La Sainte Union Catholic School

Family Bulletin

10th January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the New Term

I trust you had a joyful Christmas, and I extend my warmest wishes for a prosperous 2025.

Our students have returned with a renewed focus on their studies, and we are eager to embark on this term's journey of learning and growth. I look forward to meeting with Year 11 parents on Thursday, 16th January, for their consultations with teachers. These meetings are vital for discussing the final preparations for the upcoming exams and ensuring our students are fully supported during this crucial period.

In addition, Year 11 students will soon participate in the Sixth Form Transition Meetings, an essential step in planning their next educational phase.

For Years 7 to 10, 'Assessment Week' will take place in two weeks. During this time, all students will sit carefully crafted assessments in every subject, designed by our teachers to ease students into good study habits and support their development of the necessary skills and resilience for future GCSE and A Level examinations. The results of these assessments will be communicated to you through detailed school reports prepared by our dedicated teaching staff.

We appreciate your continued support as we guide our students through this important term. Together, we can ensure they build strong foundations for their future success.

Thank you for your partnership in the educational journey of our **Bright Women, with Bold Futures**!

Best wishes,

Mrs Fegan

Headteacher

Important Dates

Thursday 16th January – Y11 Parents Evening

PHSE Topics

Year 7 - Body image and self-care

Year 8 - Media influence on body image

Year 9 - Camden are coming in to present to students on crime and risks (Camden Choices Programme)

Year 10 - Careers

Year 11 - Pornography

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

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Leeds Peace Poetry Prize!

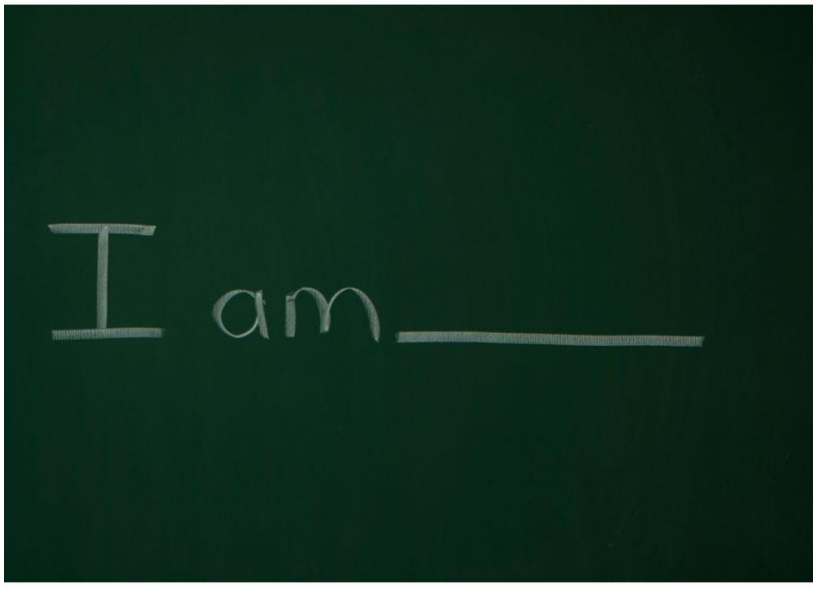
La Sainte Union Catholic Secondary School is very proud to say that two of our students won prizes in the International 'Leeds Peace Poetry Prize' run by Leeds University. The aim of the competition is to promote an awareness of the values of equality and peace and to encourage and promote creativity, expression and excellence through peace poetry. The students wrote their entries in Creative Writing Club with Victoria's inspired by last year's Anti-Bullying Week.

Second Place - Victoria Igunnubole, Year 8
Third Place - Natalia Krahel, Year 11

The poems have been published online - please do read them!
WINNERS 2024 - Leeds Peace Poetry

Congratulations to both students! The Creative Writing Club meets every week: KS4 Wednesday lunchtime; KS3 Thursday lunchtime.

Philosophers' club - exciting opportunities for young people and families!



What's on
philosophy-foundation.org

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A Level Spanish

A Level Spanish Students Enrich Their Studies with an Immersive Exploration of *Pan's Labyrinth*

Our A Level Spanish students recently participated in an enriching study day centered on Guillermo del Toro's *Pan's Labyrinth* (2006), a pivotal component of their curriculum. This distinguished event was conducted entirely in Spanish and featured esteemed scholars Dr. Miguel López from the University of Bristol and Professor Sarah Wright from Royal Holloway University.

The day offered a comprehensive examination of the film's intricate themes, cinematic language, and historical backdrop, notably Franco's dictatorship and the Spanish Civil War.

The culmination of the day was a special screening of *Pan's Labyrinth*, providing a vivid and immersive experience that brought the students' learning to life.

This exceptional opportunity enabled our students to deepen their appreciation of the film's cultural and historical significance while honing their critical and analytical skills. We are confident that such experiences will inspire a profound engagement with their studies and foster a deeper understanding of Spanish cinema and history.

International Hot and Spicy Food Day - 16th January

16th January 2025 is known as "International Hot and Spicy Food Day".

Did you know … ?

Archaeological evidence suggests people in the Middle East and South Asia used spices like pepper and mustard seeds as far back as 6,000 years ago. Ancient Indian and Mesopotamian cultures, for example, prized spices for their medicinal and preservative qualities. Some believe early spice use also signified wealth and social status, as these ingredients were rare and costly.

You can read more about it here [International Hot and Spicy Food Day (January 16th) | Days Of The Year]

We will be marking the day in the canteen this week with a special menu, exploring spices from various cultures.

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