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Dear Parents/Carers

Headteacher's Friday Roundup Week 1 Autumn B

I hope you enjoyed reading the newsletters at the end of last term and in case you missed them please follow the links below.

This short week for students followed two exceptional training days for staff focusing on leadership and quality of education themes.

This week we welcomed back our Year 11 exchange student delegation visiting the Ursuline High in Dallas Texas. The feedback was once again fantastic and we look forward to receiving the return delegation in Spring 2024. Two student comments on the trip were; "My experience was incredible! *From the moment I arrived my host sister welcomed me so well and they treated me as part of the family.*" Student 2 "*I learnt how the world has so much to give and how much you can see and learn in different places*". Thank you to the staff and students involved.

On Wednesday, we welcomed Fr Matthew to the school to celebrate Mass for the feast of All Saints. All key stages of the school had representation which was followed by St Ursula House Lunch in the Main Hall.

The inclement weather has really marked a change in season for the whole school community and the disruption to travel has required adjusting to the usual routines in order to arrive on time for school. The weather has impacted on sports fixtures this week, most disappointingly having to postpone the borough netball competition on Wednesday due to the flooding, once again, of our exterior courts.

Highlights of the week

Year 13, 100% attendance and punctuality at this weeks Full Mocks practice. The students have prepared diligently, and we wish them well for the completion of these practice assessments next week.





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The letter of gratitude from Michelle Oakford of CAFOD, thanking our Year 11 students for their charitable donation of £445.55. Her letter indicated that their; *'work in providing health care, food, sanitation and education to people around the world in urgent need could not happen without your support'*. Well done and thank you to Year 11.

Focus areas for next week

Students adjusting travel plans to account for the significant numbers of road works at pinch points on the journeys to school.

Student choice appears to have evolved into carrying school blazers as an accessory rather than wearing it. Strange innovation given the change in season and temperature. Normal school uniform standards apply.

Monitoring recording of homework in student planners.

Parents News and announcements

Reminder that parents/carers should not send their daughter or son to school with any form of medication (including over counter medications). Student services hold any medications required or submitted with instructions on medical plans. Please contact Student Services for support.

See message below from Mrs Potts.

Our UPA are always on the lookout for a helping hand. We are seeking more willing volunteers so please get in contact if you are interested in supporting. We also need prizes and items for raffles etc. If you, or your company, are able to donate any gift, voucher or tickets please contact us on UPA@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk





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Delegation of students in Dallas Texas



Above UHS students with their American Sisters.

All girls American Football Match on Homecoming Day





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Mrs Harrison and Mrs Taylor look very excited about seeing a Yellow American School Bus!!!!!!!



Unfortunately, Flooded Courts resulted in cancellation of Netball Tournament





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We would love to be able to modernise and upgrade the surface of our outside courts area. If you know of any support that would help in securing this please get in touch.

Resources

'Inform' (our School newsletter) which captures more details on highlights and celebrations this term.

[Inform Hyperlink](#)

'Year specific Newsletter from your daughter's Head of Year on the activities this past term and a signposting of upcoming dates next half term. Please do give it a read!

[Year group Hyperlink](#)

Quick Links

[Arbor](#) - student records and reports

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[Curriculum Information](#)

[ParentPay](#) - lunch card top ups and other purchases

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[Parent Portals](#) – Arbor, ParentPay, and Weduc Parent Guides & FAQs

[Safeguarding, health & wellbeing](#) (please note that this section is currently undergoing an overhaul).

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Wishing you all a great weekend.

Yours faithfully

Eoin Kelly

Acting Headteacher

