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## Headteacher's Weekly Roundup 2025-2026 – Spring B, Week 1

Dear Parents/Carers

On Monday, we had a very successful staff training day as we set out the school priorities for the term ahead. The extra day's rest extending the half-term holiday appears to have been very well received by all our students with the exception of the Year 13 who were in school for their final round of Mocks ahead of the public examinations in the summer. Well-done to all the Year 13 students so far for their diligent preparation and hard work, which we know will pay off in the summer and will provide them with valuable information on what steps need to be taken to ensure success

In our assemblies and acts of collective worship this week, as Pilgrims of Love, we reflected on the theme *"Time to make way in your heart."* We reflected on the unique alignment of the Holy season of Lent alongside Ramadan. Our Muslim community observe the Holy season in fasting, worship, devotion and prayer. We share our experiences of these coinciding seasons together in our daily practice.

Thank you for your engagement and feedback in Academic Review Day. Your reflection and comments are overwhelmingly positive and helpful as we adjust and reframe the meeting. Some parents and carers rightly pointed out to the limited time available and stated a preference to meet teachers rather than tutors in the meeting as a point of recommendation. The requirements for state secondary schools is one parents' meeting per year. We do not feel this is adequate, which is why we calendar a Parental Information Evening, a subject teacher Parents' Evening and two Academic Review Days. You will understand that with 7 year groups and restrictions on directed time from staff professional bodies why these requests would be impossible to deliver. Building a point of contact and a relationship with you daughter's or son's form teacher is important in nurturing an open communication in the home school partnership.

### **Highlights of the week**

Year 12 Parents' Evening was hosted at Wimbledon College yesterday; what was most reassuring from the conversations was how well informed and engaged our parents and carers are with their daughter's/son's learning and progress. This engagement can typically drop off in different settings with transition to Key Stage 5 but this is clearly not the case as parents and carers continue to be instrumental in their education.

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I had the pleasure of meeting Connie, Eliza, Mollie and Gabby to recognise the remarkable progress they have been making in Year 11. I was trying to get an understanding of the key components of this remarkable effort. Well-done! A final highlight this week was hearing from some Year 12 students about their experience as Sadie was part of a year 12 team who competed in the Quiz Bowl. The girls invested a great deal of time preparing for this, scraped through to the semi-finals which they won and then remarkably won on a tiebreaker in the final. Their prize was a donation to St Raphael's Hospice in Cheam. Well- done to them all!

### Focus areas for next week

We ask parents and carers to support the school in our expectation of students going directly to and from school. Students are not permitted to enter shops in Wimbledon or other local centres. I have written to parents and carers twice this week about social media trends creating the conditions for unsupervised assembly of young people and reiterating the reason for our school expectations. A minority of parents and carers expressed to us that they do not support the school's position on this, but we make no apology and do not relent in our high standards and expectations for our students both in their safeguarding and ensuring the behaviour and manners displayed in public spaces reflects on our community standards.

### Important Notices

#### Arbor Payments Reminder

The school successfully migrated Payments from ParentPay to Arbor during half-term and parents and carers must now use Arbor to manage all school-related payments including catering, equipment and trips. The school no longer uses ParentPay. For further information refer to the emails from Mr Glavina sent on 4<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> February.



#### St Cecilia's Concert: Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00pm

Tickets are now available to purchase from the Finance Office for £7 (cash only). Students can buy the tickets or parents and carers can pop by (using The Downs entrance).

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## Multicultural Evening: March 18<sup>th</sup> March, 6.00-8.30pm

SAVE THE DATE! More information coming soon.

## Term dates academic year 2026-2027

Please see dates [here](#).

## Spring B key dates

Refer to our [Calendar](#) for academic year events and below for significant upcoming dates for this half-term:

Lent Programme will run throughout the term.

2<sup>nd</sup> March: GCSE Yr 10 Geography Fieldwork Trip to Juniper Hall

3<sup>rd</sup> March: Year 10 Sixth Form Transitions Parents' Evening (6.30-7.30pm)

3<sup>rd</sup> March: Lent Reflection for parents

5<sup>th</sup> March: World Book Day

8<sup>th</sup> March: International Women's Day

11<sup>th</sup> March: St. Cecilia's Day Concert, 7.00-9.00pm. Tickets available from the Finance office, £7.

11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> March: GCSE Geography Fieldwork to Battersea Power Station

18<sup>th</sup> March: Multicultural Evening, 6.00-8.30pm

19<sup>th</sup> March: Cultural Day

24<sup>th</sup> March: Y10 Parents Revision Evening; Main Hall (6.00-7.00pm)

24<sup>th</sup> March: Joint Concert with Wimbledon College 7.00-9.00pm

27<sup>th</sup> March: Passion Services

27<sup>th</sup> March: End of Term

## Parent/Carer Resources

During the Spring Term, the Education Well-being Service is hosting a series of parent/carers **webinars on a variety of topics including Conflict & Communication, Eam Stress, Siblings with SEND, Teens with Autism and Screen Time**. For information regarding topics and dates please refer to the emails from Ms McCourt. Details can also be found on our [website](#).

**Catch 22** is hosting a free webinar on **Youth Vaping on Tuesday 17th March at 6pm**. For more information and to sign up please refer to the recent email sent from Ms McCourt or you can sign up directly via [EventBrite](#). To support the workshop, our [parent/carers communication](#) on the subject of Youth Vaping includes a summary of the available research and recommended resources for parents/carers to aid conversations with their young people.

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Well-done and congratulations to Gabby N, Eliza G, Connie C and Mollie BB for the remarkable progress they have been making in Year 11



Above left: Saddy R, Harriet SG, Rachel P, and Emma M - Our Quiz Bowl team winners.

Above right: All our Year 12 students attending Quiz Bowl at The American School, London.





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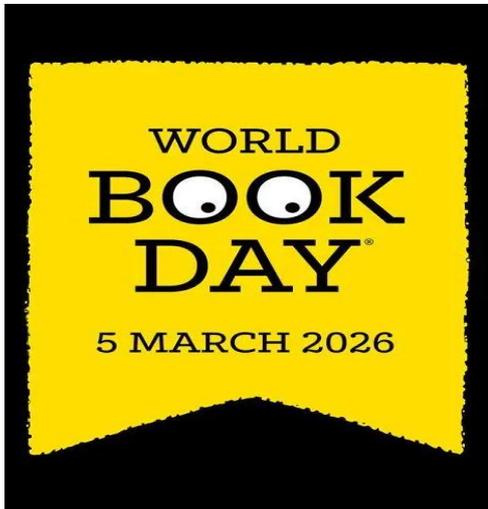
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It's World Book Day next week!  
Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March

**Come to school dressed as your favourite literary character, book, or author.** (Please note: Shop brought costumes are not obligatory, homemade is encouraged - as we want to see imagination and creativity on display). Prizes will be awarded for the best costume. If any student does not want to participate, they must come to school in school uniform as this is not a non-uniform day. **Don't forget to bring your £1 charity donation for CAFOD with you on the day.**

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Wishing you and your family a happy and restful weekend.

Yours faithfully

Eoin Kelly  
Headteacher

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