La Sainte Union Catholic School

Family Bulletin

10th December 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of term, we warmly invite you to our annual Christmas Carol Service on Monday 15th December at 5pm. This is always a wonderful festive occasion, and an opportunity to celebrate the many talents of our Bright Women. If you would like to attend, please use this link to express your interest and we will look forward to seeing you there: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1977265274663?aff=oddtdtcreator

In this edition of the family bulletin, I am also sharing important information regarding events during the last week of term. Please take some time to read through it.

A huge Congratulations to Chimamada who won the Best Speaker Award at the North London Sustainable conference – she was one of five of Year 9 students who proudly represented us at this event.

Best wishes,

Miss Ridge

Bright Women with Bold Futures.

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Important Dates

Monday 15th December – Carol Concert

Wednesday 17th December – Student Christmas Lunch

Friday 19th December – Last day of term, finish at 12pm

PHSE Topics

Year 7 - NHS compassion-based well-being programme

Year 8 - Menstrual health workshops (delivered by Period and Pause)

Year 9 - Forms of discrimination and allyship

Year 10 - Staying Safe from Scams Online (delivered by Personal Finance Society)

Year 11 - Exploring identities critically

Contact form for any PSHE related queries:
https://forms.office.com/e/GY4SBrwbNW

Latest editions of the LaSWAP newsletter can be found here: LaSWAP Sixth Form Consortium - Newsletters

North London Sustainable Conference (NLSC)

On 20th November 2025, five Year 9 LSU students proudly represented our school at the North London Sustainable Conference, hosted by the North London Waste Authority at Edmonton Eco Park House.

The event brought together teams from six secondary schools across North London to tackle pressing environmental issues. Each team explored topics such as E-Waste, Single-Use Plastics, and Textile Waste, using the resources provided to research and develop ideas. Students first collaborated within their own groups and then engaged in open discussions with other schools to propose practical solutions for reducing waste in North London.

We were inspired by a motivating speech from Mr. Mete Coban, Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, who encouraged young people to take action for a sustainable future.

The day concluded with an award ceremony, and we are thrilled to announce that **Chimamanda** won the **Best Speaker Award!** A special shout-out to **Xyrah,** who stepped up as team leader and represented our school brilliantly.

This event was a fantastic opportunity for students to contribute their ideas toward creating a low-waste future and to influence local authorities with youth-led action plans.

Last Week of term arrangements

Monday 15th December	Carol Service- 5pm – 6.15pm, please book tickets here: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1977265274663?aff=oddtdtcreator
Tuesday 16th December	**Awards Ceremony** – if your child has been invited you will have received a separate notification. All other students will be dismissed at 1pm (lunch at 12.15pm)
Wednesday 17th December	Advent Services and Student Christmas lunch – FSM students and those that paid via Parentpay, there will be no other food options available at lunchtime so please provide your child with a packed lunch
Thursday 18th December	Rewards Trip- email will be sent next week to students selected
Friday 19th December	Students dismissed at 12pm

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Chaplaincy Corner

The Third Sunday of Advent is traditionally called Gaudete Sunday . “Gaudete” is a Latin word meaning “Rejoice!”, and the Church invites us to pause in the middle of Advent to rediscover a deeper sense of joy. This is reflected in the use of Rose as the liturgical colour (not pink if you ask most priests)

The Gospel shows us John the Baptist, struggling in prison, sends his followers to ask Jesus whether He truly is the Messiah. Jesus responds not with arguments, but with signs of hope: the blind see, the lame walk, the deaf hear, and the poor receive good news. Even in uncertainty, God is at work. This message reassures us that joy doesn’t depend on everything going well, but on recognising that God is close and bringing quiet hope into our lives.

Gaudete Sunday holds a special meaning for our community because our school belongs to the Gaudete Trust, named after this very Sunday. The trust’s identity calls us to be people of joy: joyful in how we learn, how we relate to others, and how we support those in need.

Families are encouraged to join us in this joyful spirit of Advent by taking a moment each day to notice something good, to encourage one another, and to recognise small signs of hope. As we continue Advent together, may we find true joy in knowing that God is near.

Student Leadership

Newly elected members for Student Council and Liturgy Leaders received a special blessing from Fr. Tomi and received their badges of office.

Congratulations to our new student leaders. may their leadership inspire others, and may they serve their peers and God with Faith, Hope and Charity.

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Inspiring the next Generation and their Bright Futures

GCSE Students at La Sainte Union Catholic School received a lecture from Jasmine Ahmed, Founder and CEO on – The Female Entrepreneur – Inspiring the next Generation and their Bright Futures.

Jasmine Ahmed holds a **BSc in Economics and Finance** from Birmingham City University. She currently works as an **Accounting Team Leader**, bringing over six years of experience in credit control, arrears management, and financial reconciliation within the London housing and property sector. Under her leadership, her team has successfully recovered more than **£3 million in aged debt** and driven key process improvement initiatives.

Jasmine is highly sought after for speaking engagements and serves as a mentor to many young girls. During her session with the students, she shared her academic journey and the personal experiences that shaped her career. Jasmine encouraged teamwork by dividing students into groups and challenging them to create a product that would fill a gap in the market while featuring a **Unique Selling Point (USP)**. Each group then showcased their ideas and received insightful feedback from Jasmine, making the session both interactive and inspiring.

STAFF & STUDENT FEEDBACK:

Roselyn said '*I found Jasmine really engaging and through her presentation, I learned that to be successful, an entrepreneur needs to show up, even if they are not in the mood'.*

Olivia said '*Jasmine is not that much older than us, which made her really easy to relate to. I am impressed that she started her business during covid, when everyone had a lot of time on their hands. It made me realise that we can all try something new with our free time. I also like that she explained all the stages she went through before she became successful'.*

Joani Antonio, Subject Lead for Business Studies said '*Jasmine's contribution added valuable depth to our curriculum. We truly appreciate the expertise she shared'.*

Polliner Chukwuma, Head of Faculty said *'We appreciate the entrepreneurs the students read about in our textbooks, but would like them to graduate this course, having met real local entrepreneurs, who have walked this path and can inspire them to do the same'.*

We thank Jasmine Ahmed for the contribution she has made to this school community, whilst wishing her the very best in all future endeavours

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https://camden.schoolreport.org.uk/school/index.html?schoolId=2025401

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