



San Damiano Crucifix Blessing



We were delighted to invite **Sr. Kathleen Colmer**, *Ursuline Provinciale*, to bless the **San Damiano crucifix** which was gifted to the school to mark our 125th anniversary. Two students from each form were invited to attend this service, where we learnt about the cross, listened to the words of **St Angela** and blessed the crucifix. During the service we also commissioned this year's **Head Girl Team**, we would like to thank Sr Kathleen for attending the service and for the thoughtful gift of the crucifix.

About The San Damiano Crucifix

San Damiano Cross is the one before which **St. Francis** was praying when he received the commission from the Lord to rebuild the Church. The original cross presently hangs in the **Basilica of St. Clare Church** in *Assisi, Italy*. All Franciscans cherish this cross as the symbol of their mission from God. The cross is called an icon cross.

“The Ursuline Sisters were pleased to give the San Damiano crucifix to commemorate the 125 years of the school. Let us pray for one another that we may act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with our God.”

**Sr Kathleen
Ursuline Provinciale**



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Dear Parents and Friends,

Last week Ms Murphy led the Service to bless our new San Damiano Crucifix in the refurbished old gym. It is a generous gift from the Ursuline Sisters to celebrate our 125th Anniversary. The women at the foot of the cross remind us of our discipleship and our role in ensuring that our faith impacts on the world. As women there is so much more to strive for. On the 100th year anniversary of the right for women with property over 30 to vote, students are identifying the frontiers we are yet to conquer. The gender pay gap, sexual harassment and violence, the participation of women in the House of Commons are to name but a few of our challenges.

As Lent begins we will be focussing on 40 Acts of kindness as our theme. Please encourage your daughters to find out more and get involved.

Best wishes
Julia Waters

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Street Crime!



Our Safer Schools Police Officer, **PC Geoff Gunn** has been running a programme on **Street Crime** this February for Year 7, 8 and 9. Making students aware of staying safe whilst out and about, answering any questions and addressing any worries they may have.

“It’s really important that young people are armed with knowledge of how to keep safe and make smart decisions.”

PC Geoff Gunn

Mock Results!



On Friday 12th January, the air was sizzling with nervous anticipation as **Year 11** received their **Mock Exam Results**. A special assembly was held prior to this by **Ms Connor**, *Head of Year 11* and **Mr Kelly**, *Deputy Headteacher*, as they informed the girls that every student is on *‘their own path to success’*; and great deal of hard work is still needed between now and the start of the exams, in order for each of them to fulfil their full potential!

Year 7 Ethos Day : Year 8 Retreat



On **Year 7 Ethos Day** we focused on the lives on **St Angela** and **St Ursula**, our school values and what makes an Ursuline student. In small groups within their form, the students researched either; St Angela or St Ursula and presented to the rest of the class. Among other things, students made posters centering on the school values and what it means to be an Ursuline student. The day was ended with a celebration of St Angela Mass for Feast Day.



On Friday 12th January, **Year 8 students** enjoyed a **Retreat Day** at *Sacred Heart Church*, led by our school *Chaplain*; **Ms Murphy**. The theme of the day was centred on **‘Building Bridges’**; and students spent time in groups, reflecting upon those close to them in their lives and how they can build better relationships with family, friends, God and the community.

Networking!



On Tuesday 6th February all **Year 9 students** took part in a **'Fast Career Networking Day'**, with the aim of motivating students by increasing their understanding of options available to them outside school and the relevance of what they learn in school.

Each student had the opportunity to discuss and question professionals from a vast array of industries about key workplace skills and qualities and qualifications needed! Many thanks to all the professionals that took the time to attend and speak to our students about their career options! (See website for more information and additional photos)

First Give



Year 8 students are taking part in the wonderful *First Give Philanthropy Project*. Following an introduction from **Helen Kelleher** from *First Give*, students have been researching into local social need and the charities who are working to make a real difference to the lives of local people. Each Form Group will choose a different charity to support and at the **Grand Final in May**, they will compete to win **£1,000** for their chosen charity. This wonderful project connects Year 8 students with the people most in need in our community; encouraging them to use their skills to help others. This project also enables young students to develop their key life skills; teamwork, communication, resilience, presentation and creativity.

