



Cultural Celebrations



We are very proud of the diversity of our Ursuline community and this was showcased this half-term as we held our **Multicultural Evening** followed by **Culture Day**. On **Wednesday 18th March** we held our much anticipated annual **Multicultural Evening**. A fantastic evening for foodies, where students, parents, and staff in our Ursuline Community explored an array of delicious dishes, with their taste buds travelling from the Caribbean, Philippines, and Ghana, to Poland, Spain, and Portugal- just to name a few! This was followed by a student showcase - hosted by our sixth formers with some spectacular entertainment on display celebrating global culture, featuring a vast array of cultural dances, singing, and even some poetry. You were all amazing!

This was followed by **Cultural Day**, on **Thursday 19th March**, where students could attend school in their cultural dress. Our talented student photographers were busy behind the lens during the day capturing the energy, colour, and spirit of the celebration. Their stunning visuals will keep the memories alive for years to come!

Our community most certainly did not disappoint (as you can see in the photos), it was lovely to everyone proudly representing and celebrating cultural heritage- with flags galore. The grand finale was a lunchtime cultural fashion show, run by some of our Year 10 student leaders. As you can imagine, this was particularly well supported by our student audience with lots of joy and excitement as students represented their flags.

"This is definitely one of the highlights of our school year! Our Ursuline Community is an inclusive and diverse one, we take joy in celebrating and lifting up each other - as our founder St Angela Merici taught us, as if we strive to be like this we can surely achieve great things."

Mr Kelly, Headteacher

Of course, these events are simply not possible without the organisers behind the scenes. A big thank you to our student leaders who were supported by Ms Gilmore and Mr Williams and not forgetting our awesome sixth form presenters! See you again the same time next year.



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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

As usual, it has been a busy and very successful term, with the Year 11 and Year 13 students preparing and working hard for their upcoming public exams. I have been so impressed by their commitment and fortitude, I hope they manage to feel the support of the whole school as we keep them in our prayers, thoughts, and actions in the next few weeks. Next term is once again packed with a calendar of events and enrichment opportunities. Please note the key dates in the Updates from Heads of Year and encourage your daughter (son in Sixth Form) to get involved and avail of this incredible provision, which supports the outstanding learning and progress in lessons.

The term is ending, and as Pilgrims of Love 2026, approaching Holy Week, we complete our preparations for Easter at school. This year the Holy Season of Ramadan uniquely coincided with Lent and our whole school community has taken the opportunity to learn more about the growth that comes from abstinence and creating the space for a full encounter with our personal faith. Our assemblies and liturgies alongside the opportunities for collective worship have provided a structure and framework for an education in faith and we are indebted to our school Chaplain Student Chaplaincy Leaders and the wider school chaplaincy team for all their hard work and commitment.

We take the hope in the Holy year of pilgrimage into next term, and continue to teach the importance of love for each other, of being kind, and taking the time to truly listen to one another. Our young people are praying and working for a better and compassionate world.

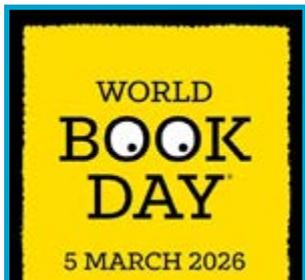
As we finish for the Easter break ahead of the Summer term, may you embrace the optimism and hope which arises from the Easter message in the resurrection and enjoy the time together with your families and friends.

Take care and thank you for your continued support and co-operation.

Eoin Kelly
Headteacher



World Book Day 2026



On **Thursday 5th March** we celebrated **World Book Day** - our Ursuline community were encouraged to dress up as a literary character, book, or author - with a £1 donation going to **CAFOD**. Congratulations to our winners below..

Students:
Staff:
See images here.

Offer Day



Year 6 students received their secondary school offers for September 2025 on **1st March**. We are sure our current Year 7 parents remember this day all too well! Looking forward to welcoming our parents at our **New Intake Parents' Information Evening** on **Thursday 23rd April 2026**.

A reminder that a variety of helpful transitions information is available on our [Transitions Hub](#) on our website.



Communications

We are committed to effectively communicating with our parents/carers. To read more about our Communications Strategy visit the [Parent Communications](#) page of our website.

Are your details correct? To ensure you are receiving relevant communications from us, please ensure you notify us of any changes to contact details;
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Careers Challenge



On **Thursday 12th March** Year 7 participated in the **National Careers Challenge**, students were split in group and each team had to develop a project of sustainable city. During this event students learned such skills as teamwork, time management, independent work, and presentation skills. At the end of the day 8 teams were chosen to present their project in front of judges and entire year group. The event was run by the Inspirational Learning Group. The list of winning team is below. Congratulations to our winning team with their city Riverstone; *Sira S-J, Saoirse B, Ruby M, Alannah N, Andrea D & Masooma R* in 7C.

Geography Fieldwork



The **Geography** department have been out on **GCSE fieldwork trips** over the last two weeks.

The first trip was to the **River Tillingbourne** in Surrey where students were investigating changes along the river. The second trip was last week at **Battersea Power Station** investigating how the regeneration project has sustainable features. Students were collecting data and making judgements to use for their Paper 3 GCSE exams.

