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Headteacher's Weekly Roundup 2025-2026 - Autumn B, Week 1

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for all the feedback received on the Academic Review Day Evaluations. We will reflect on these and use them to continue to strive to ensure that the link between parents and carers and your daughter (son in Sixth Form) is supported and communication is open. We will follow up with the points of conversation and targets in the current term. This shortened week for students followed an exceptional training day for staff focusing on quality of education themes. I hope you enjoyed reading the newsletters at the end of last term and in case you missed them, please follow the links below.

This week we welcomed back our exchange student delegation visiting the Ursuline Academy in Dallas, Texas. The feedback was once again fantastic and we look forward to receiving the return delegation. Thank you to the staff and students involved.

Assessment cycles are in full swing as Year 13 are completing their Mocks, the formal GCSE November re-sit series in English and Maths have been tackled by some Sixth Formers seeking to improve outcomes from the summer and Year 11s are preparing for their December Mocks. We prayed for the success of all our students as well as praying for all souls during the Memorial Mass held at lunch time on Wednesday this week celebrated by Fr Ben.

Highlights of the week

Our School Chaplain shared with us this week a little video capturing the joy and engagement in the Year 7 Retreats which have now been completed. You can enjoy it here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jbdNeQL3Dbg>

The entire Year 11 student body went on a school trip on Wednesday to visit Royal Holloway University to get a taster of student life and even participate in live lectures. Please see the images below.

Focus areas for next week

We will focus on uniform and jewellery this term given the upsurge in confiscations at the end of last half-term. Administering and communicating this is an unnecessary use of our Pastoral Support staff time and could be better deployed in supporting students, so we ask parents and carers to support in ensuring students arrive for the start of term fully compliant with the expectations set out in the Policy and School Planners.

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Important Notices



Hairspray School Production, 27th – 28th November

Tickets will be on sale in the Finance office from Monday 10th November. Please arrive via 'The Downs' entrance or students can purchase directly with cash. Tickets will be limited at two per student and do sell out fast. The performance will start at 7pm sharp on both nights and doors will be open from 6.30pm. There will be drinks and snacks available for sale by our UPA.

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Autumn B events & key dates

(Refer to our [Calendar](#) for academic year events - but here are some significant upcoming events for this half-term):

- **11th November:** Remembrance Day Liturgies
- **14th November:** Y7-10 Progress Celebration Breakfast
- **24th November:** Christmas Gift Appeal begins
- **27th & 28th November:** Hairspray School Production
- **28th November:** Christmas Fair; Y8 selling to Y7
- **1st December:** Advent begins
- **5th December:** Christmas Fair; Y9 selling to Y8
- **12th December:** Christmas Tree Service
- **12th December:** Christmas Fair; Y7 selling to Y9
- **15th December:** Christmas Carol Service (8.00-9.00pm); Sacred Heart Church
- **16th December:** Christmas Fair; Y12 & Y13
- **19th December:** Christmas Assembly and Last Day of Term (School Day ends: 12.50pm)

Parent/carers Resources



[Deborah Meaden Talks Money](#)

This book, from Dragons' Den investor and entrepreneur Deborah Meaden, is an empowering introduction to money and finance that every young person needs right now. Money is such a huge part of our lives that creating good money habits is a crucial skill. This book demystifies the world of finance, and shares knowledge and insights to earn money, save money, set goals, or set up and grow a business. One for the Christmas stocking!

Autumn A Newsletters

If you missed our Newsletters last half-term, please do take the time to look through Autumn A [Inform Newsletter](#).

The newsletter captures highlights, celebrations, and photos from the Autumn A half-term.

Our Year Group Updates can be found on the [website](#).

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News



Students had a great time on their trip to Ursuline Dallas in the USA over half-term. We thank Ursuline Dallas for hosting us over the 10 days - to all the staff, students, hosts and families who welcomed us so generously. A big thanks as well to Mrs Harrison and Ms Clark for leading the trip – our students made amazing memories and friendships! The Ursuline bond is felt so deeply after such a great time together!

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Year 11 had an enjoyable and informative experience visiting Royal Holloway University this week. During their time at the university, they received a lecture and a campus tour by Royal Holloway student ambassadors. A great insight into university life. We thank Royal Holloway for their hospitality!





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This week, Annabelle and Natalie in our Sixth Form visited Wimbledon Synagogue as part of their enrichment programme. An excellent opportunity to engage in interfaith dialogue with other sixth forms. They were exceptional ambassadors for the school!

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Wishing you and your family a happy and restful weekend.

Yours faithfully

Eoin Kelly
Headteacher

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