

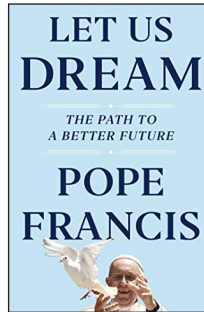


Headteacher's Recommendation

Let Us Dream: The Path to a Better Future

Pope Francis

In this book Pope Francis challenges us to reflect on what we have learnt through the pandemic and what choices as individuals we can make moving forward.



Parents' Notepad

Parents / carers are always warmly welcomed to these events. This newsletter also outlines RE and PSHEC lesson topics for this half term. Events, Workshops, Courses and Forums are opportunities for parents/carers to meet and explore key issues in education.

Monday 7th June

SCHOOL RETURNS

British Nutrition Foundation's
Healthy Eating Week
Year 8 End of Year Exam Week

Thurs 10th June

Key Stage 3 Parental Workshop
[Relationships & Healthy Lifestyles]
(6.00-7.00pm)

Key Stage 4 & Key Stage 5 Parental Workshop
[Relationships & Sexual Health] (6.00-7.00pm)

Fri 11th June

Feast of the Sacred Heart

Mon 5th April

Year 9 End of Year Exam Week

Mon 19th April

Day of the African Child [African Dance
Workshops & Design your own Kanza, Kanga
or Gomeji Pattern Inter-House Art
Competition]

Sun 20th June

World Refugee Day

Mon 21st June

Year 10 End of Year Exam Week

Tues 22nd June

Windrush Day

Thurs 24th June

Student Leaders Celebration (5.00-7.00pm)

Fri 25th June

Year 10 PSHEC [Living in the Wider World
continued/Equality/Refugees/Malicious
Gossip/Respect]

Weds 16th June

Year 11 Celebration Evening

Fri 25th June

Year 6 Induction Day

Sat 26th June

Nearly New Uniform Sale

Thurs 8th July

Year 7 Parents' Evening

Mon 12th July

Year 7 Celebration; Hall (1.25-3.10pm)

Tues 13th July

Year 8 Celebration; Hall(1.25-3.10pm)

Weds 14th July

Year 9 Celebration; Hall(1.25-3.10pm)
End of Year Concert ; School Hall/Morley Park
Year 10 Parents' Evening ; Sports Hall

Thurs 15th July

Year 10 Celebration [Parents Welcome]; Hall

Tues 20th July

Eid ul Adha [Islam]

Friday 23rd July

LAST DAY OF TERM
End of Year Masses (See Chaplaincy)

Mon 26th July- Thurs 31st Aug

HALF TERM

Weds 1st Sept & Thurs 2nd Sept

INSET DAYS

Fri 3rd Sep

School returns for Year 7,11 & 12 & 13

Mon 6th Sept

School returns for remaining year groups
(Year 8, 9 & 10)

LESSON TOPICS: SUMMER A TERM

RE Programme

Year 7; students will study the Sacraments of initiations: Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist and how they influence the life of a Catholic believer. Their key questions for this unit are: What is a Sacrament of Initiation? How and why do Catholics use signs and symbols in their worship? Why are Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist known as the Sacraments of Initiation? Why must a Catholic get confirmed if they have already been baptized? What is the link between the Sacraments of Initiation and God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit? What is the impact of the Sacraments of Initiation on the individual?

Year 8; students will do their End of Year examinations then continue with their study of Good versus Evil. The key questions for this unit are: Are certain actions good because God commands them or does God command them because they are good? How did evil enter the world? Are humans to blame or God? What is a Conscience? Can humans be trusted to always follow their Conscience? Does the good in the world outweigh the evil? This will be followed by revision for End of Year examination.

Year 9; students will do their End of Year examinations then study 'Incarnation' in which pupils will study Jesus as God incarnate; Jesus as the Word of God; Jesus as both fully human and fully God; Christian symbols; how incarnation affects Catholic attitudes towards religious art; interpreting statues of Jesus; the seven sacraments; image of God and abortion.

