

Voluntary Aided 11-18 Roman Catholic School for Girls Headteacher: Ms Julia Waters BSc (Hons) MA

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Dear Parents/Carers

Urgent Update : Travelling to and from the Ursuline High School, September 2019

As a result of Worple Road being closed for urgent works on the sewer there will be no buses travelling along Worple Road. The 131 and 57 have been diverted along the Ridgeway. The Ridgeway is already an extremely busy road with insufficient pavement space for young people to walk safely to and from school in large numbers. The possible safety implications of over 1000 young people attempting to catch either of these buses after school on the Ridgeway is significant.

As the Headteacher, I have liaised and discussed the safety situation with the Local Authority Highways Department, the local Police and Mr Laing, the Headteacher, at Wimbledon College. As a result, I am taking the decision that all students who normally take the bus in the direction of Wimbledon will need to walk straight to Wimbledon to take the 131/57/tram/train or District Line. Senior staff on duty will direct students to ensure their safety. There can be no exceptions.

In the mornings, students are expected to make wise decisions and walk from Wimbledon to school as the volume of traffic along the Ridgeway will result in lateness to school.

All students will be informed of this temporary change of school rules when they return. It would be helpful if you could also explain the changes and support the school to keep every young person safe this Autumn term.

As soon as the roadworks is finished we will of course let you know.

We look forward to welcoming students back to school.

Yours sincerely

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