



## Headteacher's Recommendation

### Phenomenal Women

South Bank Centre

I would like to recommend the Phenomenal Women Photography Exhibition for you to visit over half term. The first exhibition of its kind, Phenomenal Women: Portraits of UK Black Female Professors highlights the intersectionality of race and gender and showcases the achievements of Black female scholars. Find out more here [www.southbankcentre.co.uk/whats-on/art-exhibitions/phenomenal-women](http://www.southbankcentre.co.uk/whats-on/art-exhibitions/phenomenal-women)



## 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.

### Sun 1st Nov

All Saints' Day

### Mon 2nd Nov

INSET DAY

All Souls' Day / Remembrance Book in Foyer for Month of November

### Tues 3rd Nov

INSET DAY

### Weds 4th Nov

School Returns

Year 9 Drug Awareness Virtual Conference (8.55-9.45am)

### Sun 8th Nov

Remembrance Sunday

### Tues 10th Nov

Year 7 Commissioning Service [Live Streamed] (7.00- 9.00pm)

### Thurs 12th Nov

Parent Workshop from Cluster on Teams [Building Resilience] (6.00-7.00pm)

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### Thurs 12th Nov

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

### Thurs 10th Dec

Human Rights Day

### Thurs 12th Nov

Joint Christmas Carol Service with Wimbledon College; Sacred Heart Church (8.00-9.00pm)

### Fri 18th Dec

School closes for Christmas

### Mon 21st - Dec-Fri 1st Jan

Christmas Holidays

### Thurs 25th Dec

Christmas Day

### Mon 4th Jan

School Returns

## 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](http://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/](http://www.talkofftherecord.org/merton/) offers online and telephone counselling support to any student at a Merton school.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you are concerned about your daughter's wellbeing. You can also refer to the helpful NHS guide on ['Staying Well at Home'](#) here. We hope your family stay safe and well.

## LESSON TOPICS: AUTUMN B TERM

### RE Programme

**Year 7** students will be working on their extended writing, 'Jesus was just a man.' They will also start their course on 'Who is Jesus?' In this unit they will consider historical Jesus, Jesus in the Gospels, Islam and Judaism views of Jesus. Students will also attend an Advent service.

**Year 8** students 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** students will explore the meaning and significance of prayer for religious believers; they will explain different types of prayers: Adoration; praise, forgiveness, petition and intercession. Students explain the importance of various aids to prayer in Christianity and other religion.

**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** students will complete the topic of the Church and the Kingdom of God the start consolidation and revisions in preparation for Mock examinations. Catholics.

### PSHEC Programme

**Year 7** Will look at;

- Knife Crime
- Safe Travel
- Types of conflict
- Domestic Violence Awareness
- Anti-Bullying Week
- Equalities
- Parliament Week Talk
- Prep for Christmas Fair

**Year 8** Will look at;

- Personal Hygiene
- Conflict resolution
- Domestic Violence Awareness
- Relationships
- Local Government Laws
- Christmas Assembly Prep

**Year 9** Will look at;

- Puberty
- Peer pressure
- Domestic Violence Awareness
- STIs
- Parliament Week Talk
- Anti-Bullying Week

**Year 10** Will look at;

- Emotional Health and Lifestyle
- Domestic Violence Awareness
- Eating Disorders
- Other health disorders
- Relationships with parents and peers
- Conflict resolution
- Parliament Week Talk
- Anti-Bullying Week

**Year 11:** Will look at;

- Drugs – law and risks
- Domestic Violence Awareness
- Parliament Week Talk assembly
- Equalities – Age - Registration
- Anti-Bullying Week

***"Life is like riding a bicycle,  
to keep your balance you  
must keep moving."***