



The Time Is Now, There Is No Planet B!



Illustration By Chloe Tunnell, Year 13



In light of the increasingly loud calls from young people all over the world for immediate action to be taken on climate change and prevent further damage to our environment (before its too late), the Year 12 conference this year was of course; **Climate Change: Time to Act** (bottom, right)! Students heard from speakers; *John McLaverty*, *Oxfam's* youth and community organiser on climate change and it's effects on the developing World, *Dr Erin Plunkett*, lecturer in Philosophy and Religious Studies at the **University of Hertfordshire** who discussed the ethics surrounding climate change and *Dr Pippa Maslin*, **Green Party's** prospective parliamentary candidate for Mitcham and Morden who spoke on climate change and green technology.

Our deputy Head Girl, *Alice* also held a session focusing on student involvement and what more we can do to support the

global campaign. Regarding the conference *Ms Waters* commented "As Catholic schools we have a responsibility to educate our students about the environment. The importance of such education is expressly highlighted in Pope Francis "Laudati Si".

The feedback from students regarding the conference was very positive, students said; "I enjoyed the opportunity to speak with others my age on such an important issue" another said "I learnt a lot about what I can do as well as what climate change does to the planet" and finally "I gained a lot of advice in regards to lobbying and making a change as a young person."

This term a Year 7 student and friends (top, left) also took the initiative to join **Jesuit Missions** at 'The Time Is Now' Climate Change lobby. Regarding her inspiration to take part she said that on a recent holiday her family spent time clearing the beach of rubbish- filling two bin

bags! On her decision to take action she said; "I heard a Ghandi quote recently "Be the change you wish to see" and i want to be that change to inspire others to make a difference and to care for the world around us."

Our student leaders also made a creative environmental stand this term, collecting up discarded plastic bottles to create an installation currently displayed in our school foyer (top, right). We have received good news that we have saved two pallets of discarded headphones from landfill which students will making use of come September- these will be shared with **Wimbledon College!**



Finally, we are very proud to have been awarded a **Bronze Level Accreditation** in recognition of our active and safer travel initiatives by **Transport For London!**



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Dear Parents and Friends,

A huge thank you for the support, encouragement and feedback we receive from you. This summer we have finally occupied the Morley Park and staff and students are enjoying the opportunities it brings. This summer we are refurbishing the dining hall and kitchen as well as upgrading the wi-fi for the whole school.

Thank you to the Ursuline Parents' Association who have raised much needed money to help pay for a new mini bus for this Autumn term.

2018/19 ends with a Mass of Thanksgiving for all that we have received this year. Students have enjoyed so many opportunities to live life to the full. The school community is very blessed.

Congratulations to all our alumina who graduate this year from University, it is wonderful to hear of your successes.

Wishing all our families wonderful summer break.

Best wishes

Julia Waters

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Arts Evening



“A fantastic array of work on display, you have some very talented artists in the making.. very impressive...”

Year 7 Parent

We were very proud to host our annual **Arts Evening** in the *St Angela's Centre* during July, our Arts department have been working extremely hard in supporting students in their final major projects in GCSE and A level Art and GCSE Textiles- the sheer range of work on display and the level of talent was breathtaking, we are sure to see some of these creatives in art galleries (and beyond) in the near future.

Well done all!

Healthy Eating



As part of **Healthy Eating Week**, students were able to help create a 'healthy dish of the day' in Food Technology with *Ms Hoyles*. The weeks dishes included; chickpea and spinach curry (above, bottom), quorn bolognese pasta (above, top), pasta bake and Chilli con carne with rice! The students all agreed they were delicious!

Accenture!



“It made me use my problem solving skills and I also learnt about apprenticeships and their school leaver programme – **Bright Horizon.**” **Student**

30 students in Year 10 attended a fantastic day at **Accenture, Wallace Space office**. Throughout the day they took part in a variety of challenging tasks designed to test their skills in; problem solving, numeracy, communication, listening, research lateral thinking, journey planning, consequential thinking and analysis. They worked in teams with multiple mentors and inspirational speakers throughout the day and used their presentation skills to feedback conclusions to a judging panel, gaining feedback. The day concluded with a Q&A advice panel.

Thank you so much to Accenture for providing students with such an insightful day!

Bookfest Writer



Congratulations to this young lady who the **Writers Award** at **Bookfest**. Her short story was based on the theme of the competition 'The Island'. She compared the theme to dementia and how it isolates elderly people from reality, and from those who love them!

Well done- excellent work!

