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Headteacher's Weekly Roundup 2025-2026 – Summer B, Week 2

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to our student leaders who presented at and took part in a question and answer session during the Sancta Familia Catholic Academy Trust meeting composed of Trustees, Governors and Headteachers on Tuesday. Chloe & Jonelle 10M, Leanne 10A, Isabel 10B, Elizabeth 10M, Liliann 9U and Zada 9T were incredible ambassadors for the school and shared openly their experience of leadership in relation to their work with the school council. So inspiring were they that they have prompted an initiative to form and take a leading role in a trust-wide student council and plans are now under way to form this.

Last weekend Mrs Guillet, Ms Morand and Miss Smith escorted a group of year 9 and 10 students on the French Exchange Programme to Largenté in France. The report back from the students was that this was an exceptional immersive experience which included a pilgrimage trip to Lourdes on Thursday.

Special mention this week to all the year 7 students who completed their end of year assessments. This is their first experience of a formal scheduled exam week and they should be so proud of their efforts in preparing and in their resilience in working through this all week. They deserve a lie-in on Saturday!

Highlights of the week

On Monday, a group of Year 9 students went on a trip to Kia Oval for Surrey Cricket Schools Day; despite the disappointing weather, the experience will have inspired the girls with the opportunities available for careers in elite sport.

On Thursday, we hosted 52 Year 5 children from local feeder schools for a tennis skills and ball girls' day. The children enjoyed a really exciting programme at what one girl described as 'big school'. They loved the opportunity to meet and interact with older students on the Ball girl and Sports Leadership groups.

Olivia-Ray and Emelia in Year 9 came to my office this week to update me about their achievement in the London Youth Games where they represented both Ursuline and Merton in the Under-17 Kayaking competition and U14 Kayaking 50m sprint. They clearly have an aptitude because with limited previous experience both girls won heats and events across a range of different Kayak disciplines involving much older students. One parent present commented they showed "remarkable strength, resilience,





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determination, and sportsmanship throughout the event. They represented the school with pride and should be commended for their commitment and effort.” Thank you girls, and well done for representing the Ursuline.

Focus areas for next week

As temperatures have eventually begun to climb, we have in place warm weather considerations in place for Uniform when in school. As temperatures are expected to reach the high 20 degrees next week, students are not required to wear jumpers or blazers, shirts must be tucked in. Socks may be rolled down. Ankle socks are not part of the school uniform and students are still expected to have their blazer with them on the way to and from school even if not wearing it. We ask parents to support in ensuring standards are not confused in relation to expectations. It remains imperative that students continue to comply with the expectation of direct transit to and from school without congregation in town centres. Students who don't comply will be sanctioned under school policy for any breach of this home-school agreement.

Important Notices

FEST Week trips

For anyone with daughters travelling abroad on one of our FEST Week residential trips, please do look out for emails requesting forms to be completed, passport information etc. Parent information meetings are taking place this month, and we look forward to seeing you. For those that cannot attend the information meetings or wish to revisit content, slides will be shared with all parents following the meetings.

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.





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BOOK FROM
8th July - 16th Sept!
Limited Availability!

Students of other faiths and non-faith are welcomed and secure places.

Open Events 2026

PLEASE ONLY SIGN UP TO ONE EVENT! NO TICKET - NO ENTRY!

Open Events 2026

Do you have a daughter in year 4 or 5 or know anyone that does?

Our next open events will be held in September 2026 for the September 2027 Year 7 cohort. You will hear from our Headteacher, take a guided tour of the school, and meet other staff and students. In addition, we will share our Prospectus, enrichment, wellbeing & personal development programmes, the application process and other important information. Bookings open 8ths July. In the meantime, you can read more [here](#).

Parenting Resources

St Joseph's Church in New Malden, 1 Montem Road, KT3 3QW have an amazing opportunity to host the international Eucharistic Miracle exhibition created by St Carlo Acutis. We are sharing this invite to families to come along and experience this wonderful opportunity. Read more here: [Eucharistic Miracle Exhibition Key Stage 2](#)

This Vatican-approved international Eucharistic Miracle exhibition was designed and created by Saint Carlo Acutis. Carlo, an artist and avid computer enthusiast, created the art for the panels before his death from leukaemia at age 15. His goal during his short life was to help bring others closer to Jesus through awareness of the mystery of the Eucharist. Carlo received the sacrament of the Eucharist daily and desired to share the joy of Christ's presence with the world through his God-given talents. The Eucharistic Miracle Exhibition will take place from **Saturday 13th June until Sunday 28th June.**

The Church will be open during these dates from:

9.00-11.30am Monday to Friday

9.00-11.30am and 4.00-7.30pm on Saturdays

9.00 - 1.30pm, 4.00- 7.00pm on Sundays

The church will be open all day on **Saturday 20th June** from 9am with a talk and discussion in the hall with refreshments from 10.30am - 12.30pm.





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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:

- 18th June – Y11 Celebration Evening
- 19th June – Sports Day (parents/carers welcome)
- 24th June – Y10 Parents Evening in Hall
- 24th June – Y11 Sixth Form Induction Day
- 25th June – Y12 Royal Holloway UCAS trip
- 29th June – Student Leadership Celebration
- 29th June - Y10 Sixth Form taster day
- 30th June- Y10 Sixth form interviews
- 1st July – Y10 Sixth form interviews
- 2 July – Y7 Parents Evening
- 3rd July – Sports Awards Dinner
- 13th July – FEST Week
- 13th July – Y12 Work Experience Week
- 17th July – End of Term & Academic Year





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News



Congratulations to Olivia-Ray and Emelia in Year 9 for their achievement in London Youth Games – representing both Ursuline and Merton in the Under-17 Kayaking competition and U14 Kayaking 50m sprint. Well done!



UA First Grade Teacher Mrs. Notarianni and her family visited us while they were in London this week!

Mrs. Notarianni's daughters, Eve and Elle, were given an incredibly warm welcome, and their family had the opportunity to tour the school, meet students and staff, and experience the Ursuline spirit across the pond!

This is a beautiful reminder of just how connected our Ursuline communities truly are!





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Year 12 students have been having fun helping at the Feast Day celebrations at Sacred Heart Primary school today.





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Year 5 students from local primary schools enjoyed a Tennis Skills Day on Wednesday. The event was hosted by PE and our Wimbledon Ball Girl students.

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Wishing you and your family a restful and happy weekend.

Yours faithfully,

Eoin Kelly

Headteacher

