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26 June 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

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

As we reach the end of another busy week, I would like to thank all our students and staff for the resilience, maturity, and the student's excellent behaviour they have shown during this week's exceptionally hot weather. The high temperatures have inevitably brought some disruption to the normal school routine, and I am grateful to everyone for adapting so positively while helping to keep our school community safe and comfortable. As temperatures return to a more comfortable temperature we return to normal uniform and school day timings from Monday.

I would also like to thank our Year 10 parents and carers for their excellent support at this week's Parents' Evening. As we now begin the transition into Year 11, a clear programme of support and preparation is already underway. Students have received personalised targets and guidance to help them build on their strengths, address areas for development and make the most of the months ahead as they prepare for their GCSE courses.

This week was also a time to say a heartfelt thank you and farewell to our seven Teach Wimbledon trainee teachers, who complete their placements with us this week. They have made a valuable contribution to school life, and we wish them every success as they begin their teaching careers. Finally, I would like to thank our staff and students for the warm welcome, encouragement and support they have shown our trainees throughout their time with us. By opening our classrooms to the next generation of teachers, we are playing an important role in developing the profession and ensuring high-quality education for the future.

Highlights of the week

On Thursday 25th June Year 12 students went to visit Royal Holloway, University of London. During this trip students had an opportunity to learn about university life and how to make a choice of a university and a course. They also attended a sample subject lecture which allowed them to understand the difference between school and university learning process. Students also had an opportunity to see the campus and ask questions to the current RHU students.

Over the week the Year 7 team have met with the new cohort for September, these one-to-one meetings are invaluable, we are able to get to know the students and their families, additionally we are able to answer any questions they have before starting with us. We find these meetings aid the smooth transition from primary to secondary. We look forward to welcoming them again on Wednesday next week for their Transition Day.

We were delighted to welcome both internal and external prospective Year 12 students back into school this week. Our external students enjoyed a tour of the school and had the opportunity to meet and get to know our Year 11 cohort. All students experienced A Level or T Level lessons in their chosen subjects, as well as hearing first-hand from our current Year 12 students about life in the Sixth Form.





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Wimbledon Bookfest Young Writers competition

The theme for this year was 'The Light'. Once again, students have done us proud, with Alice W in Year 7 winning the KS3 poetry competition and Emilia L in Y13 winning the KS5 short story competition. Cara M in Year 9 was a runner-up in the KS3 short story competition and Sylvana E-C in Y13 was a runner-up in the KS5 poetry competition. On top of this, we have lots of other students across the year groups awarded distinctions and merits.

Auditions for our 2026 production of 'Grease' are well underway with Years 9-12 having the opportunity to showcase their talents. Ms Surbey and Mr Ching are extremely impressed with the level of talent and enthusiasm shown by our students so far and we look forward to seeing the Year 7 and 8 auditions on Monday.

Wishing our cohort of Year 10 Bronze Duke of Edinburgh students the very best of luck on their Qualifier Expedition this weekend.

Focus areas for next week

The red weather warning ends on Friday night. **As of Monday 29th June, normal warm weather considerations and timetable will resume:** this means that students are not required to wear school jumpers or blazers, shirts must be tucked in, and socks may be rolled down. Lessons at Morley Park will resume. Students can no longer come to school in their PE kit. **To avoid sanctions please support your daughter by ensuring she is dressed correctly for school.**

Important Notices

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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 **main school open events** will be held in September 2026 aimed at 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 valuable information.

How to book a place: Bookings open from **Wednesday 8th July**.

In the meantime, you can read more on our open events page [here](#).





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FEST Week trips

For anyone with daughters travelling abroad on one of our FEST Week residential trips, please ensure you are up to date with form filing, 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 and carers following the meetings.

Parenting Resources

Summer Inspiration, Resources & Support

As we approach the summer holidays – especially for Years 11 and 13 who have finished their exams - [here](#) are some ideas for children/young adults to consider over the break. We hope these ideas help keep your daughter(s) busy but safe, take them away from screens, and come back to school in September armed with new skills and experiences. On page 3 you will find various contact details should you need support during the holidays.

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:

29th June – Student Leadership Celebration

29th June - Y10 Sixth Form taster day

30th June- Y10 Sixth form interviews

1st July – Y10 6th form interviews

2 July – Y7 Parents Evening

3rd July – Sports Awards Dinner

6th July – Y7 Celebration (students only)

8th July –Y9 Celebration (students only)

13th July – FEST Week

13th July – Y12 Work Experience Week

17th July – End of Term & Academic Year





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Photo Roundup from the week



Thanks again to everyone for a fantastic sports day last week. Here are a few more photos of the day as promised.





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Some of our Wimbledon Bookfest Young Writers competition winners visited my office this week! Congratulations to them all!



On Tuesday, we were delighted to have our Year 7-to-be students on site for their Year 6 Induction Day! Looking forward to seeing them again when they start in September.





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Year 12 attended a trip to UCL for the Orbyts Conference this week!



Some of our Year 12 students attended TEAM Global Members' Day at the Supreme Court and the House of Lords on Wednesday.

They visited Europe House, the Supreme Court, and the Hoses of Parliament- and had tea in the House of Lords. The girls were brilliant- they enjoyed the talks, asked lots of questions and networked with Baroness Smith- the youngest peer in the Lords.





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We are delighted to invite you to our Summer Concert 2026!

A musical display not to be missed! Tuesday 30th June 7.00pm (start), Main Hall

Looking forward to seeing our Ursuline community there!





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Wishing you and your family a restful and happy weekend.

Yours faithfully

Eoin Kelly
Headteacher