Year 10 Taster Day



Year 10 spent the day sampling the variety of courses on offer in the Sixth Form on *Wednesday 26th June*. These included; Physics, Art, Psychology, Biology, Maths, History, Spanish, ICT, Politics & Drama (among others). During the day they received a through outline of what the courses would entail, topics that would be covered, and of course had the chance to ask any questions! Students seemed thoroughly impressed by what **Ursuline Sixth Form** has to offer!

Year 6 Induction



We had the pleasure of welcoming our soon to be Year 7 students into school on for their **Induction Day** in July. The students spent some time getting to know the school site, meeting their tutor and upon meeting current students (at break) realising the older students are not so scary after all! Some even bumped into their siblings (left)

St John Smith Square



One of the last events to draw our term to a close was a wonderful joint concert with **Wimbledon College** at **St John Smith Square** in central London. As usual our choirs and orchestras were exemplary and a clear credit to both Music departments- we received some fantastic feedback from those who attended! Amazing!

World of Work



Year 7 had an exciting careers morning exploring the **'World of Work'** on *Thursday 27th June*. They were delighted to hear from **Marlene Boateng**, from **Berkley Homes** who shared her career journey so far and highlighted the importance of a can do attitude and flexibility. Students also learnt all about Careers in Construction & The Property Development Cycle and the skills future employers are looking for!



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Year 13 Prom



- Year 13 had an enjoyable prom held at **Coombe Wood Golf Club**, Kingston on *Friday 28th June*. It was a black tie affair and students certainly dressed to impress. A lovely way to send our students off!
- Lots of luck to you all in the future- we are sure you'll make us proud!



"I really enjoyed the careers event as I have learnt that there are a wide range of jobs you can do and what opportunities we have in the future."

Student

Poetry Winners



Well done to our many poets in Years 8, 9 and 10 who have officially been published in **'Poetry Escape, Poets From London'** book. Titles of the poems include; 'We are just humans', 'Exam Day', 'Fake Paradise', 'All Because They Were Black', 'Homelessness', 'Free' and 'Who Am I? We look forward to reading more of your work in the near future (perhaps in another book?).

Cambridge Coding!



Year 8 student Zoe- a talented Computer Science student has been accepted to do one week of **Coding Club** at **Cambridge University** during the summer holidays. She is also excited to taking Computer Science as a GCSE next year! Fantastic!

Find out more about Cambridge's Coding Club here:

<https://cambridgecoding.com/>

Schools For Success

We were delighted to hear that due to our fantastic student progress rates we have been invited to be one of the *Mayor of London's 'Schools For Success'* to share our story and help others learn how we helped low achieving students to make progress in the top 6% of London schools!



We are invited to a special event on *Friday 27th September* at City Hall to collect our certificate and be recognised for our work. We look forward to sharing photos with you in the next edition of the newsletter!

Find our more about the **Schools For Success Programme** and what it entails here: <https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/education-and-youth/schools-success/mayors-schools-success-programme>

Virtual Reality



Teach Wimbledon Graduates



Our Teach Wimbledon graduates were invited to their official **Graduation Ceremony** (above, top) at **Roehampton University** on *Wednesday 3rd July*, where there was an opportunity to mingle and take photographs prior to the certificate awarding. We wish you all the best in your new teaching careers!

Our new trainees also attended their **Induction Day** (bottom) & right) on *Friday 5th July* at UHS, a highlight being a talk from *Alison Simmons*, Headteacher at **Ricards Lodge** on her (substantial) experience of teaching and how it has changed over the years, providing delegates with helpful pinpoints on what it takes to be an 'effective' teacher in the 21st Century!

The Hills Are Alive...



The Performing Arts department are excited to announce that next school production will be **'The Sound of Music'**.

Auditions have already started to take place, with the school hall very much alive with the sound of music after school!

We look forward to sharing the production with you in December!

"It was amazing how quickly and efficiently the VR was set up. Students were able to experience the future without leaving the classroom.. so pleased they had this opportunity." **Ms Bhayat, Director of Digital Learning**



Some of our Year 8's were fortunate to take part in the **UK Medical Research Council** development and testing of a potential virtual reality gaming intervention- designed to enhance motivation for 13-17 year olds!

Sporting Success at Kingsmeadow!



A very enjoyable **Sports Day** was held at *Kingsmeadow Park Track, Kingston* (Home to **Chelsea Ladies FC**), students took part in a variety of competitive events, including shot putt, high jump, relay and a memorable tug of war!

Congratulations to **St Bernadette House** who are the Champions of the **2018-2019 Inter-House Competition** (after the results from the quiz)!

