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Headteacher's Weekly Roundup 2025-2026 - Autumn A, Week 4

Dear Parents/Carers

It was fantastic to so many families coming to visit our 2025 Open Events for Year 5 families (Year 7 entry, September 2027). With Over 1000 visitors being guided by over 450 students. This incredible demand will need to be followed up with additional opportunities to visit the school. We are thrilled to report that the school looked and felt incredible. The energy was tangible all over the school and all our staff and students demonstrated our ethos and value. Thank you to parents/carers for enabling the students to volunteer in such huge numbers which is crucial for welcoming and guiding the visitors to our school. The feedback was that it is the students' enthusiasm and energy which was the highlight for all visitors.

We really are so proud of our students; they are our best ambassadors, please see extract below:

'I was thoroughly impressed at every stage. From the warm welcome at the gate to the engaging classroom displays, the professionalism with which teachers responded to some challenging questions, and the confidence and eloquence of my student guides, the evening was a real showcase of the school's strengths.'

On Wednesday our Deputy Headteacher, Mrs Alexander accompanied 14 students from our Year 9 Chaplaincy team to represent our school at St George's Cathedral for the annual Education Start of the Year Mass, celebrated by Archbishop John Wilson. The Mass felt like a celebration of the future with all the young people from over 120 schools in our Diocese represented.

We then received the surprise call for the Diocesan Catholic School Inspection on Thursday and Friday this week. Students have been an instrumental part of these two days as we share all aspects of our ethos mission and Catholic practice with the four Inspectors.

Students have shown pride in their school during the inspection. Their contributions has been remarkable.

Highlights of the week

The first wave of formal assessments in Year 13 were completed this week and the Friday Mock schedule for Year 11 gets underway next Friday starting with Algebra; we look forward to the impact of all these practice assessments on student learning.

Focus areas for next week

Homework sampling will be a big feature of next week's monitoring. Please discuss this with you daughter/s (son in Sixth Form) and parents/carers can access the lists to verify and quality assure what is being completed. Should you need any guidance on this please refer to the Information Evening Slides or contact your daughter/s tutor.

Parents/Carers Information

Promotional Video

We are delighted to share with you our hot off the press promotional school video, Virtual Tour and Testimonials. Our video really gives a sense of our ethos, values and what it means to be an Ursuline student. Filming took place over four days in

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July and September and really was a school community effort. From our external videographer, and our in-house marketing team managing script writing and production, to our students and staff taking part in filming, our staff narrators and finally but my no means least staff members, parents/carers, students and our Chair of Governors delivering powerful testimonials. Do take time to watch the video - I'm really proud of the end result, and I hope you are too. Here is the link: [Virtual Tour - Ursuline High School](#)

Year 8 parents/carers Information Evening next Tuesday 30th September. 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. We are confident that these events help get the year off to the best start in terms of communication and clarity.

All Information Evenings 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

PowerPoint slides from our series of Information Evenings have been shared with parents/carers and can be accessed via [Parent/Carer Presentations - Ursuline High School](#). If you missed your year group meeting or would like to revisit the topics covered, please read the slides. If you have any questions, please contact your daughter's Head of Year.

Other Important Dates

Open Mornings: Monday 29th September to Friday 3rd October

UPA Year 7 Parents Social in USFC: Thursday 2nd October 7-9pm in the Ursuline Sixth Form Centre

Year 11 Mocks in Hall; Algebra: Friday 3rd October 1:30-3:20pm

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

Sign up available [here](#).

Academic Review Day: Thursday 23rd October from 1:35pm and Friday 24th October from 12:50pm

October Half Term: Mon 27th - Fri 31st October

Parent/Carer Resources

Back to School Online Safety Tips

The National College has compiled a list of top tips to ensure that – whether our young people are going online to chat, research things or just have fun – they can do it safely. And remember: teach your child about online safety before they start using Smartphones and/or social media, get to know the common platforms and how your children engage with them, understand more about online cultures and terminology, talk to your child about what they are engaging with and how it makes them feel. Have healthy limits regarding screen time, be available to listen and be constructive - if you look too worried or surprised they will be less likely to come to you if they want to talk. Please visit [Keeping Safe Online - Ursuline High School](#) page of our website to access our extensive online safety resource library.

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Some of our Year 11
students enjoyed a trip to Royal
Holloway University this week.



Year 12s had their induction visit
to Sacred Heart Primary in New
Malden.

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The Year 9 Chaplaincy team represented our school at St George's Cathedral for the annual Education Start of the Year Mass recently.



We held our Macmillan Coffee Morning in the staff room to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support, which concluded a very busy week! Stay tuned for updates on the fundraising total -coming soon.

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We were delighted to welcome Year 5 and 6 primary school students and their parents/carers to school on Wednesday for our Open Evening. This was a wonderful opportunity to showcase all on offer at our fantastic school. Thank you to our tour guides for being great school ambassadors we received some lovely feedback from our visitors about you all.



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Wishing you and your family a happy and restful weekend.

Yours faithfully

Eoin Kelly
Headteacher

