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8th May 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

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

We are pleased to announce that exams are underway! The Year 11s had their reflection service and good luck send off on Wednesday and the GCSE written papers have now started. I have been incredibly impressed with the confident demeanour of Year 11 who appear primed and focused. The resilience and courage in these young people are tangible, which bodes well for the whole season. We also have had three days of Year 10 end-of-year internal assessments helping to create an atmosphere of exam focus across the school. These have been scheduled earlier to provide an opportunity to respond to the data in the remaining weeks of Year 10 rather than wait for return in September of Year 11.

Highlights of the week

On Thursday, our brilliant and industrious Ursuline Parents Association handed over a Cheque with the proceeds of their fundraising efforts over the past year. The UPA have provided a list of the items they would like this used for including, students seating, cooling fans for exam classrooms, student packs and other initiatives. If you would like to support the work of the UPA, please contact UPA@uhsw.com. Thank you to the UPA on behalf of the entire student staff, parents and wider partners for their efforts.

This week, the school and staff received lots of messages from Year 13 students (and also from the Year 12 Level 2 Programme Students), and their parents/carers, as they finish formal scheduled lessons and enter the season of exams. These messages of gratitude have a profound effect on our staff who routinely go above and beyond the teacher expectations to provide a fantastic provision for our young people. The messages are affirming of the impact in committing to a vocational career, so thank you to parents and carers. I spoke to parents/carers at the end of the Celebration Mass at Sacred Heart Parish Church on Thursday evening, when I said, 'thank you for trusting your most precious children to us over the last seven years (or two) years!

Fr Peter's sermon was very powerful and impactful when he reminded the students of the fact that their education has been much more than the grades and awards but has equipped them with the academic rigour and personal Ursuline virtues needed as they transition into the next phase of their life. He also reminded the students of the central role their faith and Service will have in living out the ethos of Serviam.

In other highlight news, our Year 8 Maths & Computer Science students took part in a trip to Bletchley Park today and we look forward to hearing about this enrichment opportunity and how it will motivate our students in exploring the exciting opportunities available to women in STEM careers.





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Focus areas for next week

With the start of exam season, we ask all students to understand the importance of thinking about others. Students will need to be encouraging and supportive of our students in Year 11 and Year 13 as they sit important Public Examinations. Students not taking exams are being encouraged to be self-aware and regulate their voices and behaviour throughout the school as exams are being hosted in the Main Hall and in other rooms throughout the school. This is most significant in and around lesson times especially lesson change over, break times and after school. Exam timetables do not follow lesson schedules.

Important Notices

Uniform Reminders - False Nails, Jewellery and Socks

We continue to see an increasing number of students wearing **false nails** to school. This is a breach of our uniform policy. Please ensure that your child removes any false nails before attending school to avoid consequences. In addition, students wearing **jewellery** not permitted by the uniform policy will have these items confiscated. Confiscated items will not be returned until the end of the half term. Also, **sports socks** are not permitted as part of the uniform policy; students must wear knee high socks or tights.

The importance of nutrition, sleep and healthy screen time as part of exam preparation and performance. Exam season is here (and indeed other year group internal exams), it is essential to keep front of mind the importance of hydration, sleep, a healthy diet and screen time as part of exam preparation and performance, brain processing and in maintaining energy levels, concentration and memory retention. Visit our [website](#) to read more

Diocesan notice of the upcoming Pilgrimage - Saturday 27th June 2026

Archdiocese of Southwark Day Pilgrimage to the National Catholic Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham, Norfolk. Saturday 27th June 2026. Celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Perpetual Help: The cost is £50. To book email Fr James Clark at jamesclark@rcaos.org.uk or call 020 8857 5006.

Term dates

Academic year 2026-2027

Please see [here](#).

Summer A

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

11th-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/carers, 6pm, online

13th May – 1.35pm-3.00pm: Year 12 University Pathway day





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- 14th May – Feast of The Ascension
- 18th May – Y9 End of Year exams begin
- 19th May– Y8 Mosque Visit
- 21st May – World Day for Cultural Diversity
- 25-29th May – Half-Term
- 1st June - Return to school for summer B
- 1st June - Y8 End of Year exams begin
- 8th June - Y7 End of Year exams begin

