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Dear Parents/Carers

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

Highlights of the week

This week, the school has organised an unbelievable number of events to report on, many involving parents/carers and families in attendance. Kicking it off on Monday, we had the Student Leadership awards evening, followed by the Summer Concert on Tuesday. The standards of public speaking and flawless performances are impossible to do justice to in this brief reference. All I can say is that if you get the opportunity to attend in the future, please do so, you really don't want to miss out. Being in that audience was a privilege. We even had a pigeon flying in to see what was going on! It triggered a bit of chaos for our site staff but they quickly rescued the situation. Tonight caps off a busy week of evening events with the Sports Award Dinner.

In other news, our Year 11 students are completing their work placements this week. This experience will give our students an opportunity to learn new skills which will be useful in their future career journeys. We have a wide range of placements from hospitals and law firms to the hospitality industry. On Monday, our Year 10 students explored what sixth form study might be like on our A level and T level taster courses.

Year 6 Transitions Day

The school was sparked with energy on Wednesday as we welcomed the new Ursuline students for their Transitions Day. They had a packed day of activities, getting to know their tutor, meeting other members of their form and finished off with a tour of the school. They appeared confident, happy and raring to get started.

Year 7 Parents' Evening

Thank you to all the Year 7 parents and carers who came to Parents' Evening last night. Apologies that I wasn't there as I had a training commitment, but I have had it reported that there were valuable conversations on their progress and areas of focus on for Year 8.

Eton Summer School

Seven of our Year 12s have been enjoying the Eton Summer School, which started this week. The Summer School gives students a chance to focus on their chosen degree and receive support from the teachers there to help prepare them for their university applications. Between them, the Year 12s attending Eton are looking at a whole range of subjects from Computer Science to Philosophy and Ethics. We hear that they are finding it really helpful and are also enjoying being at Eton and starting the day with the generous Eton breakfast! We wish them well with their studies there and look forward to hearing more about it on their return.





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Oxford Open Day

Eleven of our Year 12 students attended the Oxford Open Day yesterday, taken by Mr Lester and Mrs Harrison. They went to subject taster lectures, sessions on admissions advice, and learnt about how best to prepare their applications. They also had a chance to visit the different colleges and start exploring college choices. One of our alumnae, Julia, who has just finished her second year reading English at Cambridge has been in touch to tell us how much she is loving Cambridge and to offer to speak with the students who will be applying, so we look forward to her talking with them next week. Good luck to all the students as they prepare their personal statements and get ready for their entrance tests.

Duke Of Edinburgh – Bronze Award

Congratulations to the Year 10 students who completed their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Qualifier Expedition last weekend. This is the culmination of a year spent developing skills, engaging in sports, and applying their gifts and talents through volunteering. The range of activities completed is noteworthy. They have also completed a Practice Expedition and are now experts in navigation, tent-pitching, and cooking on a Trangia. With 90 students out on the weekend, and over 100 signed up for next year, it is exciting to see so many of our young people taking on the challenge of Bronze DofE. We hope to see many of them enrolling for Silver next year and even Gold in the Sixth Form. Thank you to our DofE Co-ordinator, Mr Tyler, for organising the programme, to our volunteers Mr Davies, Ms McAllister, Ms Bradshaw, and Ms Hunter for giving up their time to support on the expeditions.

Focus areas for next week

It is important that good standards and routines are maintained right to the very last day of term. The hot weather conditions next week and the World Cup are important to embrace and enjoy but that must not be at the expense of the highest standards. It is in these moments that character is built. Attendance, punctuality, uniform (PE kit next week), school bags, behaviour both in and outside school must remain at the expected standard.

Important Notices

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 the Headteacher, take a guided tour of the school, and meet other staff and students. In addition, we will share our prospectus, enrichment, well-being & personal development programmes, the application process and other important information. Bookings open on 8th July. In the meantime, you can read more [here](#).

Parenting Resources

Summer Inspiration, Resources & Support

As we approach the summer holidays - especially for Year 11 and 13 who finished their exams a couple of weeks ago - [here](#) are some ideas for children/young adults to consider over the break. We hope these ideas help keep your daughter(s)





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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.

Please see the link for Merton libraries school newsletter for July. The summer programme includes Library in the Park and Summer Reading Challenge [Merton Library Summer Reading Challenge 2026](#).

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:

10th July – Early closure (12.45pm)

13th July – FEST Week

13th July – Y12 Work Experience Week

17th July – End of Term & Academic Year

News



Maddison in Year 9 has been selected to compete in Dublin representing Team England with Elite Dancers Academy Ballet Squad at the Dance World Cup. We wish Maddison all the best for the competition held the week after next.



Year 10 got to experience sixth form life for the day at their Ursuline Sixth Form Taster Day!





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We held our Student Leadership Celebration evening. Well done to all students involved.



Our History A Level students received a Holocaust workshop talk this week!



On Tuesday we presented our Summer Concert. Well done Mr Ching and all of our musical students for another amazing show. Thank you to all parents and carers for attending.





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We welcomed our Year-7-to-be students visit for their Merton Transitions Day



Year 8 took part in the Digital Day Drop Down Workshop on Friday hosted by PlayLab. Students took part in an AI Literacy lesson where they had a go at building AI apps.



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Wishing you and your family a restful and happy weekend.

Yours faithfully,

Eoin Kelly
Headteacher

