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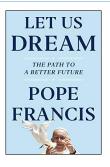
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THE URSULINE HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER FOR PSHEC & PARENTING

# 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.

#### Mon 7th June

#### **SCHOOL RETURNS**

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

#### Weds 9th June

Year 12 Summer Conference

#### 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 14th June

Year 9 End of Year Exam Week

#### Weds 16th June

Day of the African Child [African Dance Workshops & Design your own Kanzu, Kanga or Gomesi Pattern Inter-House Art Competition] Year 11 Celebration Evening (6.00pm)

#### 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] Year 6 Induction Day

#### Sat 26th June

Nearly New Uniform Sale

#### Thurs 8th July

Year 7 Parents' Evening (on Teams); (4.00-6.30pm)

#### 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 (on Teams); (4.00-6.30pm)

#### Thurs 15th July

Year 10 Celebration; Hall (1.25-3.10pm)

#### **Tues 20th July**

Eid ul Adha [Islam]

#### Fri 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

## **Help & Support**

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



**Kooth** – <u>www.kooth.com</u>. 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 THE RECORD

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

#### **LESSON TOPICS: SUMMER B 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. They 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, prep celebration, Serviam assembly

#### Year 10 to focus on;

Equality- Bullying and respecting difference, Racism, Homophobia, Refugees, Malicious Gossip, Respect, Equalities – Gender Reassignment– Registration