams continue next week, we remind all students to understand the importance of thinking about others and be supportive of our students in Year 11 and Year 13. Students not taking exams are being encouraged to be self-aware and regulate their voices and behaviour throughout the school as exams are being hosted in the Main Hall and in other rooms throughout the school. This is most significant in and around lesson times especially lesson change over, break times and after school. Exam timetables do not follow school schedules.

Upcoming events & dates

Tuesday 20th May, Trip to Oxford with Year 12 Oxbridge students

Thursday 22nd May 5pm, Year 8 Matilda the Musical Theatre Trip - Cambridge Theatre

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 6th June, interviews on Friday 13th June. Tel: 020 8946 0305

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

Fostering a sense of belonging

Creating a strong sense of belonging is essential for children's emotional wellbeing and academic success. The National College has created this free guide offering effective solutions to help children and young people feel a strong sense of belonging. Many of the steps are as helpful for educators as they are for parents/carers. As always, all resources considered valuable for parents and carers are saved on our website:

Online safety specific: [Keeping Safe Online - Ursuline High School](#)

All other resources: [Parent/Carer Support Services & Resources - Ursuline High School](#).

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A selection of images from the week



Congratulations to Maria J (7B), who won a silver medal in the 100m breaststroke at the SE London Regional Championships!

Maia H-W (11F) who has found time for another sporting win in the 100m, this time at the U17 Surrey championships, with a huge PB of 11.69 - pushing her rankings up to No 2 in the UK for 100m & hurdles!

Our gymnasts: Amy B (8C), who completed in Finland with Tolworth Gymnastics club, placing 1st, 2nd, and 4th in her events, helping her team to secure Gold! Ema in Sixth Form, who recently represented Great Britain in an international gymnastics tournament where her team placed 3rd overall — and took home a medal on beam in the individual events! Wow!

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This week we officially launched UCAS 2026 to Year 12. Students received talks from University of Exeter, Bath, Cardiff, Surrey, and Royal Holloway, where our guests talked about opportunities available to the students in their universities. Ask Apprenticeships also provided a helpful talk on the various apprenticeship routes. Find out more [here](#).



On Thursday, students and staff gathered in the chapel for 'Our Lady of the Roses' service, a fitting service honouring Our Lady through prayer, music, and reflections. Find out more [here](#).

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As we shared last week, Year 13 enjoyed their celebration evening on Thursday 8th May with our school community. The end of an era! We thought we would share some of the 'magic mirror' photos some of our Year 13s took with their parents. We thank our Year 13 parents for their support of the school for the past 7 or 2 years and for being part of our Ursuline community!

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Wishing you and your family an enjoyable bank holiday weekend!

Yours faithfully,

Eoin Kelly
Headteacher

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