Year 10; students finish off GCSE course on Judaism: they will cover the following areas: importance of the synagogue, importance of prayer, Shabbat at home and in the synagogue, ceremonies associated with birth, Bar and Bat Mitzvah, marriage, mourning for the dead,

dietary laws, festivals of Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur and Pesach. This will be followed by End of Year examinations on Catholic Christianity, Themes and Judaism.

PSHEC Programme

Year 7 to focus on; Families and parenting, Retreat – Refugees, Equalities – Gender Reassignment– Registration, Sports day prep Exam week, Debates prep, prep celebration, Serviam assembly, Equalities – Gender Reassignment– Registration, Sports day prep, Exam week.

Year 8 to focus on; Gambling and online gambling, Assertiveness, Debates prep, prep celebration, Serviam assembly

Year 9 to focus on; Basic First Aid SSO/St Johns Ambulance, Coping with change, Financial literacy – Budgeting, recognise and manage influences on financial decisions, managing risk, money laundering, Equalities – Gender Reassignment– Registration, Sports day prep Exam week, Debates prep x1, prep celebration, Serviam assembly

Year 10 to focus on; Equality- Bullying and respecting difference, Racism, Homophobia, Refugees, Malicious Gossip, Respect, Equalities – Gender Reassignment– Registration

Help & Support

This newsletter outlines the additional support available for your daughter which may prove particularly useful during this difficult time.



Kooth – www.kooth.com. Online support services for young people, 11-25 years. It offers free online counselling from 12pm-10pm Mon-Fri and from 6pm-10pm Sat/Sun

TALK TO US



Off the Record – www.talkofftherecord.org/merton/ offers online and telephone counselling support to any student at a Merton school.



Chaplain Update

This half term we celebrated the 129th anniversary of the foundation of school. To mark the occasion students put together a video celebrating what Ursuline means to them. It was wonderful to see how they live out our core values day to day.

Throughout this half term our liturgical focus has been on Jesus sending forth his disciples. We have celebrated this in our Ascension and Pentecost liturgies and considered what this means for us as modern-day disciples.

This has been the perfect link to our Leavers Celebration for Year 13 where we sent them forth into the world. The students wrote a beautiful reflection explaining how they had lived out our Ursuline values over the last 7 years and we encouraged them to take this forward. We know that each of one them has so much to bring to our world and *will go on to achieve greatness.*

Year 13 we are very proud of you and all you have achieved!

Ms Murphy



PRAYER OF THE 'MONTH'

*God has created me to do some definite service;
God has committed some work to me
Which is not committed to another.
I have my mission. I may never 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 the chain,
A bond of connection between persons.
God has not created me for naught.
I shall do good, I shall do God's 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 God's
commandments and serve the Lord in my calling.
Therefore I will trust my Lord.
Whatever, wherever I am,
I can never be thrown away.*

Upcoming Events

Year 12 Faith Development Day

Tuesday 8th June
Classrooms

STS Peter & Paul Liturgy

Tuesday 29th June
Registration

Windrush Day Liturgy

Tuesday 22nd June
Registration

Serviam Assemblies

w/b 5th July
Hall

Year 7 Retreat

Friday 25th June
UHSW

End of Year Celebrations

Friday 23rd July
Hall

SCRIPTURE OF THE 'MONTH'

A reading from the Holy gospel of Matthew

"You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot. "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

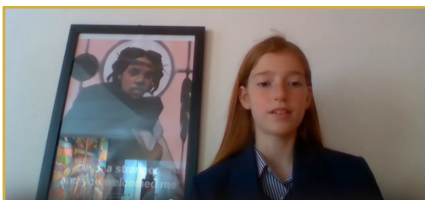
News In Pictures



Year 9 Retreat- on the theme of 'Human Dignity'.



The 129th anniversary of the school, celebration video.



Ascension Day- video liturgy during registration.



India Week- Fundraising for the Ursuline Sisters to assist with COVID-19



Year 13 Liturgy- celebrating and sending forth.