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THE URSULINE HIGH SCHOOL FAITH DEVELOPMENT & SERVIAM VALUES

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This year our theme is 'Insieme', which links with all the Ursuline schools in the UK through the Ursuline Education Community. 'Insieme' means together - for us this means that together we are stronger, together we are united and together we can make a change in the world. Our focus for change this year is 'Our Global Environment'. At our St Ursula Masses, the reflection focused on Sr Dorothy Strang who worked so tirelessly for the protection of the Amazon and its people within, giving up her life for the cause. Sr Dorothy teaches us how the destruction of the planet affects the poorest communities first, she teaches us the importance of protecting the weak and vulnerable. This encouraged each of us to think about the changes we can make in our lives for the good of others and the planet.

A highlight of this half term was the Year 11 Retreat 'Dare to Dream'. On the Retreat we were joined by the Daughters of Divine Charity who were on the TV show 'Bad Habits'. They shared their personal faith journey's with the students and encouraged them to 'Dare to Dream'. They invited students to get up singing, dancing with them and had a time of reflection where they focused on what was important in their lives. Of the day a student said; "Meeting Sr Linda and the other nun was amazing they were so nice and showed how God is bringing joy in their lives. I loved talking with the nuns and it was great to get up and dance with them."

The final event of the half term was our joint Faith Day with Wimbledon College, on the theme of 'Being of Faith in a Non-Faith Environment'. Throughout the day students had the opportunity to think about how they will put their faith into action in their lives beyond sixth form. This was done through a variety of workshops such as; 'Being Politically Active', 'The Ecological Conversion' and 'Catholic Social Teaching in Action'. In the closing reflection students were asked to reflect on the prayer of John Henry Newman and think of one way they will put their faith into action!

Wishing you a restful half term break. Ms Murphy



PRAYER OF THE 'MONTH'

St John Henry Newman (1801-1890)

Some Definite Service

God has created me to do Him some definite service; He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have my mission—I never may know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next.

I have a part in this great work; I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons.

He has not created me for naught. I shall do good, I shall do His work; I shall be an angel of peace, a preacher of truth in my own place, while not intending it, if I do but keep His commandments and serve Him in my calling.

SCRIPTURE OF THE 'MONTH'

A Reading from the Book of Jeremiah

(Jeremiah 1:4-10)

The word of the Lord came to me, saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations."

"Alas, Sovereign Lord," I said, "I do not know how to speak; I am too young."

But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am too young.' You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you," declares the LORD. Then the LORD reached out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me, "I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms to uproot and tear down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant."

Upcoming Events

All Saints Day Mass

Fri 1st Nov
Chapel, (1.00-1.35pm)

Year 7 Commissioning

Weds 6th Nov
Hall, (7.00pm)

Remembrance Service

Mon 11th Nov
Chapel, (12.40-1.25pm)

Christmas Fairs

Year 9: Fri 19th Nov, **Year 8:** Fri 6th Dec, **Year 12 & 13:** Tues 19th Dec
& **Year 7:** Fri 13th Dec
Dining Hall

Christmas Tree Service

Fri 9th Nov, Chapel (2.00-2.30pm)

Carol Service with Wimbledon College

Mon 16th Dec
Sacred Heart Church, (8.00-9.00pm)

News In Pictures



Year 11 Retreat at Sacred Heart Church, with a focus on 'Daring to Dream'.



Avila Joint Student Retreat at St Philomenas High School in Carshalton.



Southwark Archdiocese Welcome Mass at Southwark Cathedral.



St Francis of Assisi House Lunch.



Year 7 & 8 Mass of St Ursula.



Year 13 Faith Development Day with a focus on; 'Being of Faith in a Non-Faith Environment'.