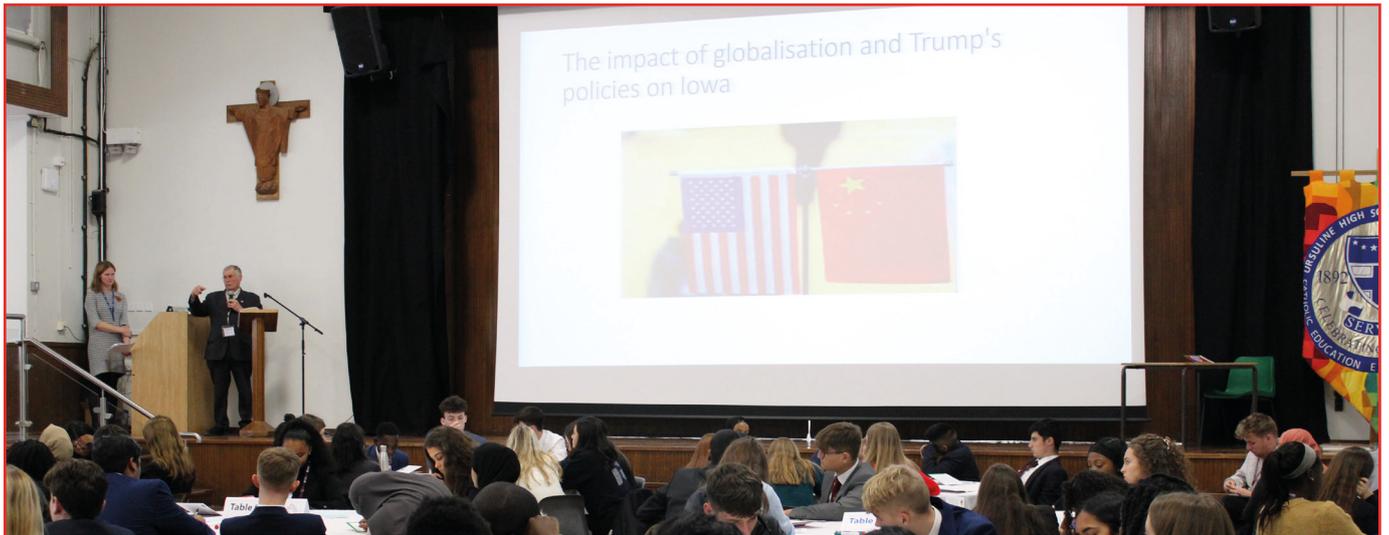




Sixth Form Conference



“Very interesting.. learning about the impact of political views and policies.. it's improved my A- Level knowledge!”

Student



On Monday 11 November we hosted a conference on **“The Rise of Populism in a Globalised World”** for 125 sixth-formers from the Ursuline, Wimbledon College, Mulberry School, St Philomena’s and Raynes Park High. The conference addressed the challenges globalisation and populism raise and speakers included; Polly Harrison, Director of Extended Learning who lead the session *“What do we mean by Populism and Globalisation”*, Chris Weavers from **NASUWT** who spoke on *“How to maintain reasonable labour standards in a globalised economy”* and some of the issues which global trade presents from a trade union perspective. We discussed the impact

of populism on minority rights and the threat it can pose to a fully-functioning democracy. We also heard from *John Wilson* from **Team Global** who spoke on *“Populism and Globalisation in a flyover state”* and how it impacted on his American home town of Iowa, which was a key state in the run up to the 2009 Obama election and lastly *Dr Eamonn Butler* from the **Adam Smith Institute** who spoke on *“The Benefits of Globalisation”* where he discussed how globalisation provides opportunities for greater trade and collaboration between countries. In the light of the December general election we discussed what qualities we look for in

leaders and the question of how politicians should best communicate with the electorate. On choosing the topic of the conference Ms Waters stated; *“Our conference today could not be more timely, with the General Election on the forefront of everyones minds and the debate on Brexit still raging, the question of the UK’s place in our globalised world is more pertinent then ever..”* It was a great day with much debate and a lot for everyone to reflect on.



We are grateful to the charity **TEAMGlobal** and our speakers for their support of the day.



Head Girl Team: Renoshni, Lillie and Alice

Dear Parents and Friends,

Welcome to the 1st edition of our Sixth Form newsletter!

