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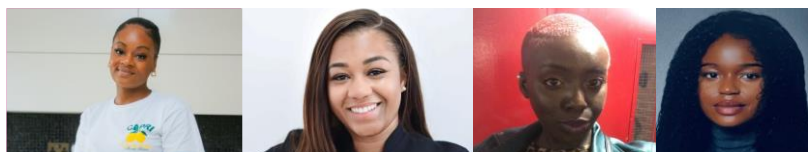
Dear Parents/Carers,

Headteacher's Weekly Roundup Spring B, Week 2

Here is a snapshot attempting to extract the highlights of what has been a very busy week at the Ursuline. Full details on the events will be accessible and shared in Termly updates.

We welcomed Year 10 Parents and Carers into the school on Tuesday to begin the process of transitioning into the Sixth Form. The main hall was packed, and parents were presented with the academic programme alongside the pastoral and enrichment offers available to students, as well as the timeline of events to transition into our outstanding Sixth Form. The evening fully brought to life our Sixth Form motto, 'Belong and Succeed.'

On Tuesday, we also hosted the International Women's Day conference, entitled 'CAFÉ HOPE- inspiration for the journey, from our Ursuline Alumnae.' At this conference, we welcomed four inspirational speakers presenting on the theme 'Inspire Inclusion.' The conference was led and managed by our fantastic Sixth Form leaders. Please follow the link to the programme below to see the diverse and inspirational women leaders inspiring our girls and boys to action.



Café Hope - inspiration for the journey from our Ursuline Alumnae

with guest speakers Lauren Wilmott, Rhoderline Osafo, Chanelle Owusu-Tuffour and Shirley Forest

A Celebration of International Women's Day
Ursuline High School- 4 March 2025



Exit quotes:

"I liked hearing relatable speakers from the same place I am at the moment."

"I really was inspired by how the Ursuline has shaped them to stay true to their values and become successful entrepreneurs and role models."

"It was unfiltered and relatable. It was great!"

See conference review here: [International Women's Day 2025 - Ursuline High School](#)

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On Wednesday, the Chaplaincy team lead and delivered Ash Wednesday services to year groups. Students were receptive, reverent and engaged in the service. It was noted by staff this year how different it was from previous years when students would have previously actioned to remove their ashes soon after the service. This year, however, almost everyone still had their ashes at the end of day signalling the sincerity of their engagement.

Highlights of the week

Student and staff engagement in the World Book Day on Thursday 6th March. See the pictures below. World Book Day had a series of events for Key Stage 3 in the Learning Resource Centre. Fundraising and donations will be directed to the Lenten fund-raising programmes for CAFOD. Thank you to our incredible staff who planned and ran these events on top of their busy schedule in school to enrich the curriculum and lived experience of our students.

Listening to the confident, articulate and engaging presentations of our Alumnae speakers at the International Women's Day conference was perhaps captured best when each of them signposted how proud they have been and are to share with others that they attended this school. Each of them discussed in different ways how their education formed and continues to influence their lives and careers. Their commitment to Serviam is not an action but more a way of life.

Focus areas for next week

Litter is being left behind after breaks. Students will be encouraged in the context of the school virtues programme to be considerate of others. Students sitting in groups too often this week stand up on the bell and leave without looking over their shoulder to ensure nothing is left behind. Students are encouraged (and at times directed) to pick up the litter or mess left behind where they sit as a group, regardless of whether this is their own.

Upcoming events & dates

Monday 10th March, 4.00-5.00pm: French Exchange parents and carers meeting (hosting)

Wednesday 12th March, 7.30-9.30pm: St Cecilia's Concert. Tickets are available from the Finance Office, £7 each.

Wednesday 19th March, 6.30-8.30pm: Multicultural evening. Tickets are £3 each. An email with full details of the evening was sent out last Friday.

Thursday 20th March: Cultural Day. Once again, students are invited to come dressed in proud celebration of cultural clothing or flag colours.

Thursday 27th March: 4.00-6.30pm Year 12 Parents' Evening (venue: Wimbledon College)

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News and announcements



Lenten Programme – Love Your Neighbour Appeal:

Wimbledon Food Bank Collections.

We are collecting, UHT milk, tinned fish and tinned meat, toiletries, toothpaste, shower gel and shampoo, and long-life food. Please drop off all donations to the box in the Crescent Road entrance foyer.

Parent and Carer Engagement

We ask parents and carers to support the Lenten appeal for the foodbank above. We know we cannot do this without your generous support. Students, parents and carers and staff working together can make a significant difference in this appeal.

Newsletters

Missed our Spring A school wide and year group newsletters? Read them [here](#).

Parenting Resources

Please find below details of a free webinar for parents and carers to widen their knowledge on gaming and gambling. This is being sent to you on behalf of the Metropolitan Police. These sessions are free. The attached flyers provide details on how parents can sign up.

[Met-Police-West-Flyer-20.05.25](#)

[Met-Police-South-Flyer-06.05.25](#)

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A selection of images from the week



It was lovely to see staff and students embracing World Book Day on Thursday 6th March!

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We celebrated International Women's Day by hosting our own "Café Hope"!

Ursuline Sixth Form heard from our four Ursuline alumna who shared their own journeys, what gives them drive, what challenges they have had to overcome, and how they consider girls can "accelerate action" to make a positive change in the world.

Thank you to our speakers; **Lauren Wilmott, Rhoderline Osafo, Chanelle Owusu-Tuffour (Miss OT), and Shirley Forest!**

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A phenomenal 0-2 win for our under 14 footballers away at Winston Churchill School, Woking recently. We now progress to the Surrey Cup Semi Finals vs Cheam High School.



Sixth Form netballers were out in action at Tiffin School recently. A loss in the end, but excellent practice for their next match Vs Cardinal Vaughan next Wednesday.



A huge turnout of Year 7 students at Football trials with Westside Football Club, with selectors for the London Youth Games Merton Team also.

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Wishing you and your family a lovely weekend and a good week ahead.

Yours faithfully,

Eoin Kelly
Headteacher

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