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13th September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

Headteacher’s Weekly Roundup Autumn A Week 2

Today draws to a close our first full week of school after the summer break and students are already into the full rhythm of their timetables. It was a pleasure to welcome you in large numbers to the Year 7, Year 8, Year 9 and Year 13 Information Evenings over the past ten days. We are confident that these events help get the year off to the best start in terms of communication and clarity.

The staff and senior leaders of the school joined me this week in visiting lots of lessons and it has been unanimously reported that student engagement and behaviour for learning has been excellent. Getting off to a good start is important and we have firm foundations to build on this in the weeks ahead.

Thank you to students, parents and carers who have had to accommodate some minor disruption due to overrunning summer building works, but we look forward to this all being completed early next week. Good to see the return of the Sun ahead of the weekend!

Highlights of the Week

We have started to use our newly installed cricket nets which are a brilliant addition to our facilities. The ball canons have arrived as well so there is great excitement about getting this up and running.



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Focus areas for next week

Uniform skirt length. Students are being corrected and sanctioned for this in school, but this expectation extends to travel to and from school. Parents and carers support in this regard is essential in setting expectations.

Some upcoming Events & Dates

School Production Rehearsals: St Angela's (3.20-4.30pm) during the week
Monday 16th Sept Applications for Student Leadership open. (Deadline Friday 27th September)
Year 11 Kings School Aspirations Trip; Royal Holloway (8am-3.20pm)
Tues 17th September Year 12 Information Evening in Hall (6-7pm)
Webinar-Mental Health During the Teenage Years: an introduction and overview online (7-8pm)
Wednesday 18th Sept GCSE Year 10 & 11 Music Trip to Cadogan Hall (7.30-9.45pm)
Friday 20th Sept Open Evening Guide training during the day for Years 8/9/Sixth Form and after school for Years 10/11. Link to sign you your daughter is: <https://forms.office.com/e/9WWqT0cGGe>

News and announcements

We were notified this week that we have won a **national award with an Equal Access Trophy by The FA**. This application was submitted through Merton via Merton Sports Partnership and we are now recognised for our work supporting equal access for students of all backgrounds to Football.

Parent and Carer resources

For reference Information Evening presentations can be found on the website below.

Here is the reference to the book discussed at Information Evening "Why Girls Fall out." Andrew, Holly and Naomi Hampton will transform your thinking on how to support your daughter navigate difficulties within friendships and equip her with the skills to navigate this herself with support. Use this ISBN on your preferred site to obtain a copy: **ISBN 978-1-3999-0108-6**

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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Student fitness, concentration and determination was put to the test in the Sports Hall - as Wimbledon Ball Girl Trials started today. Practising the correct posture and taking part in a 12 minute running test.





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Have a restful weekend, we look forward to seeing Year 10, Year 11, and Year 12 Parents at the remaining Information Evenings.

Yours faithfully

Eoin Kelly
Headteacher

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