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11<sup>th</sup> July 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Headteacher's Weekly Roundup Summer B, Week 6**

Despite the return of the heatwave, there have been so many highlights this week I cannot really try to capture them here in this brief update, so please look out for our year newsletters and the *Inform* next week for full details.

One event which won't feature in the *Inform* is the Teach Wimbledon Graduation ceremony hosted at the Ursuline on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July. This organisation was established by the Ursuline High School and Ricards Lodge, partnered with Roehampton University, to create a pathway for local talent in recruiting and training to become teachers. 28 graduates completed their teacher training qualification in both the primary and secondary sector and are ready to embark on their new careers in September. Miss Davey graduated this year with us and is joining the Ursuline High School as teacher of Technology in September. Next year, we have 40 students enrolled onto Teach Wimbledon as this organisation goes on from strength to strength. Any parents/carers or wider family members interested in finding out more please follow the link.

[Teach Wimbledon](#)

We received the results of the Wimbledon Bookfest competitions this week and our students across all key stages received lots of distinctions, merits and commended awards. Remarkably, we had two significant overall winners with Celeste in 7A winning the KS3 story competition and Ana in 13C who was not only crowned KS5 Poetry winner but also the Overall Bookfest Winner for all submissions. We are incredibly proud of Celeste and Ana and all the others students who took this opportunity to participate in this significant literary festival.

### **Highlights of the week**

Congratulations to all the recipients of Subject, Form, Achievement, Perseverance and Serviam awards as students in all year groups had their annual prize giving extended assemblies. It was a great honour to witness all the individual achievements and to hand out the overall achievement and Serviam prizes. Please see a few of the images below.

All students in years 7 to 10 participated in the school debates. Anyone witnessing them could not help but notice the confidence and quality of the presentation but also in how well the audiences participated and interacted in the process. Special recognition goes to Miss Surbey who provided the energy and drive in leading and delivering on this programme.

### **Focus areas for next week**

Year 12 students embark next week on their work placements, and we remind all students that they are now ambassadors for the school and their actions, commitment and impact reflect on the entire school community. We wish them every success in this opportunity to experience the world of work.

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The students managed the extreme temperatures this week very well. This hot spell is forecast to run into next week albeit at lower extremes. Our warm weather uniform adaptations have worked very well and separate communications have been circulated with respect to the Fest Week dress code expectations. Please support the school in ensuring this is respected and all students on day trips and visits will be in PE T shirts.

### Upcoming events & dates

#### Fest Week

Fest Week Residentials: New York, Germany, Normandy and Naples - Monday to Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>

Work Shadowing Year 12 until 18<sup>th</sup> July

Year 12 A-level Geography Residential Fieldwork in Dorset until 16<sup>th</sup> July

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July end of term Students Dismissed at 12:30pm

### Parent and Carer Engagement

Our fantastic modern pavilion at Morley Park remains available for hire on selected nights. If you know anyone who is looking for a facility to host classes, dancing, Pilates, meetings etc please direct them to this facility and get in touch. We can discuss flexible letting arrangement to meet the needs of any interested individual, business, group or community organisation.

[Morley Park Playing Fields Lettings Information](#)

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 [Current Job Opportunities - Ursuline High School](#)

### Newsletters

Newsletters and updates at the end of Summer A: read them [here](#).

### Parenting Resources

#### Summer Holiday Ideas

As we approach the summer holidays your daughter will have been sent an email from Mrs McCourt signposting the support services and advice lines. Please discuss this with your daughter or son (6<sup>th</sup> Form) to ensure that they are aware and know what it contains. Additionally, students have been reminded that the school laptop continues to be monitored 24 hours a day and any communication or concerning entries or searches will be followed up in person by a member of staff throughout the holidays.

[Summer Tips for Parents/Carers](#)

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## Selection of images from the week



Last Friday we held our Sports Awards Dinner.

A particular congratulations goes to the below award winners:

Geneveive L-T- Sixth Form Leadership Award (Y12), Little Enthusiast - Isabella P (Y7), Merici Award for High Sporting Achievement - Maia H-M (Y11), Resilience Award - Stephanie R (Y11), Sportswoman of the Year - Sophia A (Y8).

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Students from across the diocese gathered at St George's Cathedral on Monday for the Sancta Familia: Going Forth Mass, marking the approaching end of the academic year.



Seven students represented our school at the National Careers Challenge finals recently. Students had a chance to present their project 'Sustainable city of Stockholm' to the judges. They also had a chance to watch projects presented by other year groups.

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Two of our students received placements on highly competitive National Grid in person work experience. They spent time working for a week on a project with students from other school.

On Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July, they had an opportunity to present that project to the employees of the National Grid and other guest at the central office of the company.



Congratulations to our Wimbledon Bookfest winners. (Some pictured here). Students across all key stages received lots of distinctions, merits and commended awards!

Very well done to them all!

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We held our Celebration Assemblies this week. A particular congratulations to the below students who won Achievement and Serviam Awards.

**Year 7:** Achievement Award: Livia G, Serviam Award: Erin S, **Year 8:** Achievement Award: Megan L, Serviam Award: Jaslynn L-V, **Year 9:** Achievement Award: Olivia M, Serviam Award: Jewel N-D, and **Year 10:** Achievement Award: Emily B, Serviam Award: Layla B-S.



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

**Eoin Kelly**  
Headteacher

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