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13 March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Headteacher's Weekly Roundup 2025-2026 – Spring B, Week 3

The Ursuline High School has been selected by the Department of Education to lead and offer visits to our school as part of the RISE open fortnight. This week, we had senior leaders from schools across London visiting us so we can share best practice in Attainment, Inclusion and Attendance. The feedback from the visitors has been excellent.

Our humanities students have been out and about in London with our Year 10 Geographers undertaking Fieldwork at Battersea Power Station. Our Key Stage 3 History Club experienced local heritage through a visit to the Wimbledon Museum, where they took part in a workshop and a tour of local fountains with the Heritage of London Trust. They then visited the grand unveiling of the restored Hanbury Fountain near Wimbledon Common. The Mayor of Merton, leaders of the restoration project and four of our pupils gave speeches about the importance of the fountain and what they had learned through this experience. See pictures below.

Highlights of the week

Lilian in Year 9 visited Parliament for a centenary action event fulfilling her Girlguiding advocate role. Lilian said "I spoke with many members of Parliament about the effect of sexism and racism in workplaces today." Well done Lilian, exemplifying the Ursuline drive for young women in leadership and responding to the call of Serviam.

On Wednesday 10th March, we hosted the annual St Cecilia's concert presented by our Head and Deputy Head girls Catherine and Emma. An incredible programme of orchestral pieces through to choir and solo performances kept the audience engrossed all evening. I shared with parents/carers that this really is one of the highlights of the Spring term and watching with pride and amazement at the parents/carers and relatives watching their daughter's courage to perform. Thank you also to the Parents' Association who supported this, and indeed, all of our events by raising money in the provision of refreshments. Please remember that they are always on the lookout for more support and assistance. If you haven't secured your tickets for the annual Parents' Association Quiz Night, please purchase them by 3pm on Tuesday 17th March using your Arbor account (click on Menu and School Shop) and complete the form attached [here](#) to select your meal preference.

Focus areas for next week

Litter is being left behind after breaks. Students will be encouraged in the context of the school virtues programme to be considerate of others. Students sitting in groups too often this week stand up on the bell and leave without looking over their shoulder to ensure nothing is left behind. Students are encouraged (and at times directed) to pick up the litter or mess left behind where they sit as a group, regardless of whether this is their own.

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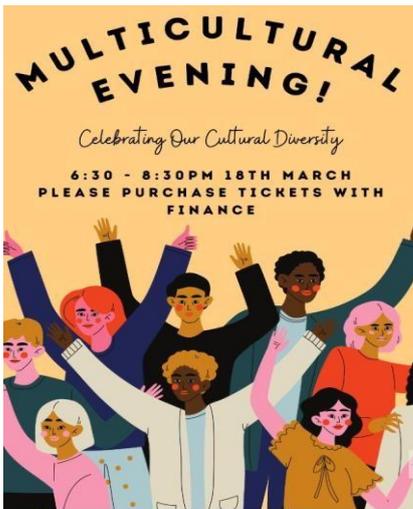
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News and announcements

Multi Cultural Evening is on Wednesday 18th March: tickets are almost sold out and we look forward to celebrating a taste of the rich diversity of our school community, celebrating the colours and culture of our students and families. Culture Day follows up on Thursday 19th March and students making a small donation to our Lenten CAFOD charity can come to school adorned in culture dress or celebration of national colours. A separate email about expectations and conditions has been sent on Friday by Mrs Gilmore. Congratulations to the Equalities group who, supported by Naomi have worked tirelessly to organise and deliver these fantastic events in the school programme.



Multicultural Evening: 18th March 6.00-8.30pm

With many student performances planned along with great food, this celebration of our community's rich diversity is not to be missed!

Tickets are now available on Arbor (Select 'School Shop')

Arbor Payments Reminder

The school successfully migrated Payments from ParentPay to Arbor during half term and parents/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, please refer to the emails from Mr Glavina sent on 4th and 24th February.

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.

18th March: Multicultural Evening, 6.00-8.30pm

19th March: Culture Day

20th March: UPA Quiz Night, Main Hall, 7.00-11.00pm

24th March: Year 10 Parents' Revision Evening; Main Hall (6.00-7.00pm)

24th March: Joint Concert with Wimbledon College 7.00-9.00pm

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27th March: Passion Services

27th March: End of term

Parent/Carer Resources

A separate email from Sancta Familia CAT has been sent to parents and carers relating to a trust wide survey. Please take time to read and respond to this request for feedback.

The government consultation on action to protect children from the risks of social media is still open for contributions. The consultation closes on Tuesday 26th May. More information is in the government [press release](#) and this is the link to the [consultation](#).

[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 attached flier and/or the recent email sent from Ms McCourt. 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 aide conversations with their young people.

The **Education Well-being Service** is hosting a series of parent/carers Spring term **webinars on a variety of topics including Conflict & Communication, Exam 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](#).

News



Our Lent theme this week is Abide in Love: Prayer & Adoration, providing both staff and students with additional devotional opportunities for prayer and reflection. Year 7 RE classes have been visiting the school chapel for short periods of Eucharistic Adoration, giving students an opportunity to pause, reflect, and spend time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

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KS3 History Club visited the grand unveiling of the restored Hanbury Fountain near Wimbledon Common earlier this week.



Recently, our Year 12 Cricket Academy students attended a special training session as part of our International Women's Day project. The students met and trained with the Surrey Pro Women's team at the Kia Oval and gained lots of advice on their future ambitions within the sporting world.





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Thank you to our array of musical talent displayed at the St Cecilia's Concert on Wednesday evening. Well done to the music department for such a successful show!





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Year 7 took part in the National Careers Challenge on Thursday where they had to research and plan creating a viable sustainable town.

Congratulations to the winning team with their town Riverstone.



Congratulations to our Year 7 Young Writer Competition Winners - Eve W, Grace C & Julia S.





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Congratulations to the winners!



Best teaching staff



Best support staff



Most effort



Funniest



Most accurate



And finally, congratulations to our World Book Day Winners...

Staff

Best Teaching Staff: Mr Collins

Best Support Staff: Mr Bedford

Most Effort: Ms Chan

Funniest: Ms Smith

Most Accurate: Ms Gregory

Student Book Day Winners

Best Costume



Winner: Olivia 9A

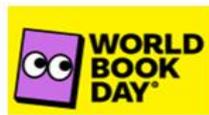


Runner Up: Isabel 11M

Most Creative



Winner: Imogen 13F



Runner Up: Luciana 8T

Funniest



Winners:
Sarena & Willow
13U

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Wishing you and your family a happy and restful weekend.

Yours faithfully

Eoin Kelly
Headteacher

