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17 April 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Headteacher's Weekly Roundup 2025-2026 – Summer A, Week 1

Welcome back to the start of the Summer term, which has begun with a focus on preparing for the upcoming end of year exam series. On Tuesday evening, the Heads of Year 8 and 9 delivered a joint evening presentation to parents and carers on supporting students through formal assessments. This event was very well attended and the evaluation indicated that it was very helpful. Thank you to all the parents who attended and engaged in this event.

On Wednesday evening, Wimbledon College hosted the regional finals of the Jack Petchey **Speak Out Challenge** and although we didn't win on this occasion, our students once again set the standard in public speaking. One of the judges that evening wrote to me the following day stating "I particularly wanted to mention **Emily and Stephanie**. Both girls were exceptional; their confidence and delivery were a real credit to Ursuline."

Highlights of the week

Getting the opportunity to speak with some of our students who attended the School's Ski trip to Alpendorf in Austria over Easter. Despite the end of season with dwindling snow on the lower slopes, all the students told me how much fun they had and were really proud of the progress they made over the week in their technique and confidence on the slopes.

I also spoke to students in the School HAF programme over Easter, the highlight of which was the trip to the theatre to see **The Waitress**.

At the end of this week, we wish our Year 10 **Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award** students all the very best for their expedition. Today, the group set off on their practice expedition which comprises hours of walking, carrying a 65L rucksack, navigating their own directions, setting up camp and cooking their own meals all without adult intervention! I am proud to share that we have 98 students spending this year learning and developing new skills, culminating in the qualifying expedition in June.

Focus areas for next week

Please support the school's high standards of expectations and rules in relation to uniform. A large number of uniform confiscations and sanctions were necessary this week on return from the Easter holiday - particularly with piercings. The school rules are very clear and set out in the planner and on the website. Please ensure that your daughter is compliant leaving the house to attend school in the morning to ensure a smooth start to the day without the need for challenge on arrival to school or in requiring staff to contact home.





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Information

Years 8 and 9 End of Year Exams – Parents' Information Meeting

If you were unable to attend the Year 8/9 parents exams information evening earlier this week, please refer to the slides shared by Ms Smith. If you have any queries or concerns, please reach out to your daughter's Head of Year.

Saturday 27th June 2026: **Diocese of Westminster Day Pilgrimage** to the national Catholic Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, Norfolk. Details here: [Diocese of Westminster Day Pilgrimage Flyer](#). The coach leaves before 7am from *Our Lady of Lourdes*: 45B Burnt Ash Hill, Lee, SE12 0AE. Returns before 9pm. **£50** per person.

To book, please email Fr James Clark at jamesclark@rcaos.org.uk 020 8857 5006

Newsletters

We are also pleased to share our latest editions of the [Spring Term Catholic Life Newsletter](#) and [Spring Term Sixth Form Newsletter](#). If you have missed any of the school wide Newsletters and updates at the end of Spring Term - they are available to read [here](#).

Upcoming events and dates

Year 8 Parents/Carers meetings, Ursuline High School – Wednesday 22nd April, 3.50pm-6.30pm.

Bookings opened this week. Please ensure you have booked in to meet with your daughter's subject teachers. For further information, please refer to this week's communications from Mr Glavina.

Year 9 Parents/Carers meetings – Wednesday 29th April, 3.50pm-6.30pm.

Bookings open Tuesday 21st April, 7.30pm. For further information, please refer to this week's communication from Mr Glavina.

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:

22nd April – Y8 Parents Evening, Hall, 3.50-6.30pm

28th April – Y7 Catch 22 vaping workshop

29th April – Y9 Parent's Evening in Hall, 3.50-6.30pm

30th April – Mary of the Roses Service





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5th May – Sixth Form Applications open on Applicaa for Y10

5th May – Y11 GCSE exams begin

7th May – Year 13 Thanksgiving Mass and Leavers' Celebrations, Sacred Heart Church & USFC

7th – 15th May – Y10 Internal End of Year Exams

11th May – A Level exams begin

12th May – Y7 Revision Evening Parent Meeting

12th May – Y12 UCAS information evening for parents, online

14th May – Feast of The Ascension

18th May – Y9 End of Year exams begin

1st June - Y8 End of Year exams begin

8th June - Y7 End of Year exams begin

News



An unforgettable week was had in the mountains at Alpendorf during the Easter holidays, with the best group of students and teachers — skiing all day on incredible slopes and then coming together in the evenings for fun activities, laughs, and of course our now infamous awards presentation. See more photos on Instagram [here](#).





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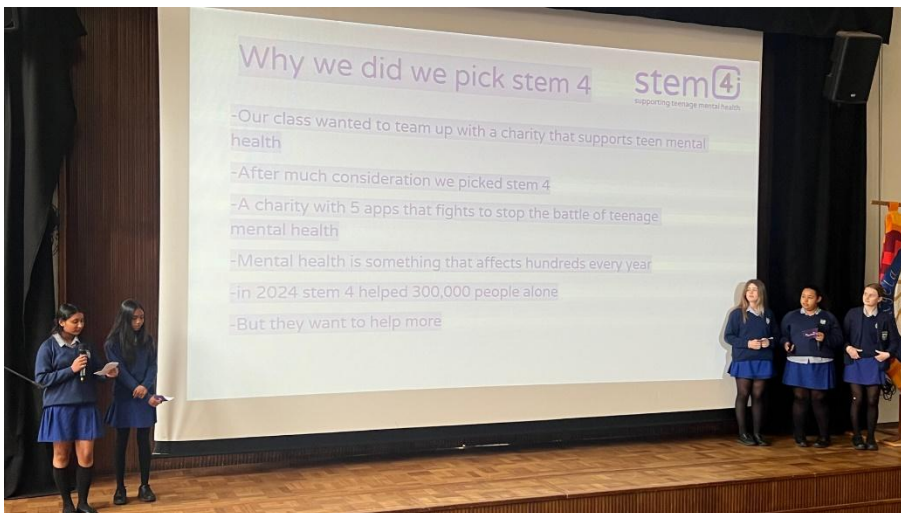
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As many Year 8 parents/carers will know, Year 8s have been busy fundraising for their chosen charities over spring term. This culminates in the First Give Philanthropy Final next week, where our Year 8s will present to a panel of judges their social action journey and why their charity deserves the extra 1000- a valuable learning experience. Students took part in Philanthropy rehearsals to prepare this week with Mrs Harrison and a First Give representative. Well done for all their hard work and fundraising so far.



Why we did we pick stem 4



- Our class wanted to team up with a charity that supports teen mental health
- After much consideration we picked stem 4
- A charity with 5 apps that fights to stop the battle of teenage mental health
- Mental health is something that affects hundreds every year
- in 2024 stem 4 helped 300,000 people alone
- But they want to help more





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Wishing you and your family a happy and restful weekend.

Yours faithfully

Eoin Kelly

Headteacher

