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4<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

### **Headteacher's Weekly Roundup Autumn A Week 5**

This week we welcomed 560 visitors from primary schools with their parents and carers to tour our school and meet our students. The Ursuline students were passionate and proud to show off their work and speaking about what it is like being part of this community.

A big thank you to the UPA (Ursuline Parents Association) for organising the Year 7 Parents Social, I called in myself after our Full Governors meeting and was delighted to see so many parents and carers making new connections. Some of the parents and carers looked more nervous than the students on 3<sup>rd</sup> September! but it was clearly a really enjoyable and successful event welcoming new parents and carers into our community.

As always this has been a busy week including a suite of Black History Month events, school production /orchestra rehearsals and lots of sports fixtures including netball, badminton and football. It's fantastic that our new facilities ensures that fixtures are not cancelled due to the poor early autumnal rainfall.

Our Form prayers are in full swing now with Year 8s leading Year 7s utilising the Virtues programme in a call to reflect and act in our daily lives. We are discussing and learning about the importance of a Values based education in the Black History Month assemblies and in the PSHEC curriculum throughout the Autumn term.

### **Highlights of the week**

First round of formal assessments in Year 7 and Year 8 occurred across all subjects. Students were prepared and supported in setting the routine for the year.

### **Focus areas for next week**

Enrichment opportunities and wider curriculum participation are central to the school's ethos of 'Developing our gifts and talents for the benefit of others.' If your daughter has not signed up or participating in clubs or activities, please follow the link and this will be reviewed at Academic Review Day. [KS3 Enrichment Programme Autumn 2024](#)

### **Some upcoming Events & Dates**

- Black History Month Week 2 events. All week in assembly, Form time, PSHEC and specific lessons
- Jack Petchey Awards Ceremony, Polka Theatre – 7:30pm
- Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October from 5.00-7.30pm: Sixth Form Open Evening. Early school closure at 12.50pm.

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- Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October UEN Online Conference on AI
- Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October UPA Year 7 Film Night 5-8:30pm

## News and announcements

### AI Conference

We are hosting and delivering an International Conference on “AI: the 4<sup>th</sup> Industrial Revolution.” This incredible global digital conference hosted by the Ursuline High school on 10<sup>th</sup> October will include students and staff from eight Ursuline Schools in the United States of America. Please see the details on the Programme attached: [AI Conference Programme 2024](#)

### Parent and Carer resources

Have you thought about training to teach primary or secondary students? Or do you know someone who wants to train to teach? Find out more at the West London Train to Teach Fair, taking place at Sacred Heart High School in Hammersmith on **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October, 5.15 pm - 7.45 pm**.

The Ursuline will be there with Teach Wimbledon. The event includes a presentation explaining the different types of courses and qualifications, what loans and funding are available, and how to make a successful application. To find out more and sign up see attached. [West London Train to Teach Fair](#)

### 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.



Some of our Year 7 students recently experienced their first Form retreat, a key part in their Transitions programme. Guided by our Chaplain, Dominic Cunliffe, and with their Autumn term Virtue 'Insieme' in mind, the year group shared how they can seek and find all the ways to let their light shine in their school, homes and communities, and how they might grow their little light to be a light on a hill for themselves, each other and Ursuline High School over their coming 7 years.

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**DIG DEEPER, LOOK CLOSER, THINK BIGGER**

Black History Month launched this week with student led assemblies. Chisom, Naomi, Stephanie, Anjardie, Toni and Silvia in Year 11 planned and delivered assemblies to all year groups on the theme 'Black and Proud'. The students reflected on what it means to be a young, black woman today, and also discussed how important their culture and identity is to them. The assemblies were centred around the scripture and ended with a prayer for equality.



It's been lovely to have so many Years 5 & 6 primary school students visiting the school this week for their Open Morning Tours with parents and carers. They have been very complementary of our school offering.





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Have a restful weekend and enjoy the return of some settled weather.

Yours faithfully

**Eoin Kelly**  
**Headteacher**

