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Dear Parents/Carers

### Headteacher's Weekly Roundup 2025-2026 – Summer A, Week 5

Thank you to the parents and carers of Year 7 who attended the Revision Information Evening when we took the opportunity to go through the implications of social media misuse by students. Thank you to all the parents and carers who contacted us after the evening to acknowledge the message and express your support. These messages of support are affirming and indicates the impact of the home school partnership.

The school is in full examination season now with the first A 'Level written papers. All students across A 'Level, T 'Level and GCSE have been giving their absolute best. Students appeared confident and determined this week which is indicative of the hard work and diligent preparation. We continue to wish them well and keep on the message, 'answer the question requested.' We once again ask parents and carers to ensure that you have gone through the timetable of exams and use the official schedule not one composed at home to avoid mistakes in the timings of the papers. This will help avoid unnecessary distress and potentially missing an exam at this time.

### Highlights of the Week

On Tuesday afternoon this week our Year 12 Ursuline Global Scholars participated in a global meeting hosted by Ursuline New Rochelle in New York. Mrs Harrison said to me afterwards that the staff "were very impressed with our girls and how well they presented, answered questions, and engaged as a group. The New Rochelle staff were evidently quite struck by how good our students are."

There were a number of school trips out this week with Year 10 & 12 students attending a visit to Kings Hospital. Year 10s aspirations students experienced lectures at King's College London and another Years 10 & 12 trip combined visited the Gardiner & Theobald offices.

Separately on Wednesday a delegation of Year 7s went on a visit to the Shree Ganapathy Hindu Temple in Wimbledon. Thank you to all the staff who planned and led on these visits as well as to all our students who were wonderful ambassadors of the school.

This week our Year 12 students had an opportunity to hear from representatives from University of Exeter, University of Bath, University of Surrey and University of Leeds as part of our University Pathways programme. The speakers delivered informative and engaging presentations about university life, degree options and future career opportunities. A particular highlight was welcoming back two former students Sophia G and Chelsea M who shared their own experiences of transitioning from Sixth Form to university life. Their honest and relatable advice gave our Year 12 students a valuable insight into university life, including managing independent study, balancing social life and making the most of opportunities available at university.





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## Focus areas for next week

### Uniform Reminders - False Nails, Jewellery and Socks

**False nails** in school 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. If students refuse to cooperate with measures to correct their uniform in school, they will be sent home with the instruction to return to school in correct uniform. We appreciate your support in maintaining our high standards and ensuring the safety and well-being of all students. Please refer to the email from Mrs Connor sent 06/05/26 for further information.

## Important Notices

### Year 7 End of Year Exams

It was good to welcome so many parents and carers to this week's meeting about the forthcoming exams. If you were unable to attend, please refer to the slides shared by Ms Hoyles. If you have any queries or concerns, please reach out to Ms Hoyles.

### Year 12 UCAS Meeting

Apologies for the technical issues on Tuesday's UCAS online meeting. A recording of the meeting has been sent to you by Mr Vvedenskiy. We ask all Year 12 parents and carers to watch the recording and speak to your sons/daughters about upcoming deadlines and next steps. The careers office invites all Year 12 students to make an appointment over the coming weeks to discuss next steps. To book, follow the link in the presentation.

## Parents/Carers resources

### FINAL DAY - MERTON SEND PARENT CARER SURVEY

If you are parenting a child or young person with SEND in Merton – Merton's Parent Carer forum really want to hear from you. The survey takes just 5 minutes and your feedback is already making a difference.

Survey closes Friday 15th May 🖱️ <https://forms.gle/CK91PEFhBGhU42nx6>

## 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](mailto:jamesclark@rcaos.org.uk) or call 020 8857 5006.

**Foster Care Fortnight (11–24 May)** is a great opportunity to learn more about fostering and the life-changing difference it can make for children. Merton Council is hosting a series of informal events where you can hear directly from foster carers, ask questions, and find out what the process involves.

If you're interested in learning more, you can see all upcoming events here: [Information events](#) | [Fostering](#) | [Merton Council](#). Please also see: [Fostering in Merton](#)





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## 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:

18 <sup>th</sup> May	Y9 End of Year exams begin
19 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 8 Mosque Visit
21 <sup>st</sup> May	World Day for Cultural Diversity
<b>25<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Half-Term</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> June	Return to school for summer B
1 <sup>st</sup> June	Y8 End of Year exams begin
8 <sup>th</sup> June	Y7 End of Year exams begin

## News



Tennis season is well and truly upon us, and our Year7/8 Team got us off to a flying start in the Surrey Schools Div 2 Group H League with a Round 1, 0-12 win away at Tiffin Girls' recently.





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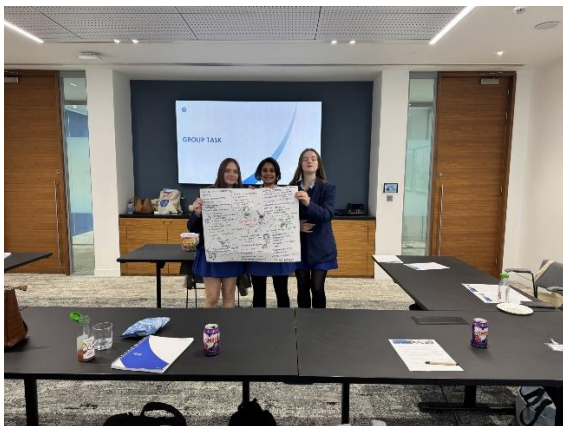
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Merton Borough Athletics: An amazing day was had at Wimbledon Athletics Track recently! All students put in some excellent performances and showed resilience and effort throughout the day! We are proud of the Year 8/9 girls for placing 3rd in the girl's competition! Our Year 10/11 girls pulled out all the stops and placed 1st in the girl's competition! Well done everyone.



Year 10 and 12 students enjoyed a trip to Gardiner and Theobald – a construction, property and infrastructure consultancy this week.





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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

