12th July 2021

**Year 8 Fest week.**

Dear Parent/Carer,   
  
During the last week of our Summer term, the school will take part in Ursuline Fest Week, a festival style week of activities, designed to inspire the students’ love of learning. Each year group will take part in a range of activities both inside and outside of school across the week. The theme for the week is Generation Equality: Empowering the generation we teach to be agents for change. The theme is taken from the UN Women theme for the year.

*Women’s full and equal participation in all facets of society is a fundamental human right. Yet, around the world, from politics to entertainment to the workplace, women and girls are largely underrepresented. Rooted in patriarchal norms and traditions, the consequences are far-reaching with detrimental, negative consequences on the personal, economic and future well-being of women and girls, their families and the community at large.*

We are excited to be able to spend our week focusing on this fundamental right for all of our students and work on empowering them to live out the values of Ursuline with courage, conviction and pride.

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| Year group | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday |
| 8 | Reflection walk for those who have opted to attend. Role of women in the gospel.  Arts, MFL and Business Studies on site.  *Exploring women’s gender identity in music, art, drama & languages throughout the world.* | Sports Day | Radical Walk for those who have opted to attend. Women’s Suffrage in Wimbledon.  RE and Social Sciences – Gender Equality activities on site.  *How has multimedia impacted on women’s gender identity? What can be done to mitigate this?* | STEM activities on site.  *How have innovative women in modern day science positively impacted our world?* |

Staff have put a great deal of effort into each event and are looking forward to sharing it with your daughter. The details of what she has and what she needs to bring will be in her planner. There is a separate letter attached detailing the Sports Day at Morley Park.

Students will be able to wear their own clothes for the week. Please make sure that she is dressed appropriately for school. Lunch will be available from the canteen as usual. If your daughter receives free school meals, this will be provided for her, even if she is off site that day.

May I take this opportunity to remind you of the changed timings for the week. Registration will be at 9.15am and we will finish at 2.30pm. Year 7 students will be expected on site at 9.05. Should any students be late to school, they will sit a one hour detention that same evening.

On Friday, registration will be at 8.45 and we will finish at approximately 1pm. The day will involve a reflection on the week and how they can be agents of change for the future.

**COVID Guidelines**

The current guidance from the DFE is that all students and members of the household are asked to continue to take a twice weekly LFD test at home. These results should still to be reported to the NHS track and trace website and the school website.

If your daughter has any symptoms of COVID, they should not attend school.

Please continue to wear masks on public transport during Fest Week to make sure that we keep our community safe during this final week. Students will still be expected to wear their masks on site during Fest Week and they will still be in their year group bubbles.

We wish you a restful summer and thank you for your continued support throughout the academic year. It has been a joy to see our community rally together to ensure the best education possible for all of our stduents.

If you have any further questions on Fest week, please do not hesitate to contact me on [owen.nichols@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk](mailto:owen.nichols@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk)

Yours sincerely,

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