What an eventful Autumn Term it has been in the Sixth Form. For Year 12s, it was a new beginnings with A Level/BTEC courses and getting into the rhythm of sixth form life. In Year 13, the daunting yet huge honour of being at the top of the school began to sink in - with the realisation that it will be our last year!

We began the term looking back at all we had achieved in Year 12 with our **Celebration Evenings**. At the Ursuline there were both passion and attainment awards within the subjects and each were named after an inspirational woman within that field. During the evening, we listened to *Priscilla Li* Head of Applied Digital Innovation at **Capgemini** who encouraged us to look at our futures and consider our long-term goals. While at Wimbledon College, the occasion that saw members of the current Year 12 cohort receiving GCSE prizes. *Anthony Newman*, a college leaver and current **Imperial College** undergraduate, spoke to the audience. By detailing his successful journey, Anthony provided motivation for all!

This term, Year 13s have been busy visiting universities, from staying close in Surrey to exploring Edinburgh - it has been an exciting time! The process of submitting **UCAS application forms** is now fully underway, with plenty of offers from universities being given and by time of print all UCAS forms will have been sent off. With so many choices available, from the university experience to internships - Year 13 feel really lucky to have so much support from the Careers Advisor; Ms Pethram to guide them in the right direction! (Keep updated with all careers news in our brand new careers newsletter!)

Many sixth form students helped out at **Open Evening** in October, with prospective students looking at the varying courses (including our brand new **T Level in Digital Production, Design and Development**) and having conversations with the students on why Ursuline High School and Wimbledon College offer such an amazing sixth form journey.

In addition, Ursuline's appointing of the new **Head Girl team** began. The applicants this year were exceptional, with strong speeches in the hustings and professional interviews with the current Head Girl team, Mr Barton and Ms Waters. Congratulations to *Ohemaa*, *Ellen* and *Leann* who will be taking over in the next edition!

We ended the first half term with a joint faith day where we carried out a wide range of activities in order to further understand the practice of faith in society. Through a series of talks and workshops, the Year 13s tackled the topics of identity and social ethics. The first set of mocks have now been sat - with a focus on timing and exam techniques!

To draw the term to a 'Christmasy' close, we celebrated with a joint Christmas Carol Service at Sacred Heart Church, a lovely Christmas Fair and Christmas Jumper Day!

Wishing you and your families a very happy Christmas and new year season!

Follow The Leader..



On Friday 15th November we hosted 6 Merton primary schools for our annual **Covent Garden Challenge** (*Sacred Heart, St John Fisher, St Mary's, SS Peter and Paul, St Teresa's* and *St Thomas*). Year 12 students tested their leadership skills by taking on the role of coordinating small groups of Year 5 students in order to come up with an innovative and environmentally focused new product for the **Covent Garden Apple Market**.

The semi finalists (one each from *St Thomas of Canterbury, St John Fisher* and two teams from *Sacred Heart*) then attended the final in Covent Garden Friday 15th November, where prior to presenting their ideas, they had the chance to meet with the stall-holders in Covent Garden's Apple Market! The students ideas ranged from a rainbow teddy made out of recycled fabric to a watch which can scan items to find if and where the item can be recycled. The overall winner was *St John Fisher* school (top) who had designed a skipping rope which helped you with your timetables and which ran on solar energy. Our congratulations to St John Fisher! And a big thank you to **Covent Garden Capco** for sponsoring the day!



"Students were very friendly, supportive and engaged with the groups. They offered direction and advice and kept students on track." Primary School Teacher

Head Girl Team



“We are thrilled to be representing the Ursuline.. it is one of our greatest achievements and we cannot wait to get going.. we have so many ideas!”

Congratulations to our new Head Girl Team who were selected after our hustings on . As part of the process students had to prepare a presentation on the skills and attributes they had which made them suitable for the positions. For the first year ever we have a joint Head Girl role!

Head Girls: Ohemaa & Ellen **Deputy Head Girl:** Leann.

How Do You Solve A Problem Like Maria..?



The hills were certainly alive on *Thursday 28th* and *Friday 29th* November in our annual school production; **The Sound of Music**, with Jessica (Year 12) giving an outstanding performance as one of the Maria's- well done! Many thanks to the sixth form students who supported the show both backstage and during the many rehearsals in the run up- your help really contributed to the shows success! We hope all who attended enjoyed it!

Prom Fundraiser!



The current Head Girl Team organised a food stall fundraiser at lunchtime on *Tuesday 17th* December in order to try and raise some money for their Year 13 prom. Students sold pizza, and a variety of homemade (and shop brought) goodies including some delicious looking brownies!

