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Dear Parents/Carers

Headteacher's Autumn A Half Term Roundup - 2025-2026



Thank you for the all the support you have given us this half-term.

I am delighted to report that following our recent **Catholic Schools Inspectorate (CSI)**, Ursuline High School has been awarded **Outstanding** across all areas. The report reflects the outstanding work of the school, the dedication of all the staff and our students' hard work and effort. The report can be found on our <u>website</u>

We are also delighted to celebrate María Corina Machado being awarded the Nobel Peace Prize on Friday 10th October. María is an Ursuline alumna from Merici Academy College in Venezuela.



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Autumn A Newsletters

My message to the community can be found in the our Autumn A <u>Inform Newsletter</u>, the first schoolwide newsletter of this academic year. The newsletter captures highlights, celebrations, and photos from the Autumn A half-term, please do take the time to read it.

Our Year Group Updates are being sent to you directly by the Head of Years, do look out for yours.

As always our newsletter suite is also accessible on our website.

News from the week

I would also like to wish the staff and students engaged in the exchange with the Ursuline Academy Dallas a wonderful time in Texas over the half-term and a safe return. We look forward to sharing an update and photos with you after half-term.

Focus for the first week of Autumn B

Reminder of school expectations when students are travelling to and from school. Students must behave respectfully and with consideration at all times with regards to members of the public/community, especially when travelling on public transport.

Parent/Carer Support Services Directory

Explore our <u>Directory</u> for a list of charities and other parenting experts sharing practical strategies, and powerful insights that can help to inform your conversations at home.

Online Safety, Smart Devises and Social Media

Our extensive <u>online safety library</u> hosts our Smart Devices & Social Media Statement and other recommended resources related specifically to online safety. From social media and gaming to online challenges and conversation starters, our library is expansive.

Pictures of the week



Rehearsals are well underway for our school production of **Hairspray** next half-term! Performance dates are scheduled for *Thursday 27th* and *Friday 28th November 2025, 7.00 start* - in the school hall. Exciting times!

Tickets will go on sale from *Monday 10th November* and can be purchased from the Finance Office (accessed via the Downs entrance). *Tickets are limited at 2 tickets per student in the first instance.*

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Congratulations to Goldie who won a silver medal in mixed double in a **U17 silver Badminton England tournament** in Oxford on Saturday. Goldie's team won all 3 matches in the group stage and then managed to get to the final but lost in 3 sets at the end.

This coming Sunday, Goldie has a **U19 silver tournament** in Ipswich and is currently trying to qualify for the U17. Wishing Goldie the best of luck.



To mark International Day of the Girl, Leanne in Year 10 had the opportunity to 'take over' Shaun Grady's role as Chair of AstraZeneca UK for the day - as part of the Young Health Programme. Throughout the day Leanne, a passionate advocate for young women's rights and a budding public speaker, shared her insightful perspectives on the importance of diversity in senior leadership. She excelled in her role, a value she brings from being part of student leadership and voice at the Ursuline. A huge accomplishment - congratulations Leanne!

We wish all the very best to all Year 13 students sitting Mock exams starting Monday 3rd November. We extend all our very best wishes to Sixth Form students re-sitting GCSE Maths and English with the view to improve on their previous grade.

I look forward to welcoming students and staff back to school for Autumn B on Tuesday 4th November. A reminder that Monday 3rd November is a staff INSET day. To make note of further dates of interest, please look at our <u>Parent School Calendar 2025-2026</u> and <u>Term Dates 2025-26</u>

Wishing you and your families a relaxing, safe and peaceful half term.

Yours faithfully









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