Debating Success!



Niamh, Maddie (Ursuline A Team), **Lucinda** and **Natasha** (Ursuline B Team) from **Year 12** represented UHS in this year's **Oxford Schools Debating Competition** hosted by **Dulwich College**. The motions were: *'TH allows prisoners to raise their children behind bars'* and *'TH prefers a system of both traditional and vocational subjects'*. UHS teams came first in the **South-West heat** (against teams such as **Dulwich College** and **King's**), and have progressed to the final day in Oxford in March! Well done girls and we wish you the best of luck for the finals!!

"It was an amazing experience and we were up against a large array of brilliant schools, including private schools. Looking forward to the final!"

Natasha, 12 Elizabeth

Insieme Day



7 Ursula were invited to take part in an **Insieme Day** (which means together), with **30 students** from **St Angela's School, Forest Gate** who came to join us. The students were each given a 'buddy' from the other school to work with and get to know. We started our day with a prayer and introduction in the Chapel and then the students had a 'get to know you' challenge with their buddy.

Year 12 Ursuline Links students worked with the Year 7's in groups of 10, creating Insieme activities, these included; a poster about what Insieme meant, a role play about working together and a presentation about what they had in common with their 'buddy'. After lunch, they presented their work to the whole of Year 7.

Votes For Women!

The month of February marks 100 years since the **Representation of the People Act (1918)** - the act which allowed some women in the UK the right to vote. Today in Britain, this democratic act feels like a basic human right, but the battle women had to wage for this right was complex and hard-fought! **Ms Waters** marked this centenary and the brave efforts of the Suffrage movement, by presenting special talks during the week 12th-16th February!

"We are here, not because we are law-breakers; we are here in our efforts to become law-makers."

E. Pankhurst

1918 - 2018 **URSULINE CELEBRATES THE ANNIVERSARY OF WOMEN GETTING THE POWER TO VOTE**

This February, all Ursuline Students and staff celebrate the 100 year anniversary of some women getting the right to vote.

We remember the 100th birthday of women like suffragette Emmeline Pankhurst and 1918 MP Millicent Garrett Baskin and the 1918 Representation of the People Act that gave women over 21 the right to stand for election as an MP - 1918 General Election.

KEY DATES

- 1918 (100 years)** Representation of the People Act. All women over 21 and some over 30 were granted the vote for the first time.
- 1918 (100 years)** Parliament (Qualification of Women) Act. Gave women over 21 the right to stand for election as an MP - 1918 General Election.
- 1918 (100 years)** General Election 14 December 1918. Women over 30 (and all men over 21) were to a General Election for the first time.
- 1928 (90 years)** Representation of the People (Equal Franchise) Act. Gave women the same equality with men.



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Netball Champs!



A huge well done to our **Year 10 A Netball Team** who are now the **U16 Borough Netball champions** after winning the final at **Wimbledon High School**.

Athletics!



Year 8 triumphed at the **Borough Indoor Athletics** in January, winning gold. Suburb teamwork shown by the group. Year 7 also put in a fantastic effort to win silver.

Well done girls!

Leadership!



Our **Sixth Form Leadership Programme** has been going well. **Year 12 students** have enjoyed working with **Sacred Heart Primary School** leading various sporting activities this half term!

Thank you!

Enrichment!



Club attendance at Enrichment such as **KS3 Football, Wall Climbing and Trampolining** and **Cross Country** has been excellent this term!

Fantastic that our girls are enjoying a fit and active lifestyle through sport!

Ball Girls!



We are pleased to announce that the following students have been chosen as ball girls! **Louise, Ellen, Grace, Fiona, Ciara, Natalie and Caitlin**- congratulations and enjoy!

Look out for them on a TV screen near you once **Wimbledon Tennis** starts up in the summer! Keep your eye on the ball girls!

Taster Sessions!



