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Dear Parents and Carers

Headteacher's Weekly Roundup Autumn A Week 4

This week the school looked and felt incredible for our Open Evening. Thank you, to parents and carers for enabling the students to volunteer in such huge numbers for welcoming and guiding the visitors to our school. The feedback has been amazing with over 1200 visitors being guided by over 390 students. Our students are our best ambassadors. We received great feedback from visitors reflecting the experiences of being guided by our students, three extracts below:

"Please forward my congratulations to both young ladies who were a pleasure to be with throughout the open evening. They were an outstanding duo and together as well as individually answered my questions whilst guiding us through the schools many buildings."

"Gulia was happy to talk about her positive experiences at Ursuline and how now as a year 9 is able to speak with confidence. Her journey is an inspiring one for my daughters, who were both very impressed."

"What a wonderful school and congratulations to the girls, teaching staff and all who made our 3rd open evening the best! The bar has been set!"

On Thursday I was in the company of nine students and Mr Cunliffe (School Chaplain,) as we represented our school at St George's Cathedral for the annual Education Start of the Year Mass, celebrated by Archbishop John Wilson. The Mass felt like a celebration of the future with all the young people from over 120 schools in our Diocese represented. Picture on Page 3.

Highlights of the week

The first wave of formal assessments in Year 13 were completed this week and the Friday Mock schedule for Year 11 got underway today with Physics; we look forward to the impact of all these practice assessments on student learning.

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Open Evening was a real highlight this week as students demonstrated pride in their school community.

Focus areas for next week

Students discarding belongings without care or consideration of others (trip hazards/blocking) will be issued with sanctions. This relates to students rushing to access dining areas. Bags must be placed in lockers or stowed neatly and responsibly away for easy collection at the end of break.

Upcoming Events & Dates

9th October: Joint UHS and Wimbledon College Sixth Form Open Evening, at the Ursuline.

10th October: we are hosting and delivering an International Conference on AI

Black History Month: launch activities will take place next week and continue throughout October

Parent and Carer resources

- We communicate with all primary parent and carers via email. There can be more than one primary parent/carer per student.
- We communicate with the email addresses on record. Do let us know if your details do change.
- Emails will come from Ursuline High School OR a staff member (e.g. staff.name@). We recommend notifications are enabled, and that you add us to your safe senders list. Also, please remember to check your junk/spam to ensure nothing important/urgent is missed.
- Please check for emails from the school daily, to ensure you are up to date on news from the school.
- For reference Information Evening presentations can be found on the website below.

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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Students joined Mr Cunliffe (school Chaplain) and myself at the Education Mass on 26th September at Southwark Cathedral.



We really enjoyed hosting our Open Evening on Wednesday 25th September. With over 1000 students, parents/carers attending to see our wonderful school. A special thank you to our student tour guides for being great ambassadors of the school.

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Have a restful weekend, after a busy and packed week.

Yours faithfully

Eoin Kelly
Headteacher

