



It's All An Act!



“A very fun, energetic and well refined production, with vocals that packed a punch and exemplary professionalism. I thoroughly enjoyed the show, a huge well done to everyone involved!”

Staff Member

On Thursday 25th and Friday 26th November we were very pleased to be back on stage and presenting this year's school production of **Sister Act**. The story is based on the character **Deloris Van Cartier**, a lounge singer who is persuaded to go into witness protection after she witnesses a murder, but the safe haven just happens to be as a nun, in a convent.

With Whoppi Goldberg providing a memorable performance as lead character **Deloris** in the 1992 film, we were all very excited about this production. Students had to really up their performance game to do the story justice, and indeed they did! There was a fantastically paced and sung interpretation of the main role of **Deloris** from Portia Kargbo, while a sympathetic portrayal of **Eddie**, the would-be love interest of Deloris was delivered by Stella Bennett.

A wonderful portrayal of endearing nun characters gave very memorable performances, including the very aged **Sr Mary Theresa** played by Sian L, the eccentric **Sr Mary-Martin-of Tours** played by Scarlett P and the rapping **Sr May Ignatius** hilariously played by Liv Nolan. Long suffering **Mother Superior** was played with wit and finesse by Sofia M.

There was menace and command galore from Cristina A as head gangster, with the comedy trio of gangsters excellently played by Emma T, Obehimeye O and Ines P.

Lively and inspiring chorus work came from the nuns, homeless and 'fantastics', not forgetting a brilliant musical interpretation supplied by the band. Many thanks to our Arts faculty for such a fantastic production (as usual), as well as all who helped out behind the scenes and on the night(s)! See you next year!



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Dear Parents Carers and Friends

As we journey through advent there is so much for us to reflect on and be grateful for this term. Black History month was our best ever with great visitors and speakers inspiring us to be 'Proud to be ourselves'.

Students and staff have enjoyed making hampers and gifts for families in need. We have loved our School Production of Sister Act thanks to the talents of students and staff.

We have taken ownership of our new building Katherine Johnson Centre. The design is amazing and a great addition to our facilities for students to enjoy.

We have published a book in collaboration with Southfields Academy for Parents to support their children with Mental Health and Emotional Well Being called Butterflies. Please [click here](#). We hope you find it of help.

Lastly we give thanks to all our Parents for their support through Covid and to Students and staff who fed into our Deanery research on What our young people need from their Catholic faith communities post covid. Please [click here](#) for the link to the Executive Summary. It gives some excellent recommendations moving forward.

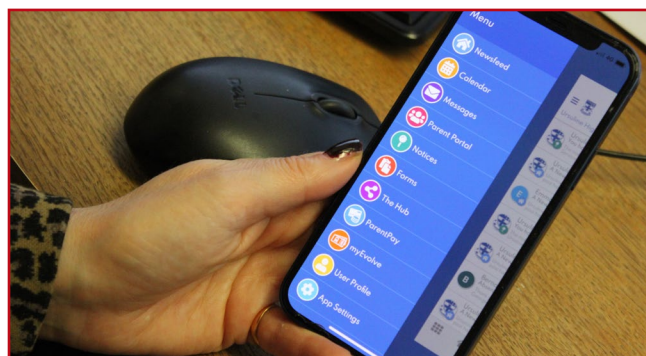
We look forward with hope and expectation to the birth of our Lord Jesus this Christmas and a renewed commitment to making God present in all our interactions with each other.

I wish all our families and friends a very Happy Christmas!

Ms Waters



New UHS App!



Our new **Ursuline High School app!**

We are delighted to see so many parents using our app and sharing so much positive feedback with us.

Download and enrol today! to enjoy the many benefits the app brings following the steps and use the enrolment code shared with you via email on *Monday 13th December*.

BIMA Digital Day



Our **STEAM Academy** students have had a busy half term, on *Wednesday 10th November* STEAM students took part in **BIMA Digital Day Challenge** on the topic of Climate Change. Students had to think up creative digital solutions to make it easier for people to live a more eco friendly life!



They have heard from guest speaker, *Charlotte Robinson* - Designer & Inventor for Pladis Global Snack Company (who spoke on how snacks are made using Science).

On *Friday 3rd December* students also took part in **Action in Computer Science Day**: How Technology is Changing the World!

'Tis The Season...



This December has been ram packed with festive activities including our delightful **Christmas Tree Service**, it has been wonderful to see our school looking so 'festive'. **Christmas fairs** were held for Year 7-10, which were lots of fun for students, we took part in a **Christmas Gift Appeal** (see chaplaincy newsletter) hosted library **Christmas activity lunchtime event** for Year 8, Congratulations to Bianca who was deemed winner of our BHM 'Proud To Be' writers competition at the event. Students enjoyed **Christmas lunches** and we held our annual joint **Christmas Carol Service** at Sacred Heart Church with **Wimbledon College** - which was a joy to behold!



Welcome The Ursuline Community!



On *Wednesday 10th November* our Year 7's were officially welcomed into the Ursuline community with a special **Commissioning Service**, which we were very pleased to host physically this year! During the service we heard an address from *Ms Waters Headteacher*, *Ms Pinto Head of Year 7* and students spoke on their experience of transitioning to Year 7 during a COVID year. Most importantly, Year 7 pledged to use their gifts and talents to serve others to *Chaplain Ms Murphy*. There were smiles all around as students were proudly presented with their Serviam badges to a round of applause!

Career Options



Students were offered a virtual lunchtime talk on 'green careers', with speaker **Jill Anderson** on Wednesday 1st December.

