



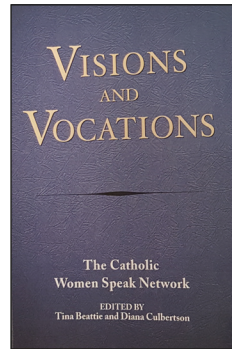
Headteacher's Recommendation

Visions and Vocations: The Catholic Women Speak Network.

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In the book there is a letter from Ursuline students to Pope Francis. The students were tasked with reading and reflecting on Francis' apostolic exhortation on marriage and family life, *Amoris Laetitia*.

The letter offers students own critique of some of the themes of the papal letter, including its notions of the so called feminine genius and of motherhood as a women's most essential vocation. (See the school website to read a copy of the letter).



Parents' Events

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 29th Oct
SCHOOL RETURNS
Polish/Ursuline Exchange Returns

Thurs 1st Nov
All Saints Day Mass; Chapel (12.30-1.00pm)
Remembrance book in the foyer all November

Year 13 Academic Review Day (All Day)
Year 9 Drug Awareness Conference; Hall
(8.45-9.35am)

Fri 2nd Nov
All Souls Day
Lighting of Candles & Prayer for the Deceased in the Chapel (10.30-10.55am)

Tues 6th Nov
Year 7 Commissioning Service
(7.00-8.00pm)

Mon 12th Nov
Remembrance Service; Chapel (12.40-1.25pm)

Tues 13th Nov
Year 7 Back to School Event (POP A)
(All Day)

Weds 14th Nov
Year 7 Back to School Event (POP B)
(All Day)

Fri 16th Nov
UPA Quiz Night (7.00-11.00pm)

Thurs 22nd Nov
INSET DAY
Joint St Cecilia Concert; Wimbledon College (7.30-9.30pm)
Mental Health Awareness Evening; Chapel (7.00-8.30pm)

Thurs 6th Dec
School Production: The Little Shop of Horrors; Hall. *Ticketed Event.* (7.30-10.00pm)
Drugs & Alcohol Awareness Evening; USFC (7.00-8.00pm)

Fri 7th Dec
School Production: The Little Shop of Horrors; Hall. *Ticketed Event.* (7.30-10.00pm)

Monday 17th Dec
Joint Christmas Carol Service with Wimbledon College at Sacred Heart Church (8.00-9.00pm)

Tues 18th Dec
Christmas Party for Retired Members of the Parish (1.30-3.00pm)

Weds 19th Dec
GCSE Music Concert (7.00-9.00pm)

Thurs 20th Dec
Christmas Assemblies: Year 7 & 8: (9.40-10.30am), Year 12 & 13: (10.55-11.45am), Year 9 & 10 (11.50-12.40am)

Fri 21st Dec
TERM ENDS (12.00pm)

Mon 24th Dec- Fri 4th Jan
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Mon 7th Jan
SCHOOL RETURNS

LESSON TOPICS: AUTUMN B TERM

RE Programme

Year 7
Year 7 will be working on their extended writing, 'Jesus was just a man.' They will also finish off the unit on 'Historical Jesus' then begin a study of the sources of authority within the Catholic Church, including the role of the Bible and the Magisterium. They will then use this knowledge to begin a detailed study on how belief in the Trinity developed from the Bible and the Early Church. Students attend an Advent

Year 8
Year 8 will explore Jesus as the New Covenant. They will particularly consider the key questions: how did Jesus establish the new covenant? The exploration will include the festivals of Advent, Christmas, Lent, Holy Week and Easter.

Year 9
The second unit of GCSE course is '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
Year 10 students will explore Catholic Church teachings on conflict and peace. They will consider Biblical perspectives on violence and bullying; forgiveness and reconciliation; justice; just war theory, the role of religion in conflicts in the 21st century; terrorism; torture, radicalisation and martyrdom; conflict resolution and peace-building

Year 11
Year 11 students will explore Judaism practices where 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 GCSE mock examinations on Catholic Christianity, Themes and Judaism.

PSHEC Programme

Year 7
Will focus on 'Conflict'. Including;
• Types of conflict
• Cyberbullying
• Sexual bullying
• Anger
• Children in wars
• Internal conflict
• Resolution Relationships with friends (inc conflict).

Year 8
Will focus on 'Safety & Protection' including;
• The law
• Reporting crime
• Court
• FirstAid
• Road safety
• Violence on the streets: including knife crime

Year 9
Will focus on 'Puberty'. Including;
• STIs
• Contraception
• SRE to address misconceptions more directly

Year 10
Will focus on 'Mental Health'. Including;
• Stress
• Pressure groups
• Drugs
• Eating disorders
• Exercise

Year 11:
Will focus on 'Exams'. With an addition of a Retreat Day.