As **Year 8 options** decisions edge closer, **GCSE P.E** after school 'taster sessions' have been in full swing this half term- proving a very popular choice!

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ANGELA	1st	1299
BERNADETTE	2nd	1683
CATHERINE	3rd	1602
FRANCIS	4th	1655
MARGARET	5th	1461
TERESA	6th	1363
URSULA	7th	1495

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	SCHOOL RETURNS
Mon 19th Feb	Year 12 Cumulative Exams (Until 23rd February); USFC Year 13 Mock Exams (Until 27th Feb)
Tues 20th Feb (7.00-9.00pm)	Bronze DofE Expedition Training
Weds 21st Feb (Lunchtime)	A Level Drama Performance Careers in Creative Arts Talk; SFSC
Thurs 22nd Feb	GCSE Music Concert Trip (evening)
Fri 23rd Feb	Year 8 Taster Day (ALL DAY)
Mon 26th Feb	Year 12 Residential Trip to Juniper Hall (Until 1st March)
Tues 27th Feb (6.30-7.30pm)	Ski Trip Information Evening; Hall
Thurs 1st March (9.40-10.10am) (10.55-11.55am)	St David's Day Sacrament of Reconciliation; Hall
Fri 2nd March (10.55-1.35pm)	Year 8 First Give Charities; Hall
Mon 5th March	Digital Learning Week Year 12 Voices of Women in the Church; Roehampton University
Tues 6th March (7.00-8.30pm)	Year 7 Netball Competition; WHS Much Ado About Nothing Performance; Globe Theatre
Weds 7th March (10.55am-12.40pm) (6.00-9.00pm)	WE Day Conference (ALL DAY) Year 9 Learning Conference; Hall Year 9 GCSE Drama Performance
Thurs 8th March (9.40-10.10am) (10.55-11.55am)	International Women's Day Year 11 Physics Walking, Talking Mock Exam; Hall Sacrament of Reconciliation; Hall
Mon 12th March (9.40-10.10am) (10.55-11.55am)	National Science Week The National Apprenticeship Show (For selected Year 12 students) Year 9 & Year 10 Therapy and Challenge Week Sacrament of Reconciliation; Hall
Tues 13th March (ALL DAY) (4.00-6.00pm)	Year 7 STEM Event; Hall Year 8 Netball Competition; WHS
Weds 14th March (ALL DAY) (7.30-9.30pm)	Rehearsal for Concert for St Cecilia Concert for St Cecilia
Thurs 15th March (ALL DAY) (1.30-3.10pm) (4.00-6.30pm)	Year 9 STEM Event; Hall Generations Questions Together at WC Year 12 Parents' Evening; WC
Fri 16th March	Year 10 Retreat Day; UHS (ALL DAY)
Mon 19th March	Sixth Form Societies Week Year 10 GCSE Geography Fieldwork Trip to Juniper Hall (ALL DAY)
Tues 20th March (8.35-9.35am) (9.40-10.10am) (10.55-11.55am)	Year 10 GCSE Geography Fieldwork Trip to Juniper Hall (ALL DAY) Year 8 Careers Session; Hall Sacrament of Reconciliation; Hall
Weds 21st March	International Day for Elimination of Discrimination School Council Meeting; SFSC
Fri 23rd March (2.00pm)	Palm Sunday
Sun 25th March	Year 11 English Language Day; Hall
Mon 26th March (ALL DAY) (9.40-10.10am) (10.55-11.55am)	Sacrament of Reconciliation; Hall Year 9 Retreat Day (ALL DAY)
Wed 28th March (3.30-8.30pm) (7.30-9.30pm)	Year 12/13 Faith Development Day GCSE Music Concert Rehearsal; Hall
Thurs 29th March (Return 6th April) (Return 3rd April)	Maunder Thursday GCSE Music Concert; Hall Passion Services Ski Trip to Italy Begins French Exchange Begins
Fri 30th March	TERM ENDS Good Friday
Fri 30th March- Fri 13th April	EASTER HOLIDAYS
Mon 16th April	SCHOOL RETURNS