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THE URSULINE HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER FAITH DEVELOPMENT, CATHOLIC MISSION AND SERVIAM VALUES

Meet Our R.E Team



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Please take a look at our Catholic Life section on our website for further details of our activities and events!

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP



Sancta Familia: Going Forth Mass

Students from across the diocese gathered at St George's Cathedral for the Sancta Familia: Going Forth Mass, marking the approaching end of the academic year. Each school took part in the celebration through readings, processions, the offertory, or moments of reflection. We were proud that one of our students led one of the bidding prayers and another led the reflection of the day before the final blessing. It was a $blessed\ and\ wholesome\ way\ to\ celebrate\ a\ successful\ year\ together\ as\ schools\ together.$

Chaplaincy Update



Alex Agotre

Dominic Cunliffe





The summer term began with the mourning of Pope Francis and the welcome of Pope Leo XIV, who reminds us of our shared mission to live with courage and compassion. Our GIFT (Growing In Faith Together) after-school faith sessions with Wimbledon College have continued to be well attended, giving students space for prayer, reflection, and community. Students from Ursuline were invited to Donhead Preparatory School to share testimonies of their growth in confidence, personal development, and building relationships through responsibility. Their reflections encouraged Donhead pupils to consider their own journey in light of their Jesuit tradition. In May, students and staff gathered for 'Mary of the Roses', a reflective service where roses symbolised the intentions of each year group and staff. Staff also came together for a wellbeing retreat on the theme "Refreshed and Renewed," combining prayer, stillness, and nature with space to share practices and intercede for one another. Finally, on June 26th, fourteen schools gathered at St George's Cathedral for the 'Going Forth Mass', celebrating our shared achievements and student contributions.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2024-25: KS3 OVERVIEW

Year 7

- Ursuline Family and Creation and Covenant
- Prophecy and Promise
- Galilee to Jerusalem
- Desert to Garden
- To the Ends of the Earth
- Dialogue an Encounter

Year 8

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Year 9

- Pilgrimage
- Prayer - Islam
- Our World
- Creation
- Incarnation

Catholic Life in Pictures



First Give Philanthropy: The standard of presentations was impressively high, but we unanimously awarded first prize to 8 Ursula, earning an extra £1,000 for their chosen



Year 13 Leavers Mass: Year 13 leavers marked their time together with a symbolic Mass at Sacred Heart,



Mosque Visit & Respect for Faith: During our recent RE trip, students visited a local mosque, gaining a deeper understanding of Islam and the importance of respecting other faiths to promote peace and community cohesion



Year 12 Level 2 Leavers Service: Thirteen Year 12 Level 2 students held a chapel liturgy encouraging them to use their youth, faith and reason in future endeavours.





Good Shepherd Mass: Staff and students attended the Good Shepherd Mass at St George's Cathedral, where two of our students read.



Dramatic Truth Ballet Theatre: Dramatic Truth Ballet Theatre, a gospel company, performed I Remember, followed by a workshop exploring the ballet's themes.