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Dear Parents and Carers

Headteacher's Weekly Roundup Summer B Week 6

There have been so many highlights this week that I cannot do them all justice in this brief update, so please look out for our end of year newsletters and the *Inform* next week for more details.

I would like to personally thank the school community for the support and representation at my Headteacher Induction Mass at Sacred Heart parish on Monday evening. Thank you to Fr David, Cannon Tom McHugh and Deacon Burling for concelebrating the service and I particularly want to acknowledge the students involved in the mass service, the readers, altar servers, ushers, choir and especially to Lottie for her wonderful solo hymn.

Our 6th form students attended the Model United Nations Society conference at Mulberry Girl's School in Whitechapel. Not only is there positive feedback from all students involved, but I am pleased to announce Ursuline walked home with two 'Most Diplomatic Delegate' award, received by Anna and Eva; the school was also awarded with the Francesca Ward Honour for 'Kindness'. When asked about her experience, Anna said to me, "Besides these achievements, all of us gained experience of the diplomatic sphere as well as making many friends within and outside our committees."

On Thursday 11th July, Mr Williams hosted the Student Leadership presentation evening in school with outstanding reflections of young leaders across all year groups.

Highlights of the Week

Congratulations to all the recipients of Subject, Form, Achievement, Perseverance and Serviam awards as students in all year groups attended their annual prize-giving celebrations. It was a great honour to witness all the individual achievements and to hand out the overall achievement and Serviam awards in each year. Please see a few of the images below.

In addition, on Thursday 11th July, I was at Roehampton University awarding the teaching qualifications to new recruits into the profession having trained through us at 'Teach Wimbledon'. We welcome two of these recruits, Mr Norford and Mrs Kosmider, who are joining us in September to teach PE and Mathematics respectively. Congratulations and welcome to the Ursuline team.

Focus areas for next week

Full attendance up to and including the end of the term is expected and any absences will be carefully followed up and be considered Unauthorised until evidence has been submitted.

In any case, students would not want to miss out on the incredible offering of activities during Fest Week, which will allow them to keep learning in a fun way until the end of term.

We wish the students going out on residential to **PGL Liddington, Normandy (France), Rhineland (Germany), Madrid (Spain) and Iceland** all the very best for a safe trip and incredible lifetime memories. Those remaining in school will enjoy a vast array of visits and activities every day.





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Some upcoming events & dates

Monday 8th July: FEST week begins for all students in Years 7-10.

Friday 19th July: End of term. Students will be dismissed by Senior teachers between 12:30 and 13:00 after rooms and locker areas have been confirmed as being cleared and tidy.

News and announcements

There have been separate communications sent to students participating in the range of activities in place for FEST week. These important updates need to be followed for timings and expectations. For the onsite activities, please remember the adjustments to the timings of the school day.

9.15am: students are expected to be on onsite and registered.

2:30pm: students will be dismissed.

Considering the latter start to the day, lateness will not be accepted and sanctions will be applied in line with school policy. Please do not request an alteration to the schedule for your daughter's involvement in FEST as this will not be possible.

Parent/carer resources

Mind over Tech and *Jessica Chalmers* have collaborated on a free guide for parents, aimed at empowering families to navigate the digital world with confidence & responsibility, maximising technology benefits all while ensuring our children's safety. [Sign up](#) to receive weekly resources and ideas for how your family can build better digital habits.

Catholic Life of the School

Visit our school [website](#) to read more about what we currently do to embed our Catholic ethos into school life.





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Photos of the final Aspirations trip to the Houses of Parliament (dissolved parliament meant students could go inside the House of Commons and Lords which was fantastic opportunity.



Our amazing Year 12 students took part in a two-day Model United Nations event at The Mulberry Academy. They engaged in global discussions, honed their public speaking skills, and collaborated with students from other schools. By the end of the event, they were recipients of the UN Kindness Award. This award highlights their exceptional diplomacy, empathy, and cooperative spirit.

Congratulations to all our participants for their dedication and for representing our school so wonderfully!



Some of our Year 12 students spent an incredible week at Eton College for the Eton Summer University Preparation Courses. These courses are all about helping them excel in their university applications through a dynamic and challenging study programme.

We are so proud of their dedication and can't wait to see where their hard work takes them.





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Celebration Assemblies were held for Year 7-10 and Year 12 this week. Students enjoyed coming together as a year group to collectively recognize achievements and successes. In particular, it was fantastic to see students who have gone above and beyond, with their endeavors recognised through their Serviam and Achievement awards. Well done everyone for successfully reaching the end of the school year.





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Our Sports Awards Evening was celebrated on Friday 5th July. Congratulations to all our winners and thank you to our guest speakers: Amy Gordan, Surrey Cricket Women's Captain, and Judy Wallis who launched our Sixth Form Cricket Academy.

We celebrated my commissioning as official Headteacher of Ursuline High School, Wimbledon this week at Sacred Heart Church. The service was presided over by Canon David Gibbons, and I really enjoyed sharing in this special moment with many of our Ursuline Community.



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Another Picture of the Model United Nations Conference delegates at Mulberry School this week.

As the London Youth Games came to a close, Merton finished 12th overall and their points tally was heavily enhanced by Ursuline Participation. Well done to everyone who participated.





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As Wimbledon Tennis draws to a close this weekend, it is the perfect opportunity to thank June, Karolina, Martha, Aitana, Abigail and Marina for their participation as Wimbledon Ball Girls over the past two weeks. We hope they have enjoyed the experience.

Our Taiwanese visitors brought their visit to the Ursuline to an end today. They completed a two-week immersion programme with us thanks to Kingston Study Centre. We know they enjoyed their visit.





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Wishing you and your family a lovely weekend.

Yours faithfully

Eoin Kelly
Headteacher