1st Bernadette: 9120, **2nd Angela:** 8472, **3rd Francis:** 8346, **4th Catherine:** 8268, **5th Ursula:** 8207, **6th Margaret:** 7813, **7th Teresa:** 7308.

Sports Awards Evening



Another fantastic **Sports Awards Evening** took place on *Friday 21st June*. Students and parents gathered to celebrate the Ursuline High School sporting achievements of the year - with an awards evening and celebratory dinner, hosted by the P.E department.

We were honored share the evening with this years special guest and speaker; **Toby Gold** (bottom, right) (GB T34 Wheelchair racer, 3 x European Record Holder, 100m European Champion 2016. Rio Paralympic Silver Medalist. London

2017 World Silver Medalist- WOW!), whose sporting achievements are a true inspiration to us all! Awards included; **Sportswoman of the Year:** Lucia, **Merici Award for Highest Sporting Achievement:** Grace, **Year 7 Little Enthusiast of the Year:** Ines & **Resilience Award:** Eliza.

An Artful Win!



A huge congratulations to Year 9 students, whose brilliant artwork (created with the assistance of our fabulous Art department) has won the **Ivor Good Site Hording Competition**. The students have been working hard on this piece of art during their enrichment this half term!

The painting takes inspiration from nature around Wimbledon Hill Park in Merton and is now pride of place on the hoarding surrounding the new **Berkeley Homes** site at Wimbledon Hill Park (Copse Hill SW20 0NE). Make sure you take a look if you are passing by!

Ursuline Dallas



We had the pleasure of welcoming a group of **Ursuline Dallas** students and their teachers this term. The students spent the week in school partaking in various aspects of school life- including a Summer Tea party for the elderly! They prepared, cooked and presented a vast array of afternoon tea delights with UHS students and the help of Food Technology teacher *Ms Hoyles*. Ursuline Dallas students delighted in an afternoon of sharing stories. A memorable and fun time was had by all.

Taiwanese Visitors



It was fantastic to welcome 31 students and their teachers/staff members from Taiwan between *Monday 10th-Friday 14th June*. Our student visitors were very excited to be in London and were allocated buddies (pictured), who accompanied them to lessons and made sure their stay was a pleasant one.

Ypres, Belgium



Some of our Year 8 Students have had a busy day trip to **Ypres, Belgium** earlier this term, visiting the many cemeteries, memorials and war museums which honor the battles that unfolded in this area during World War I.

They took time to reflect at **Meteren Military Cemetery** (bottom, left) which was made in 1919. The cemetery now contains 768 Commonwealth burials and commemorations of the First World War.

They were also informed about the **St. Julien Memorial** (top, right), a Canadian war memorial & park in the village of Saint-Julien. The memorial commemorates the Canadian First Division's participation in the Second Battle of Ypres of World War I, including fighting in the first poison gas attacks. A very poignant and educational experience had by all!

UHS Fest Week



The school year was brought to a close with our now annual **UHS Fest Week**. Students had the wonderful opportunities to visit either Rome, Paris (above, right), Normandy or Ireland (above, left). With other activities taking place at UHS and around London including; a STEMFest, CycleFest, MaskFest, BakeOffFest, SongwritingFest, LanguageFest and ScienceFest. The week was concluded with an inter house quiz!

All students had an enjoyable week sampling the various elements of school life in the UK and seeing the sights and experiencing some new foods! It was brought to a close with a memorable farewell celebration in the SFSC, where students and staff were treated to a melody of songs (very enthusiastically) sung by the girls- including one in (Taiwanese) Mandarin!

Year 11 Celebrate



We were delighted to greet our Year 11 students and their parents and carers on *Thursday 27th June* as they attended **Year 11 Celebration Evening**. The beautiful weather made for a delightful welcome reception in our quad, where light refreshments were provided prior to the main prize giving event in the school hall. We also had the privilege of *Eleanor Stringer*, **Cabinet Member for Education** with us to congratulate the girls. It was a wonderful evening!

Year 9 Filmmaking



A group of talented Year 9 Art and Drama students spent a day making a film with Director *Sheila Nortley* and her award-winning team of young film professionals. The project funded by the **Penny Appeal** aims to empower young people to tell their stories and get their voices heard through film and the Arts. It also gave students a brilliant insight into the roles and responsibilities of the different professionals who work in the world of film-making. The short film made by students focused on the need for kindness and respect. We cannot wait to share it with you!

Never Forget!



