



6th June 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Headteacher's Weekly Roundup Summer B, Week 1

We welcomed everyone back this week for the final half-term of this academic year with the examination season still in full operation.

This week, it was Year 9 students who sat their internal assessments and the feedback from students I have spoken to clearly indicates that they have already developed excellent revision strategies and have fully committed to this opportunity to demonstrate what they have learned.

Following an election for the Local Governing Board, Mrs Suzannah de Montfort has been duly elected as Parent Governor. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents and carers who put themselves forward for election in this important leadership position and also to all parents and carers who voted in the selection process. We look forward to working closely with Mrs de Montfort in helping the strategic direction of our school.

Congratulations to all the students involved in the Surrey Cup U14 Football final on Wednesday. Unfortunately, they were squeezed out in the final but the students should be very proud of their efforts, not only in getting to the final but in their performance on the day which wasn't rewarded in the scoreline or result on this occasion. Speaking to the girls involved, it appears that they are emboldened to get their chance again against the emerged rivalry with Surbiton High School!

See the picture below of the students in their new kit generously provided by a parent donation to the school. Thank you once again to everyone students, staff and parents involved in this endeavour.

Highlights of the week

Mrs Harrison represented the school and joined the Ursuline Education Network retreat to Brescia in Northern Italy. She sent a picture beside Sister Armida (previous Headteacher of Ursuline High school) outside the childhood home of St Angela Merici. This visit has been undertaken in the Year of Pilgrimage and connects leaders from Ursuline schools together. We will be using this experience to plan a further pilgrimage opportunity for students and staff next year.

Focus areas for next week

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.

Upcoming events & dates

All Week : French Exchange trip Year 7 End of Year Exam Week Wednesday 11th June 6-7pm, Parents' Information for New York Trip Thursday 12th and Friday 13th June at breaktime, Bake Sale for Chaplaincy Team at breaktime on Tennis Courts.









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 successfully recruited several parents and carers onto both teaching and support staff roles. We will have some positions coming online this term so please follow the link to our website <u>Current Job Opportunities - Ursuline High School</u>

Newsletters

Newsletters and updates at the end of Summer A Read them here.

Parenting Resources

Live Streaming

Livestreaming is now a major part of children's entertainment, evolving from gamers sharing screens into a booming industry with diverse personalities. While watching streamers can be entertaining, it comes with no small number of risks for children, such as misinformation, negative influences, and inappropriate content. With over 2.5 million viewers at any one time on Twitch, the current most popular streaming platform, the attached guide highlights the potential dangers associated with watching livestreams and the importance of staying informed. This guide from the National College – also available in podcast format – identifies the potential dangers children face when watching and engaging with streamers and the importance of parents staying informed so you can help mitigate the risks. Click link below for further details. Live-Streaming

Selection of images from the week



Mrs Harrison with Sister Armida (previous Headteacher of Ursuline High school) outside the childhood home of St Angela Merici in Brescia, Northern Italy

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Our U14s football team were excited to play in the final of the Surrey Schools FA cup this week. After a valiant effort, we lost 4-0 to Surbiton High School. While disappointing, we are pleased to note that the scoreline does not reflect the game, we dominated a lot throughout, but unfortunately just couldn't break their defence. Well done to our U14S for their perseverance and teamwork throughout the match!

Myself with Captain Leia 9M and Vice-Captain Robyn 8C. Making it to a final is no mean feat! We are very proud of you all.

SEBUTAREL INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL AWARD















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Are you interested in filmmaking and animation? 15 years old and under?

<u>Sparks Film School</u> are offering film and animation camps in Wimbledon, Richmond, Chiswick, Ealing, and Teddington areas. They also cover other parts of London. Scan the QR below to find out further details. (*Fee required to take part*).



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On Tuesday, our Year 12 Physics A level students visited the National Physical Laboratory, which studies the science of measurements, and oversees maintaining all the standard measurements in the UK. The students took part in a demonstration with liquid nitrogen, had a talk with Scientists that work at NPL, and got to ask them questions, and finally had a go at figuring out all the different ways you could measure a cat! Very cool!

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Wishing you and your family an enjoyable weekend. Yours faithfully,

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