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Headteacher's Weekly Roundup 2025-2026 - Autumn A, Week 3

Dear Parents/Carers

After a damp start to the term, we welcomed the sun ahead of the weekend in school with all students taking the opportunity to gather outside at breaks and enjoy the last throes of summer. Main school and Sixth Form enrichment activities got underway this week, significantly on Tuesday with the first session of the Oxbridge programme and with the visit of James Ryan (Ursuline Links Director) to speak with the Year 12s to sign up to this fantastic programme involving Service in Action. Further Form retreats took place involving Year 7 and Year 8 Forms and this has clearly been impactful judging by the quality of the feedback in reviews. One Year 7 wrote "before this retreat I've always tried to fit in and survive, so now I know how to kind of shine and stand out because it's good to let people see that light".

Highlights of the week

We are very proud of our year 13 students who completed the Ursuline Global Scholars' Programme this week with presentations before a panel of judges (the Director of the Ursuline Education Network, Peggy McCormick-Platz, Mr Adam and Mr Glavina.) This is the first year we have run the programme following the model set up by the Ursuline Education Network at Ursuline schools in the United States. To complete the programme, the students need to complete a 5000 word essay, take part in school leadership, serve in the community and qualify in cultural literacy. It is a demanding programme and the students did incredibly well. Well done to all of you.

Focus areas for next week

We have altered the arrival arrangements at school in the morning by redirecting Sixth Form students to the Crescent Road Car Park gates for entrance and exit from school. Letters to year groups affected have been distributed explaining the reasons for this decision. We are asking KS4 students who use the Downs entrance to be considerate of other pedestrians and not to impede other children or families with push chairs in sharing the space.

Signing up for Clubs and Enrichment Activities – if your child hasn't already signed up for a club, please encourage them to do so - we want to see each student signed up to at least one club. Clubs are a great way of building new skills and making friends.

[Enrichment - Ursuline High School](#)

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. Students have been taking the opportunity to discuss with their teachers how to respond to stranger danger or inappropriate approaches outside of school.

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Parents Information

It has been great to welcome parents/carers to their year group Information Meetings, and we look forward to seeing Year 8, and 10 parents/carers over the coming weeks (see dates below.) These meetings are your opportunity to hear from your daughter's 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 information meetings will take place in the school hall at 6pm. If you have any questions before or after, please contact your daughter's/son's Form Tutor or Head of Year.

Year 8: Tuesday 30th September

Year 10: Tuesday 23rd September

Other Important Dates

Main school Open Evening: Wednesday 24th September, 6.00-8.30pm

Open evening 24th September- Students finish at lunchtime

Thursday 25th- Late start- all students to be in school by 9.20 am

Sixth Form Open Evening: Wednesday, 8th October, 4:30 - 7:00pm. Location: Wimbledon College.

Sign up available [here](#).

For reference Information Evening presentations can be found on the website below.

Year 12 Information Evening: [Year 12 Information Evening 2025](#)

Parent/Carer Resources

Below is the reference to the book discussed at Information Evenings "Why Girls Fall out". Andrew, Holly and Naomi Hampton will transform your thinking on how to support your daughter navigate difficulties within friendships and equip her with the skills to navigate this herself with support. Use this ISBN on your preferred site to obtain a copy: **ISBN 978-1-3999-0108-6**

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.

Please see the latest edition of our Catholic life newsletter: [Catholic Life: Summer Term 2025](#).

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Pictures of the week



Year 13 Global Scholars Programme. Students have successfully completed the inaugural year of this challenging programme. These students joined a global Ursuline network of participants



Year 7 Football club has been proving popular!

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Students have been enjoying Ukulele enrichment club.



Some of our Year 11 students enjoyed an insightful visit to Royal Holloway University this week.

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Wishing you and your family a happy and restful weekend.

Yours faithfully

Eoin Kelly
Headteacher

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