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Headteacher's Weekly Roundup 2025-2026 - Autumn A Week 1

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am delighted to share my first weekly roundup of this academic year, the purpose of this is to capture/share a snapshot of school news and life. This message runs alongside our social media profile and more detailed Inform (half Termly), Catholic Life and Year Group (termly) newsletters.

This week I was thrilled to welcome students back to school and wish them and their families a successful academic year ahead. Typically, our students and staff had to endure a deluge of rain on the first full day of school this Thursday, as they made their way to school but this did little to dampen the enthusiasm for the start of term. I particularly enjoyed speaking with the newly arrived students at break and lunch this week as they shared with me their experiences and travels over the summer. Welcoming our new Year 7 and Year 12 students, and of course their families, has been the highlight.

We celebrated our Mass Services marking the start of the year based around the school theme for 2025-26 'Pilgrims of Love.' We thank the priests from Sacred Heart parish and Fr Michael from the Society of Jesuits who celebrated these masses and called on the Holy Spirit to guide each student.

I really must tell you that the reverence at our opening year Masses this week has been incredible and there was a tangible sense of community, bringing together different year groups and delivered in large part by the students supporting the school Chaplain and visiting priests.

Highlights of the week

Engagement in school life and the new academic year.

Uniform standards have been at expected high standard to start the year.

Year 7s reflecting on their first day at school.

Focus areas for next week

A number of students in Year 9 and Year 10 had to be challenged on decisions to cut and alter the school skirt over the summer. This will be checked on arrival on Monday and students will be required to change into stock uniform if uniform

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is not adjusted to knee. Please support the setting of high standards and expectations from the beginning of the year.
Positive attitude to learning and behaviour as we start the first week of lessons.

Making sure the Planners are being used correctly for communicating and getting acquainted with the new use of TEAMS for issuing and monitoring of homework on assignments.

Year 7s to be encouraged and assisted with practical use of lockers.

Signing up for Clubs [Enrichment Activities](#).

Upcoming events & dates

Tuesday 9th September 3:30-5:00 GCSE Music Performing NEA / Year 13 Information Evening

Friday 12th September breaktime Doughnut Day

Important Notices

Please remember Smart watches are not permitted in school and will be confiscated. Mobiles are allowed for travel purposes and must be switched off and placed in lockers all day. You can read our Smart Devices and Social Media Statement [here](#). If parents and carers have any questions or need further information on this, please contact the appropriate Head of Year.

Reminder that all students need to proceed directly home in uniform following the agreed route. Students must not congregate or visit shops or retail outlets.

Parents Information Evening

Parents and carers should be aware on which evening their year group Information Evening is being held, Year 7 and 11 have already been hosted. These meetings are your opportunity to hear from your daughter's (and son's in the Sixth Form) Head of Year and other senior leaders about the year ahead and the opportunities for your daughter(s) personal and academic development. Thank you for prioritising these dates in your diary. **All meetings will take place in the school hall at 6pm**, and information will also be shared by email with all parents and carers following the event. If you have any questions before or after, please contact the Form teacher or Head of Year.

Year 8: Tuesday 30th September

Year 9: Wednesday 17th September

Year 10: Tuesday 23rd September

Year 12: Tuesday 16th September

Year 13: Tuesday 9th September

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Other news

We look forward to supporting, participating and engaging in the upcoming Wimbledon Bookfest festival. Parents and carers please be alert to a separate communication from Mrs Alexander presenting an opportunity to access and attend a sought after talk at the upcoming Wimbledon Bookfest. Here is the link to the talk - [Jassa Ahluwalia with Afua Hirsch | Wimbledon BookFest.](#)

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.

News

As many of our school community will be aware, August was GCSE and A Levels Results Days. Please see below some photos of Year 11 and Year 13 students sharing in each other's joy on these days, with staff, and parents/carers.

GCSE Results Day



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A Level & T Level Results Day



I have the privilege of introducing Mr Michael Feely, the newly appointed Catholic Senior Executive Leader CEO of our Sancta Familia Catholic Academy Trust of Schools. We welcome Michael and wish him every success in the future as we grow and nurture our family of exceptional Catholic schools across South London.

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Wishing you and your family a happy and restful weekend as we all prepare for the first full week of the new academic year.

Yours faithfully

Eoin Kelly
Headteacher

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