Year 12 students were given an insight into the life of a Holocaust survivor this term, *Annick Lever* (who was only a baby at the time), gave students what she found out to be her immediate families account of the horrific events of WW2 (all of whom perished). Annick who only survived after being smuggled out of a prison camp by her father (a non Jew), was entrusted to a female friend and raised as a Catholic in France. She reconnected with her Jewish routes at 17 through a remaining aunt and later moved to the UK, settling in Bristol as an au pair. She left the students with this message *"You are the last generation able to hear of the horrific events directly from a Holocaust survivor, we the survivors, now entrust you, to share the lessons of the past with the generations to come, to never forget and go forth and make the world a better place."*



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Volunteering Is Priceless



During the half term a Year 12 student volunteered at **Deptford Reach** (an adult day centre for vulnerable adults) and **Redbridge Foodbank**, as part of the Ursuline Links volunteer programme. During the experience she was lucky enough to meet girls from her year from other Ursuline schools such as **St Angela's Forest Gate** and **Ursuline Ilford**. A great example of Serviam!

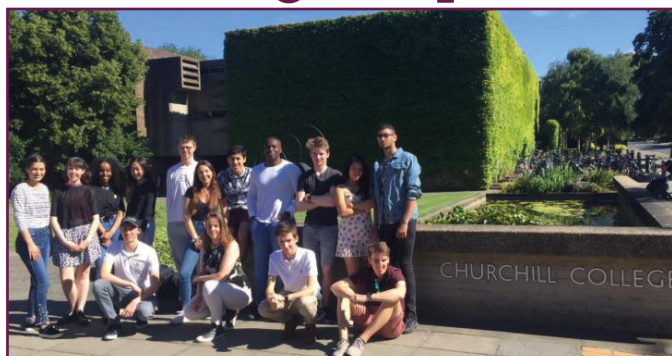


Networking Is Key!



Year 10 were given that very opportunity this term, as they took part in a **Sixth Form Networking** event with Year 12, where they were able to question the students on the range of courses available to them in the Ursuline Sixth Form. Year 10 were also interested in the general 'sixth form life' and the sixth former experience of a mixed sixth form (with **Wimbledon College**).

Cambridge Trip



Year 12 students had a wonderful couple of days visiting **Churchill College** and **Cambridge University** this term. We thank all staff and students for their hospitality and making them feel so welcome. The campuses were amazing!



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 rock climbing cross country
 trampolining basketball hockey
 dance duke of edinburgh award
 wimbledon ball girls cycling

Tennis Triumphs



Well done to our fantastic ball girls who were selected for **Wimbledon**. A special well done to Caitlin, Year 10 for receiving the Guard of Honour! We hope you all had an enjoyable experience!

A HUGE congratulations to his young lady in 8 Margaret, who progressed through the to the **Wimbledon Foundation, Road to Wimbledon U14 Girls' Final** yesterday and finished Runner Up.

An incredible achievement to finish off our Summer Term of Tennis! Well Done

Cricket



Brilliant Cricket at **Ricards Lodge High School** this term with the Year 9's coming 3rd in the **Merton School Sports Partnership Borough Finals!** Positive attitudes and superb teamwork!

DofE



- Lots of **DofE** this term with Bronze, Silver and Gold expeditions going well!
- Pictured above are our 3rd qualifying expedition of the summer (left)- mission complete and some of our gold practise group at the top of Pen Y Fan (right).

Nonsuch Park Relay



Congratulations to our Year 7's who came 70th at the **Nonsuch Park Relay** in a total time of 54:06, our Y8s- 73rd in 54:46 & our Y9s- 80th in 57:20, out of a field of 114 Teams! Fastest 3K leg of the evening goes to Charlotte C who ran the Year 7 final stretch in 12:40mins!

Great effort by all!

Disability Doesn't Define You



Year 9's have taken part in some excellent lessons as part of their extended **Curriculum Day**, PE focused on our understanding and perceptions of disability, with the view to supporting behaviours which challenge discrimination in the wider world.

Everyone has an ability!

