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11th October 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

Headteacher's Weekly Roundup Autumn A Week 6

On Wednesday we had our joint Sixth Form Open Evening with Wimbledon College, hosted here at the Ursuline. Despite significant traffic disruption backing up from a closed A3, we had record numbers of visitors. The School Sports Hall had the feel of a vibrant conference centre, and we had over 750 visitors to the talks. We had presentations from Mr Laing and myself, but more importantly students from current Year 13s reflecting on what it is like to be part of this incredible Sixth Form. Please see our [application](#) page for details on how to apply.

As the month of October celebrates 'Our Lady Of The Rosary', we hosted a 'Rosary Prayer Experience' in the chapel during lunchtime on Thursday. The session was open to both staff and students and involved student leaders leading the mystery reflections and the Hail Mary prayers as well as members of the school choir helping everyone to sing the chorus of the hymn 'Ave Maria.' The feedback from those who attended was incredible, one student in Year 8 commented *"I enjoyed praying with the rosary beads because I had never used them before, the new style for me was very welcoming and was just really lovely."* One Year 7 student will be spreading the news saying *"I learned how to properly use the rosary and I took away loads of them for my family!"*

Highlights of the week

Thursday was a busy day as we hosted an international digital conference entitled 'AI: the Fourth Industrial Revolution.' Students from the Ursuline High School were joined by students and staff from eight other Ursuline schools from the United States as we welcomed a superb panel of speakers to present and to receive questions from our assembled conference delegates both physically in person and online. Please see the attached programme, which will give you a sense of the significance of this event, clearly profiling the students at the Ursuline. One American teacher commented *"I wanted to extend my sincere gratitude to you and your entire school community for your putting on the event today. It was incredibly meaningful and worthwhile, and my students and I thoroughly enjoyed it! The speakers were impactful, things were well organized, and it was wonderful to see the other schools come together and connect over such an important and timely topic."* Well-done to all the students and staff involved.

[UEN AI Conference programme 2024](#)

Focus areas for next week

As this is a particularly long half-term, we need to focus on maintaining the high standards of work and commitment right to the end of term. We ask parents and carers to pay particular attention to the use of the school planner in recording and checking the quality and effort with homework. Full attendance and sustained efforts are the key to progress.

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Some upcoming Events & Dates

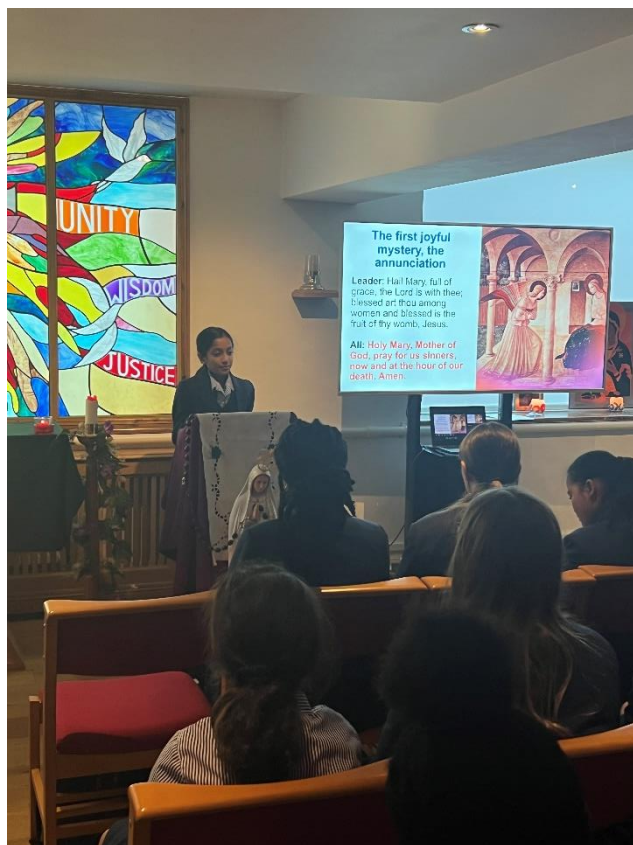
- Black History Month Week 3 events, in assembly, form time, PSHEC and specific lessons
- School Production Rehearsals
- Tuesday 15th October : Y11 Theatre Trip to Apollo; "Wicked" (5.45pm)
- Friday 18th October : Year 11 English Literature Paper 1

News and announcements

Letters were sent out on Thursday with information and login code to book appointments for the upcoming Academic Review Day. Please ensure you received this communication. Booking appointments will go live on Monday 14th October at 7pm. Book quickly to ensure you can secure your preferred appointment time.

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.



Pictures from the Rosary Service held on 10th October. Students unfamiliar with the prayer were introduced and involved in exploring this special devotion.



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Cross Country team out at the Merton trials for Surrey schools on Monday

A selection of Year 9/10 students at the Wimbledon B&B taster session at AELTC.





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Year 9 Netballers competing at St Cecelia's.
A team winning 23-24 and B team losing 13-6



Sixth Form Open Evening was a great success. Thank you to all our students, parents and careers who attended, and of course, our Ursuline and Wimbledon College community for being great ambassadors of our Sixth Forms on the night!

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Have a restful weekend

Yours faithfully

Eoin Kelly
Headteacher