Hanbury Fountain Unveiling

Our KS3 History Club attended the grand unveiling of the restored Hanbury Fountain near Wimbledon Common. The Mayor of Merton, leaders of the restoration project, and four of our pupils gave speeches about the importance of the fountain and what they had learned through this experience. The Club was presented with a certificate by Proud Places in recognition of their involvement.
Read more here.



Dallas & French Exchange



We welcomed our **Ursuline Dallas** and **Largenté French exchange** students this half-term they all had a great time and it was a pleasure to host them. Both schools got a taste of UK school life and explored London and the surrounding areas (Dallas pictured at *Surrey Cricket*). Our French students also worked with our French Year 13 students-providing extra oral practice and real feedback - which our students were very grateful for.

RISE Workshops



As part of the **London RISE Open Education Fortnight**, we were delighted to host two workshops supporting schools on their **inclusion** and **attainment** journeys this half-term. Providing key proven strategies for Outstanding Inclusion and attainment - so all students succeed at KS3 and KS4. The workshops run on *Tuesday 10th* and *17th March* respectively and were very well received, we thank all our delegates for attending!



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International Women's Day



We proudly celebrated **International Women's Day** was celebrated on *Tuesday 3rd March* with a Year 12 Sixth Form conference on Redefining Strength. We were delighted to welcome back Ursuline alumni Rosephine Fernandes who worked at the school previous as an art teacher and previous student Shakira Halid. Rosephine and Shakira spoke to students about their career journeys and emphasised that career paths are not linear and there will be many twists and turns along the way!

Onatti German Play



We also welcomed the Onatti Theatre company into school to perform a play in German to our Year 8, 9 and 10s currently studying the language. Isabel who is also interested in drama played a starring role. Read more [here](#).

Sixth Form Transitions



We held our **Sixth Form Transitions Evening** for **Year 10** this half term. The event provided students and their parents/carers with clear insight into the process of next steps beyond KS4, applying to our Sixth Form, and why they should do so! The Powerpoint from the evening can be found [here](#).

St Cecilia's Concert



On *Wednesday 11th March*, we held our **St Cecilia's Concert**. Our audience was treated to a variety of performances, from our orchestra and choir, alongside some renditions of classic songs and newer songs by our outstanding singers. Thank you to everyone who attended we hope you enjoyed it!

Teach Wimbledon



We hosted a **Teach Wimbledon ECT Advice Session** for our teacher trainees on *Thursday 5th March*. We are sure that our ETC's gained value from the session and gave them some food for thought!

Quiz Bowl Winners!



Congratulations to **Saddie R, Harriet SG, Rachel P**, and **Emma Min** in Year 12 who recently won the **Quiz Bowl** at **The American School London**.

Inter-Faith Project



Congratulations to sixth formers **Emma, Natalie, and Shaila** for their presentation at **Rutlish** for the Inter-Faith project recently. They prepared their presentation on what they learned from visiting **Wimbledon Synagogue** very well and articulated it brilliantly. Well done!

Lent and Passion Services

During **Lent**, our school community journeyed together as Pilgrims of Love, preparing our hearts through assemblies and reflection before moving into a week of charity, where students put love into action through generosity, service, and our commitment to **CAFOD Live Simply**. This was followed by a focused week of prayer, where students were invited to share personal prayer intentions, which were gathered and prayed for by the Chaplaincy Team, alongside opportunities for Eucharistic Adoration both in RE lessons and at lunchtime.



Cracking Cricket



Recently, our **Year 12 Cricket Academy** students attended a special training session as part of our **International Women's Day** project. The students met and trained with the **Surrey Pro Women's team** at the **Kia Oval** and gained lots of advice on their future ambitions within the sporting world.

Barcelona

Over February half-term, some **Year 12** students visited **Barcelona**! They had an amazing time. See the Sixth Form Instagram for further details!





netball tennis football athletics
 rock climbing cross country
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Futsal Finals



Our **Year 9/10 Footballers** represented Merton in the **London Youth Games Futsal finals** at **Crystal Palace National Sports Centre** recently.

With 2 wins, 2 draws and 2 losses, they were unfortunate not to progress to the playoffs, but their overall performance and teamwork together was outstanding. Well done everyone!

Houses of Parliament



Congratulations to **Maeve G (10M)** who was recently invited by the **London Youth Games Team Manager** to speak at the Houses of Parliament. Maeve spoke about her experiences representing **Merton** through the **London Youth Games Squash team**, her journey in sport locally, and the wider impact that school sport has had on her development.

Well done Maeve- public speaking takes a great deal of courage.



Gaelic Football Club



This term we have been fortunate enough to have a brilliant **Gaelic Football Club** on offer in PE to give our students a taste of a different sport.

Supported with funding and coaching from **London GAA** our students have been excited to learn lots of new Gaelic Football skills, some of which will go to good use when some students travel to Cork on our Senior Football Tour in May.

First Swimathon



This term Ursuline hosted it's first ever **Swimathon** at **Wimbledon College**. 60 keen and eager swimmers across Years 7-10 had a 45 minute time slot to complete as many lengths as they could to receive an official Swimathon medal. Well done to everyone who took part.

Mini Marathon



On **Friday 20th March** we hosted our **Mini Marathon!** Students ran 4 laps of **Morley Park** completing 2.6k in total. Overall an excellent event for the students to be able to challenge themselves in a competitive environment.