The grand total raised came to **£198.33**. A great effort- well done!

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Express Yourself!



“A fun and energetic show, with a great message.. I really enjoyed myself and would definitely recommend!”
Student

- Year 13 Social Science students enjoyed their trip to see **Everybody's Talking About Jamie** at the **Apollo Theatre** on *Wednesday 11th* December. Loosely inspired by real events, it tells the story of 16 year old Jamie and speaks of embracing differences, overcoming prejudice, beating bullies and becoming your best version of you! Students really enjoyed the inspiring performances and said it's worth a watch!

Helping Britain Prosper!



Year 12 students had the fabulous opportunity to take part in two **Women of the Future** events this term. The Ambassadors event at **Lloyds Banking Group** offices on **Thursday 14th November** (above), where they were inspired on the theme of **Helping Britain Prosper** and heard from **Jules Chappell** previously a UK Diplomat and now MD of **London & Partners**.

Students then had the chance to attend the **IBM Pave It Forward** event on **Monday 9th December**. Where **Jon O'Donnell** – General Manager explained how they help companies use technology to improve and address the challenges climate change brings. Students worked in teams exploring a role within the school environment, identifying a problem and possible solution and devising an app that could help them with this problem and also help improve sustainability and address the climate challenge we all face!

Parliament Talk



Ahead of the General Election all students were given a talk by the **UK Parliament Service** (above, top) on how democracy and both local and wider government works and how important it is to vote. **Mock elections** were held at school which were particularly important as many of our

students are not yet old enough to vote. Additionally, students had the opportunity to take part in a Legal London tour (above)- where they visited the Royal Courts of Justice, Lincoln Inn and the Old Bailey!

World Gifts!



Year 12 took part in their Christmas fair on **Tuesday 10th December** in the USFC. With all proceeds going to their chosen charity!

£309.24 was raised for **CAFOD World Gift Appeal** and the Mother of Peace Ursuline primary school in Battambang, Cambodia. A great effort by all!



Key Dates

Date	Time	Event
Mon 6th Jan		SCHOOL RETURNS
Weds 8th Jan	(AM)	Year 13 BTEC Health & Social Care Unit 4 Exam
Fri 10th Jan	(AM)	Year 13 BTEC Business Studies Unit 6 Exam
Mon 13th Jan	(AM)	Year 13 BTEC Health & Social Care Unit 2 Exam
Tues 14th Jan		Eucharistic Ministers Day of Reflection
	(4.00-6.30pm)	Year 13 Parents' Evening, Hall
Mon 20th Jan	(AM)	Year 13 BTEC ICT Unit 1 Exam
	(PM)	Year 13 BTEC Applied Science Unit 5 Chemistry Exam
	(7.00-8.00pm)	Year 11-13 Post 18 Careers Fair, Sports Hall & USFC
Tues 21st Jan		Year 13 BTEC Applied Science Unit 5 Physics Exam
Thurs 23rd Jan	(10.55-11.45am)	Year 10 & 13 Feast of St Angela Mass
Fri 24th Jan	(10.55-11.45am)	Year 11 & 12 Feast of St Angela Mass
Mon 27th Jan		Holocaust Memorial Day
	(Until Fri 31st Jan)	Year 12 Cumulative Exams
Tues 29th Jan	(12.40-1.20pm)	Lunch n' Learn Careers Talk: Law Basic Finance Principles; Lloyds
Weds 5th Feb	(AM)	Year 12 BTEC Travel & Tourism Component 2 Exam
Tues 11th Feb		Safer Internet Day
	(6.30pm)	Careers Research Morning
		Year 12 Parents' Higher Education Evening
Weds 12th Feb	(12.40-1.20pm)	Lunch n' Learn Careers Talk: Arts
Thurs 13th Feb		Year 12 & 13 grades available online
Fri 14th Feb		INSET DAY (Lessons at WC)
		School closes for Half Term
Sat 15th Feb	(Until Fri 22nd Feb)	Year 11 & 12 Beijing Trip
Mon 17th- Fri 21st Feb		HALF TERM
Mon 24th Feb		SCHOOL RETURNS

Community Spirit!



On **Wednesday 18th December** we hosted our annual **Christmas tea party for retired** members of the community. Year 12 students kindly helped lower school students to bake mince pies and victoria sponges in Food Technology prior to the event. The students acted as superb hosts serving tea and cake and chairing the (very competitive quiz)! Well done girls!