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27th June 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Headteacher's Weekly Roundup Summer B, Week 4

This week, the school returned to normal albeit with the absence of Year 13 and Year 11 students having finished their public exam season. The flurry of room changes and accommodating timetable changes has passed and all lessons have returned to their scheduled places. This window of time before the end of term is crucial in completing the curriculum and closing gaps identified in summer exams. On Wednesday, we hosted the Year 10 Parents' Evening with 96% attendance indicating clearly that the commitment and partnership is functioning very well in helping students reach or exceed their targets and make progress in all their subjects.

We have also been very busy in delivering our transitions programmes for new students ahead of the September 2025 start. This week, Year 6 into 7 students had the chance to meet their new form tutor and go through the plans and preparations for their first days in secondary school. We also had the 'Induction into the Sixth Form' day on Wednesday, which was a first taste of the changes to school life students can expect in this significant step in their education journey.

We rounded the week off today with Sports Day at Kingsmeadow Sports ground, which was an exceptional event and all the students reported that they had a fantastic time. Thank you to our incredible PE Department for the organisation and delivery of a professionally-run event. Thank you also to all the parents and carers who attended to support and cheer on their daughters, we have never had so many parents and carers before – and perhaps we need to schedule some parent events next year!

More pictures and details next week, look out for updates in Instagram.

Highlights of the week

Attendance

Breeshey and Stephanie in Year 9 stopped me this week to ask me if I happened to see the video of the school on Youtube. At first, I was sceptical about where this conversation was going and what this video might be about! Thankfully the girls had stumbled across a video capturing a moment in time approximately 20 years ago.

<https://youtu.be/-twvhaBSy8s?si=9DESs5L2LWGXUKp6>

They are going to work with the school administration to produce their own replica of this for today, which we will share when complete.

Focus areas for next week

Staff this week have been speaking to students we have been identified as coming to and from school without a school bag. There are no good reasons for students not having their school bags. Homework is being set as per the schedule and

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high standards are required to maintain progress during Summer B and to address gaps identified in the end of year exams. Please support your daughter and the school staff by monitoring the recording and completion of homework in the school planner. If your daughter tells you there was no homework, please notify your daughter's tutor to follow up with immediately. Gaps in performance can open up easily and take extra effort to address, all of this can be avoided with sustained effort and commitment.

Upcoming events & dates

Monday 30th June 8:55am-12:50, Year 10 Taster Day for Sixth Form

Tuesday 1st July 7-9pm, Summer Concert

Wednesday 2nd July 7-9pm, Student Leader Celebration

Friday 4th July 6.30-9pm, Sports Awards Dinner

Parent and Carer Engagement

Please see the link for job vacancies with 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 [Current Job Opportunities - Ursuline High School](#)

Newsletters

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

Parenting Resources

Please be mindful of the risks of unsupervised gatherings in public parks. Parents may be unaware of the risks and dangers associated with this activity, even when it involves afternoons and weekends. Inspector Graham Norman of the Morden Neighbourhood Police Team reported that SW police Project Adder have been offering advice and presentations to parents/guardians/carers focusing on perceptions around county lines drug lines targeting our local areas and particularly younger children. Having a tracker on your child or her phone is not a protection in itself with this risk.

Summer Holiday Ideas

As we approach the summer holidays, here are some ideas for children/young adults to consider over the coming weeks. We hope these ideas, some free and some at cost, help keep your daughter(s) busy but safe, take them away from screens, and come back to school in September armed with new skills and experiences.

[Summer Tips for Parents and Carers](#)

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Selection of images from the week



On Monday, some of our Year 12 scientists went to the Orbyts conference. They have been working towards this all year in partnership with UCL at Wimbledon High School. Our students attended UCL, received a tour from the students they have been working with, and presented their findings on exoplanets at the conference. They were fantastic ambassadors for Ursuline, and amazing women in STEM!



On Thursday, students enjoyed a production by the Dramatic Truth Ballet Theatre!

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URSULINE SUMMER CONCERT

Hear the Germany Tour Choir,
Y7 - Y10 Choirs, Solos, Bands,
and more!

Tuesday 1 July, 7pm

Main Hall

Tickets via MS Form



We are delighted to invite our
Ursuline community to our
Summer concert!

Tuesday 1st July, 7pm (start time)
in the main hall. Tickets can be
purchased via MS Form.

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We enjoyed our sunny Sports Day at Weir Archer Athletics Track in Kingston to end the week.

Well done to all our participants and winners. Many more photos to follow on Instagram next week!

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Wishing you and your family an enjoyable weekend.

Yours faithfully

Eoin Kelly
Headteacher

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