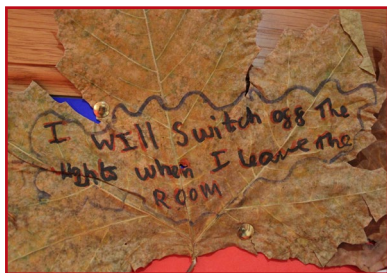
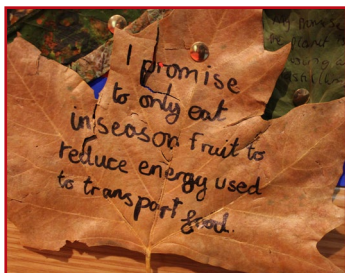
While on Tuesday 16th December, Year 11 took part in a **CV Workshop** and **Pathways CTM Presentation** on Teams!

Paying Our Respects!



On Thursday 10th November we live streamed our **Remembrance Service** on Teams. It was a lovely tribute to all who sacrificed their lives for our future. We paid a particular tribute to those people who have historically been denied thanks and gratitude!

Leaving The Way!



Our **Environmental Committee** have been busy writing their 'green promises' in order to commit to making more environmentally sustainable choices in the daily lives. We love the fact that students thought to recycle these fallen leaves and use them as paper- very creative!

Covent Garden



Sixth form students worked with Year 5 students from local Merton primary schools on the yearly **Covent Garden Challenge** this half term, in which they work together to create a business idea and pitch to an audience.

There were an array of inventive ideas from all participants, but the four teams made it to the final; **Ss Peter and Paul** with their "eco-ornament", **St Thomas of Canterbury** with their "snow-globe", **St Mary's** with their "sprinkle tree" and **Sacred Heart** with their "handband". However, a huge congratulations goes to **St Mary's** who went on to win the competition at the **Covent Garden Final**!



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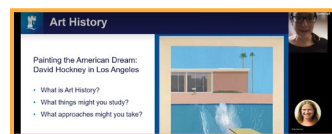
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Hustings



Aspiring Year 12 students competed in the **Head Team Hustings** on Tuesday 14th December, giving passionate speeches to their peers on why they would make a great candidate for **Head Girl**. Looking forward to the Head team interviews held next term!

Rare Subjects



This half term students have been participating in the **Rare Subjects programme**. As part of this students participated in a History of Art Lecture on David Hockney!

Its All Politics!



On Tuesday 9th November Year 12 students hosted the **Sixth Form Politics Conference 'Breaking up the UK: The State of the Union and What Lies Ahead'**. The purpose of the conference was to help students engage with political debate around the possible breaking up of the UK and understand its significance to them as young people!

Justice!



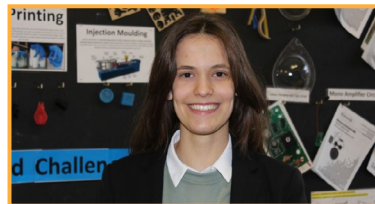
Students enjoyed a **Legal London tour** this half term, including the **Royal Courts of Justice** and **Lincoln's Inn**.

Aspirational!



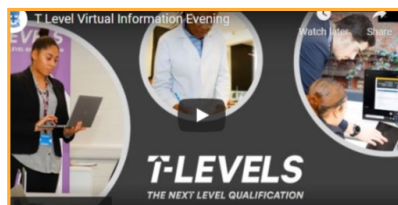
Joyce T (Year 12) has been successful in getting a place on the **KCL Aspire programme** for black African/black Caribbean ethnicity students. There were 160 applicants for only 30 places - an excellent achievement!

Road Challenges



Victoria G in Year 12 entered the **The Rees Jeffreys Road Fund Competition** to design how we could cope with road's 50 years in the future. Victoria was short-listed earlier this half term and was recently announced winner of the competition! Congratulations Victoria - an amazing achievement!

T Level Taster!



On Tuesday 16th November we hosted our virtual T Level Information Evening, where information was provided on how T Levels can benefit you on your career path!

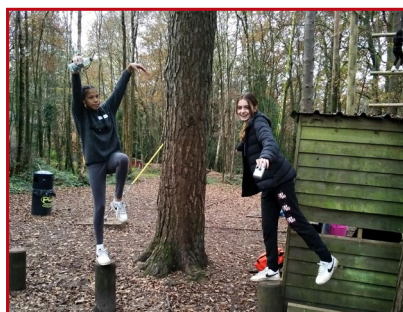
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Memories For Life!



Year 8 students finally got to enjoy their delayed **PGL** residential adventure this half term. They spent an action packed week at **Marchant's Hill** in Surrey. Students took part a variety of team building exercises in the great outdoors.

Activities varied from rock climbing and zip wires to rafting and the ever popular rope swing. Everyone had a fantastic experience which were are sure they will remember for many years to come!



Netball Success



Netball season was back up and running – we had huge numbers of participation for clubs across every year group every week for training & each year group attended the **Borough Netball** tournaments.

Year 7 and Year 10 were champions of their borough competitions while Year 8 came second on goal difference & Year 9 were also placed second.

A quote from a Year 11 student after their competition was 'Miss, it's so great to be back playing again! – I've missed it!'

We ended the Netball season with some Christmas festivals which were enjoyed by all.

Zumba



Year 7 enjoyed trying out some **Zumba** in lessons this half term!!

Bringing a bit of Columbian / Latin dance into lessons & enrichment clubs!!

Football Fixtures



The football season has been a busy one with entries into the **Town Cup** across all age groups and the **Surrey Cup** for **U13, U15, U16** and **U18!**

These competitions are still ongoing but the students have really enjoyed getting back to some competitive fixtures.



Skipathon



Year 7 and 8 students took part in a **skipathon** this half term to raise awareness for the **British Heart Foundation** and of course as a fun way to exercise!