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Headteacher's Weekly Roundup 2025-2026 - Autumn A, Week 2

Dear Parents/Carers

Today draws to a close our first full week of school of the new academic year, and students are already into the full rhythm of their timetables with a few less Year 7s and Year 12s looking confused or lost!

The staff and senior leaders of the school joined me this week in visiting lots of lessons and it has been unanimously reported that student engagement and behaviour for learning have been excellent. Getting off to a good start is important and we have firm foundations to build on this in the weeks ahead.

It was a pleasure to welcome you in large numbers to the Year 13 Information Evening, and I look forward to seeing parents of other year groups over the coming weeks (dates below). These meetings are your opportunity to hear from your daughter's Head of Year and other senior leaders about the year ahead and the opportunities for your daughter's (and son's in 6th form) personal and academic development. We are confident that these events help get the year off to the best start in terms of communication and clarity.

Highlights of the week

Notification from social media this week that the school is ranked in the top performing secondary schools in the country. See picture below to spot the Ursuline High School! Well done again to all the students, staff and parents/carers responsible for this exceptional performance year on year.

Year 7 – First Official Week of School



Some of our Year 7s had plenty to say about their first week at school. To view our Year 7 First Experiences video, click [here](#).

We'll share another one next week!

Focus areas for next week

Signing up for Clubs and Enrichment Activities – if your child hasn't already signed up for a club, please encourage them to do so - we want to see each student signed up to at least 1 club. Clubs are a great way of building new skills and making friends.

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Uniform skirt length. Students are being corrected and sanctioned for this in school. Students in non-compliant uniform have been required to change using borrowed stock until corrected. Parents/carers support in this regard is essential in setting expectations.

Important Notices (Please refer to information directly from the calendar or from information evening for full details of upcoming events but here are some significant events):

Remaining Parents Information Evening

It has been great to welcome parents/carers to their year group Information Meetings, and we look forward to seeing Year 8, 9, 10 and 12 parents/carers over the coming weeks, see dates below. These meetings are your opportunity to hear from your daughter's Head of Year and other senior leaders about the year ahead and the opportunities for your daughter(s) personal and academic development. Thank you for prioritising these dates in your diary. **All meetings will take place in the school hall at 6pm.** If you have any questions before or after, please contact your daughter's/son's Form Tutor or Head of Year.

Year 8: Tuesday 30th September

Year 9: Wednesday 17th September

Year 10: Tuesday 23rd September

Year 12: Tuesday 16th September

Main school Open Evening 24th September

School Photos – Year 7, 10 & 12

Your child will have had their school photo taken last week by Happy Days Photography in order to update our school system. We were delighted to provide you with the opportunity to purchase these, and students were asked to bring home their purple cards with personal access codes in order for you to view/purchase. If there are any Year 7, 10 or 12 parents wishing to purchase a photo that do not have a purple card with a personal access code, please email Ms Smedley:

emma.smedley@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk with your child's name and tutor group and she will email you your personal code in due course.

Smart Devices

Please remember Smart watches are not permitted in school and will be confiscated. Mobile phones are allowed for travel purposes and must be switched off and placed in lockers all day. You can read our Smart Devices and Social Media Statement [here](#). If parents and carers have any questions or need further information on this, please contact the appropriate Head of Year.

Safety after school

Reminder that all students need to proceed directly home in uniform following the agreed route. Students must not congregate or visit shops or retail outlets. Students have been taking the opportunity to discuss with their teachers how to respond to stranger danger or inappropriate approaches outside of school.

Parent Resources

Year 7 Information Evening : [Y7-Information-Evening-2025.pdf](#)

Year 7 IT Safety Guidelines: [Year-7-IT-Guidelines-and-Safety-Presentation.pdf](#)

Year 13 Information Evening: [Year-13-Information-Evening-2025.pdf](#)

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The book discussed at information evening “Why Girls Fall out” by Andrew, Holly and Naomi Hampton will transform your thinking on how to support your daughter navigate difficulties within friendships and equip her with the skills to navigate this herself with support. Use this ISBN on your preferred site to obtain a copy. **ISBN 978-1-3999-0108-6**

Catholic Life of the School

Visit our school [website](http://www.ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk) to read more about what we currently do to embed our Catholic ethos into school life.



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Pictures of the week



Some of our Year 12 T Level students were busy helping us finish our main school Open Evening promotional video this week. We look forward to sharing this with our school community next week.

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We caught a lovely snap of some of our students outside the PE block with Head of PE, Ms Torode this week!
They looked delighted to be back to school!

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Wishing you and your family a happy and restful weekend.

Yours faithfully

Eoin Kelly
Headteacher

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