News



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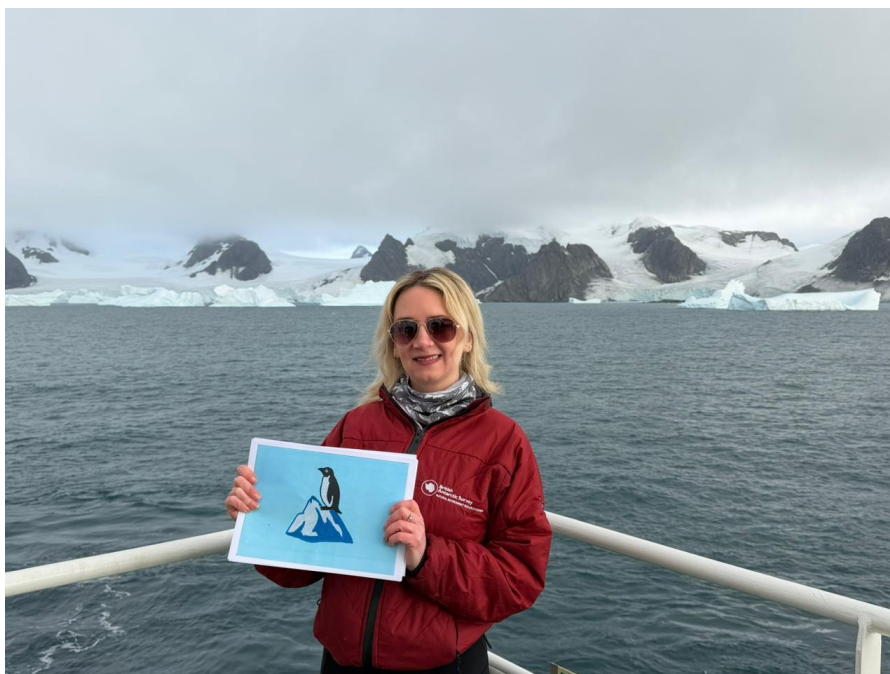
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Flags designed by Victoria N (7B) and Millie K (7F) have been taken to Antarctica on the RRS Sir David Attenborough ship. Wow!



Their flags were taken to Antarctica by Dr Emily Rowlands, a marine biologist. Some of the photos are taken at King Edwards Point and others at the Drygalski Glacier. Photos were taken aboard the RRS Sir David Attenborough and Emily roped in some of the other scientists onboard for photographs too. Doesn't it look amazing there! Well done to Victoria and Millie for their winning designs.





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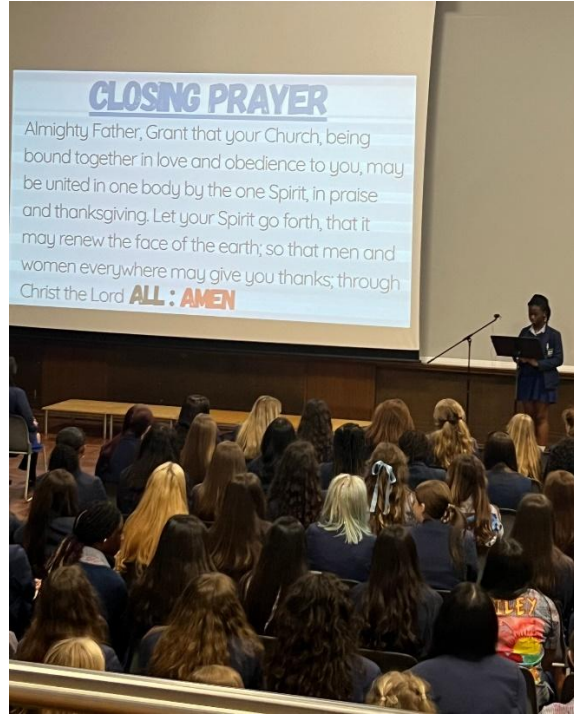
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On Wednesday, we sent Year Y11 off into their exams with a Leavers Mass the in Hall followed by shirt signing and concluding in our infamous clap out of school. 5 years in the making- marking the end of an era. Lots of luck in those exams Year 11- you've got this! We look forward to celebrating with you on results day in August and giving many of you a warm welcome into Ursuline Sixth Form in September!



Students enjoyed their Ireland Trip to Ursuline Cork last weekend! Pictured here after their 3-1-win v Ursuline Cork (left) and taking part in a crate stacking challenge during a team-building session (right). Everyone had a great time!





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On Thursday, Year 13 had a full day of celebrations with a leavers breakfast and Celebration assembly ahead of their formal Leavers Mass at Sacred Heart Church. This was followed by further celebration back in the Sixth Form Centre to conclude a day of mixed emotions. Lots of luck in those final exams Year 13!



Congratulations to our Year 13 Celebration Assembly awardees! Highlights: A Level Top Achiever: Emilia L, T Level Top Achiever: Mia S, and Serviam Award: Charlotte W.





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To conclude another busy week, on Friday, some of our Year 12's had their Level 2 Leavers' Service in our Chapel. A celebration of all their hard work on their Level 2 courses this academic year. Well done!

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Wishing you and your family a restful and happy weekend. For students starting public examinations next week, remember to take revision and screen breaks, get good sleep and eat nutritiously.

Yours faithfully

Eoin Kelly,
Headteacher