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Mon 2nd & Tues 3rd Sep	INSET DAYS
Weds 4th Sep	School Returns for Year 7, 10, 11, 12 & 13
	(All Day) Year 12 Induction Day
	(2.20-3.10pm) Year 12 Mass of the Holy Spirit
Thurs 5th Sep	School Returns For All Year Groups
	(10.45-11.45am) Yr 9 Learning Conference ; Hall
	(7.00-8.00pm) Yr 7 Parents Information Evening
Fri 6th Sep	Yr 12 Induction at WC
Mon 9th Sep	(For Rest Of Term) School Production Auditions
Tues 10th Sep	(All Day) Yr 12 Vocational Learning Conference - BTECs Focus
	(10.45-11.45am) Yr 8 Learning Conference
	(2.00-4.00pm) New Year Mass at St George's Cathedral, Southwark
	(7.00-8.00pm) Yr 8 Information Evening
Weds 11th Sep	(10.55-11.45am) Yr 7 & 8 Mass of the Holy Spirit
Thurs 12th Sep	(10.45-11.45pm) Yr 9 & 10 Mass of the Holy Spirit
	(7.00-8.00pm) Yr 10 Parents Information Evening
Fri 13th Sep	(10.55-11.45am) Yr 7 & 8 Mass of the Holy Spirit
	(1.45-3.45pm) Football Trials ; Morley Park
Tues 17th Sep	(9.40-10.30am) Yr 13 Vocational Learning Conference- Planning Focus
Weds 18th Sep	(12.40pm) Early Closure
	(6.00-8.30pm) UHS Open Evening
Fri 20th Sep	(All Day) Yr 11 Retreat Day
Mon 23rd Sep	(All Week) Open Mornings
	(All Day) Yr 12 Workshop: Social Marketing
	(All Day) Yr 12 Workshop: Web Presence
	(1.25-3.10pm) Yr 7 Safer Travel Afternoon
	(7.00-8.00pm) Yr 13 Celebration Evening, Hall
Tues 24th Sep	(Rest Of Week) Yr 7 Tablet Distribution
	(All Day) Year 12 Faith Development Day
	(7.00-8.00pm) Yr 9 Parents Information Evening
Weds 25th Sep	(12.40-1.20pm) Lunch & Learn Careers Talk : Healthcare Sector
	(1.25-2.15pm) Yr 12 Speaker : Unlocking Property Berkley Homes
Thurs 26th Sep	(7.00-8.00pm) Yr 11 Parents' Information Evening; Hall
Fri 27th Sep	(Registration) School Council Elections
	(8.45-9.35am) Yr 11 Drugs Awareness Conference;
	(10.30-10.55am) McMillan Coffee Morning
	(1.30-4.00pm) Yr 10 Aspirations Workshop
Mon 30th Sep	KS3/Year 9 History Challenge Week
Tues 1st Oct	Black History Month
	(3.45-4.45pm) Yr 10 Tablet Distribution
	(All Day) Yr 13 Trip to the National Archives
	(6.30-7.30pm) Yr 12 Parents' Information Evening; Hall
Weds 2nd Oct	Dallas Trip Parents Meeting ; USFC
Tues 3rd Oct	Lunch for St Francis House for the Feast of St Francis
	National Poetry Day
Weds 4th Oct	Feast of St. Francis of Assisi
Mon 7th Oct	(Until Weds 9th Oct) Yr 7 Trip to Liddington
	(All Week) Positive Mental Health Day
	Assemblies
Tues 8th Oct	(8.35am-12.30pm) Yr 11: Our Future Conference; Hall
Thurs 10th Oct	Yr 9 Curriculum Project ; Hall
	(12.40pm) Early Closure
	(5.00-7.00pm) Sixth Form Open Evening
	(6.00-7.00pm) Mental Health Parents' Evening ; Hall
Fri 11th Oct	International Day of the Girl
	(All Day) Yr 10 Maths Trip to Winton Gallery
	(10.45-11.45am) Yr 11 Mass of St. Ursula; Hall
	(2.00-6.00pm) A Level Art Gallery Visit
Mon 14th Oct	Hate Crime Awareness Week
	Yr 11 Business Bank of England Trip
Tues 15th Oct	(9.40-10.30am) Yr 12 & 13 Mass of St Ursula, Hall
	(12.40-1.20pm) Feast of St Teresa of Avila Lunch for St Teresa House; Hall
	(7.00-9.00pm) Jack Petchey Student Awards Night
Weds 16th Oct	(10.55-11.45am) Yr 7 & 8 Mass of St Ursula, Hall
Thurs 17th Oct	(7.30am) Dallas Trip Departs; DK Block
	(8.45am-12.40pm) Yr 10 STEM Hacker Box Event
	(10.55-11.45am) Yr 9 & 10 Mass of St Ursula, Hall
	(1.25-3.10pm) Academic Review Day (7-12)
Fri 18th Oct	Feast of St Ursula
	(9.00-3.00pm) UPA 'Nearly New' Uniform Sale
	(All Day) Yr 13 Faith Development Day
	(All Day) Academic Review Day (7-12)
Mon 21st Oct- Fri 25th Oct	TERM ENDS
Mon 28th Oct	HALF TERM
	SCHOOL RETURNS