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16th January 2026

Headteacher's Weekly Roundup 2025-2026 – Spring A, Week 2

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week we had two very important events in school, the Year 9 Options Evening on Tuesday 13th January and the Year 13 Parents' Evening on Wednesday 14th January. I wish to extend our school community's thanks and gratitude for the outstanding attendance and engagement in these crucial meetings. At the Parents' Evening, I enjoyed speaking directly with parents and carers and getting your direct feedback. A reminder that the links to the presentations from the Year 9 Option Evening can be found here: [Parent/Carer Presentations](#).

Highlights of the Week

Brown Envelope Day on Thursday: our Year 11s received their Mock Exam results, replicating what will happen on August Results Day. Congratulations for all the hard work and effort which went into preparing for this. See the pictures of celebration and consideration below.

On Thursday 15th January, I had the privilege of welcoming and opening our conference 'Brexit Britain 10 years on'. Students from seven secondary schools across London attended this remarkable conference part hosted and funded by TEAM Global and the Institute of Economic Affairs. Please take time to look through the incredible programme of guest speakers which included, Siobhan McDonagh MP for Mitcham and Morden (Labour Party), Dr Alka Sehgal Cuthbert (Editor Academic, author and campaigner), Alfred Quantril, (President of Young European Movement UK), Darius Nasimi (ICAS, ACAA Council of national secretary of Counter Terrorism Advisory Group) and Quentin Peel (Journalist and Foreign correspondent). Follow up with the Conference Brochure next week.

Focus areas for next week

Pride in books at Key Stage 3 and Year 10. Book reviews and quality monitoring in school has indicated a concern that some students are not taking sufficient pride in the presentation of their exercise books. Staff are being directed to support and challenge students to ensure that this issue is addressed which will include sanctioning if not corrected. We ask parents and carers to support by asking your daughters to show you the standards of presentation at home. These relate to basic standards. Clear plastic covers on books, titled and dated work, underline neatly, sectioned off work, glued-in sheets, personal trackers for grades and targets filled in and attached to the inside cover of the books, and finally general appearance and pride.

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Important Notices

Enrichment

Our Spring Term club/enrichment schedule is running. Do please read through the options available with your daughter (lunch time and after school options). We expect to see each student signed up to at least one club/enrichment activity. Clubs are a great way of building new skills, making friends and getting involved in school life outside the classroom.

Uniform

We have recently noticed an increasing number of students wearing false nails to school. This is a breach of our uniform policy, which clearly states that false nails and nail extensions are not permitted.

False nails can pose health and safety risks, particularly during practical lessons and physical activities, and they do not align with the standards we expect for our students' appearance.

Please ensure that your child removes any false nails before attending school on Monday to avoid consequences for breaching the uniform policy.

Schoolwear Inc our School uniform supplier is running a January offer. As they seek to reduce excess stock, they are offering **25% off all blouses and jumpers**, including:

- Long-sleeve blouses
- Short-sleeve blouses
- Jumpers

Please follow this link: [Ursuline High School | Schoolwear Inc](http://Ursuline%20High%20School%20%7C%20Schoolwear%20Inc)

Spring A key dates

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

20th January – Jack Petchy Speak Out Challenge

27th January – Feast of St. Angela with Masses throughout the week

30th January – Year 10 Bronze DofE Training Day

February - LGBTQ+ History Month Assemblies

2nd February – Children's Mental Health Week

6th February – Year 9 Options Taster Day

9th & 10th February – Year 11 GCSE Food Preparation & Nutrition NEA2 Practical

12th February – Academic Review Day Years 7-10 – students dismissed at 12.50

13th February - Academic Review Day Years 7-12 (exc. Years 11 & 13) – students dismissed at 12.50

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13th February – Year 11 GCSE English Language Day

16th -20th February – Half-term

23rd February – INSET day (Year 13 Mock exams start)

Term Dates

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Parent/carer Resources

Details of the Education Wellbeing Service Parent Webinars during the Spring Term can be found on our [website](#).

Thinking about a new career for 2026? You can apply now to start training as a teacher at a local school in September 2026. Sign up for a Teach Wimbledon teacher training experience morning to find out more!

- **Friday 6th February, at St Mary's Catholic Primary School** [Sign up here](#)
- **Tuesday 10th March, at Ursuline High School** [Sign up here](#)

Visit www.teachwimbledon.com to find out these events and others alongside discovering about training places available at all our schools for September 2026.

News



Students enjoyed their Chattertocks Workshop on Tuesday!

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On Thursday we welcomed schools to join our Sixth Form students for a politics conference on 'Brexit 10 Years on' with talks from MP's and various specialist speakers. We thank everyone for an informative and insightful day.



Also on Thursday, nerves were at an all-time high as our Year 11 students received their Year 11 Mock GCSE results at our Brown Envelope Day.

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Wishing you and your family a happy and restful weekend.

Yours faithfully

Eoin Kelly

Headteacher

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