



20<sup>th</sup> September 2024

**Dear Parents and Carers** 

#### Headteacher's Weekly Roundup Autumn A Week 3

There has been a really purposeful atmosphere permeating the school this week: routines are established and running smoothly while the new Year 7 intake and Year 12 external students are no longer getting lost. As we walked the corridors and dropped into lessons, the incredibly focused atmosphere for learning all over the school is evident. Students were confident and willing to discuss their work, so I hope they can do this at home with you too.

On Thursday this week we opened the new tennis and netball courts. These spaces are reserved for KS3 students at break and lunch, but they are an incredible new facility for all our students to use in PE, clubs and fixtures. No more cancelled games or needing to travel off site at the last minute to play other schools in competitions. This renovation was only possible by the kind donation from The Ursuline Prep Parents association UPSPA. This will be an enduring legacy of our historic partnership.

#### Before



After



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Focus areas for next week Smart watches are being confiscated. A reminder they are not permitted in school and if worn will be confiscated.

#### Some upcoming Events & Dates

We wish all our Year 13 A Level students well in their September Assessments next week.	
School Production Rehearsals this week	
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Year 10 Information Evening in Hall; MA & HOY (6-7pm)
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Early School Closure for Open Evening (12:45pm)
	Open Evening (6-8.30pm)
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Late School Start (9.25am)
	MHTS Webinar-Getting into School: Common Challenges and Supporting School Avoidance
	(6.30pm)
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Student Leadership: Deadline for submission of student leadership applications (MS FORMS).
	Year 11 Mocks Physics (1.40-3pm)

## News and announcements

- Parents should be aware of the early closure on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September and late start Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September at 9.20am. (Separate communication on this.)
- Reminder that all students need to proceed directly home in uniform following the agreed route. Students must not congregate or visit shops or retail outlets.
- Please help and encourage your daughter or son (Sixth Form) to sign up for Enrichment Activities and Clubs. More details below.
- Any problems accessing records on Arbor, please select the link below for help.
- Sports Enrichment programme can be found here:

Sports-Enrichment-Programme-Autumn-2024-.pdf (ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk)

Our full enrichment programme for KS3 can be found below

Serviam/Character Development/Enrichment - Ursuline High School

## Parent and Carer resources

For reference, Information Evening presentations can be found on our website. <u>Parent Presentations - Ursuline High School</u>









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 <u>website</u> to read more about what we currently do to embed our Catholic Ethos into school life.



Students attended a Raising Aspirations trip to Royal Holloway on Monday



7 Francis the first class to have a lesson on the new courts (above, left) Our U14 Footballers winning 4-3 at Harris Academy Wimbledon (above, right). Goals from Clara Maria (2) and Lola (2)

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# **Quick Links**

Arbor - student records and reports Catholic Life & Mission Curriculum Information Newsletters – school-wide, year group, and Catholic Life Headteacher's Weekly Roundups ParentPay - lunch card top ups and other purchases Parent Engagement & Communications overview Parent Portals – Arbor and ParentPay – Parent Guides & FAQs Safeguarding, Health & Well-being (please note that this section is currently undergoing an overhaul). Sancta Familia Consultation Term Dates 2024/2025 Ursuline Directory

Have a restful weekend, we look forward to the students next week championing their school with pride at our Open Evening on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September.

Yours faithfully

**Eoin Kelly** 

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