



21<sup>st</sup> March 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

# Headteacher's Weekly Roundup Spring B, Week 4

The Multicultural Evening on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March was a spectacular success of food, dance, music and fashion and this was followed up with Culture Day on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March with all students in the school taking pride and participating in celebrations. The cheering in the Hall nearly lifted the roof off as students encouraged and celebrated each other. The events were both student-led and student-performed while there was parental support in celebrating the flavour and diversity of our community. Our deepest gratitude goes to all the parents and carers who supported in the preparation of the food stalls. I have never eaten so much desert in all my life whilst visiting each of the stalls in turn!

The pride on show was a wonderful expression of the school virtue communicated in St Angela's message in her 9<sup>th</sup> counsel, 'Live in harmony, united all of one heart and one will.' Please enjoy the pictures below and follow on Instagram. We look forward to calculating the funds raised over the two days in support of CAFOD.

# Highlights of the week

On Tuesday afternoon, our incredible U14 Football team comfortably booked their place in the Final of the Surrey Cup with a Semi-final 4-0 win over neighbouring rivals Cheam High School. I managed to catch two of the goals when visiting on a perfect Spring day; it was clear early on that there was only going to be one winner with the skill and commitment of our U14 team. I look forward to sharing the final details with you early in the Summer term. If any parent or carer knows of anyone or any contact who would be interested in sponsoring a new kit to adorn our girls' team in the final, please get in touch with me. Mrs Corrigan is already putting together some design ideas!







Maia, Year 11, performed on stage at the Flame event at Wembley Arena in front of 10,500 young people! Adenike, a visiting speaker to the school earlier this academic year, provided the invitation to sing with her at Wembley and Maia, as all Ursuline students are challenged to do, grasped the opportunity and took the risk. An incredible experience, one her family will never forget, and I quote, "Flame truly was such an inspirational event, empowering young people with hope and faith."

See the picture below where I met with Maia and another incredible student, Victoria (Year 12), who not only completed her Grade 8 Singing exam with Distinction but was reported to the school by an elderly neighbour who wanted to express her gratitude for Victoria stopping to help her and, in doing so, shared a significant moment of kindness in 'noticing.'

# Focus areas for next week

Next week, we continue to focus on students being inconsiderate in leaving litter and not carefully clearing up after themselves at lunch. This behaviour is contrary to the Ursuline Virtue of 'attentiveness'. Students need to self-resolve this issue as we are always required to be considerate of others. Midday Supervisors and staff have been tasked to be vigilant and sanction any poor standards.

Fourth Week of Lent. The week provides an opportunity in school for the Sacrament of Confession. An important opportunity for all our students to continue in their preparation for Easter. The Chaplaincy theme for the week is 'God Forgives' and daily reflections and collective worship will focus on this.

# Upcoming events & dates

Largente Students at Ursuline from 22<sup>nd</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> March Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March, Trip to Tate Modern with 7 EAL students from Year 11 and Year 10 9am-3pm Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March, Y13 Trip; Edexcel A-Level Economics Grade Booster Seminar 8.30am – 3pm Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March, Year 7 Hindu Temple Trip 9am-12pm Y10 Trip " Dear Evan Hanson" at Wimbledon Theatre 1-5pm Ski Trip Information Evening in the Hall 6-7pm Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March: 4.00-6.30pm Year 12 Parents' Evening (venue: Wimbledon College)

#### 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.

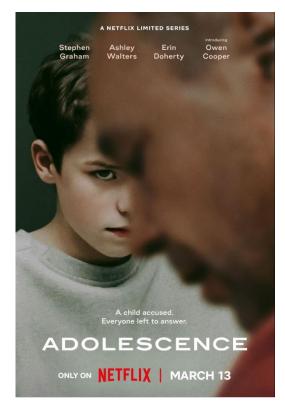
#### Newsletters

Missed our Spring A school wide and year group newsletters? Read them here.









### **Parenting Resources**

We have been aware of extensive discussion this week in both social and traditional media on a 4-episode hard-hitting TV drama premiered on Netflix, and hailed as helpful TV if you are parenting in the smartphone era. Its cultural significance addresses the pressures and questions some of our children in adolescence are exposed to. It is a harrowing, upsetting and uncomfortable watch due to its mature themes, strong language and distressing subject matter. This is only for mature audiences; therefore, we recommend parents and carers make an informed decision before enabling their children to view it. This is not a recommendation to watch and regardless of whether you or your children watch it, the themes explored are conversation points for families.

We as always continue to review our curriculum and work with Governors to look at how these themes are incorporated into our PSHEC curriculum and staff training.

# Adolescence TV Show - Resources

Commonsense Media review

The lesson we can really learn from new Netflix drama Adolescence

<u>'I'm mum to a 13-year-old - here's why Adolescence with Stephen Graham is a bone-chilling watch for parents'</u> As a clinical psychologist, anger specialist and parent, Dr Boyd explains how we can begin to tackle male rage starting with raising feminist boys.

The making of Adolescence: The One-Shot Explained

<u>Keeping Safe Online - Ursuline High School</u>: Our extensive library hosts recommended resources including our Smart Devices & Social Media Statement. From social media and gaming to online challenges and conversation starters, our library is expansive.







#### A selection of images from the week





Far Left: Maia (Year 11) with singer Adenike at the Flame Catholic youth event at Wembley Arena recently. Left: Eoin with Maia and Victoria after discussing their achievements. Victoria (Year 12) completed her Grade 8 Singing exam with Distinction, but it was also reported to the school she showed kindness to an elderly neighbour. Great to hear!



### Surrey FA Schools' Cup Finalists!!

Our U14s enjoyed a hard earned 4-0 wins Vs Cheam High School in this week's Semi Final at Morley Park. Goals from Leia, Tallulah, Clara & Sophia. Player of the match voted as: Leia. Incredible efforts from everyone and the teamwork and collaboration from this group working together was exceptional! Well done!







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We enjoyed a wonderful Multicultural Evening and Culture Day this week.











































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INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL AWARD A special thank you to our student Culture Team for their key parts in the organisation of Cultural Day and the fabulous fashion show.















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

Yours faithfully,

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