La Sainte Union Catholic School

Family Bulletin

10th March 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we move further into the spring term, our school is buzzing with activity and important milestones for our students. Year 9 are currently making exciting decisions about their futures as they choose their GCSE options. Our forthcoming *Year 9 Pathways Evening* will provide valuable guidance to help them make informed choices that align with their interests and aspirations. This is a significant moment in their journey, and we look forward to supporting them every step of the way.

Meanwhile, our Year 13 students are in the midst of their mock exams—an important opportunity to consolidate their learning and refine their exam techniques ahead of the summer. We recognise the hard work and dedication they are putting into their studies and encourage them to stay focused and make the most of the support available.

Across the school, students continue to engage in enriching experiences beyond the classroom, from career-focused events to spiritual growth activities during Lent. These opportunities not only broaden their horizons but also embody our school vision: ***Bright Women, Bold Futures.***

Thank you, as always, for your support.

Best wishes,

Mrs Fegan

Headteacher

Important Dates:

Friday 14th March- Year 9 Td/IPV and Meningitis ACWY Vaccinations

PHSE Topics

Year 7 - Privacy and consent

Year 8 - Drug misuse

Year 9 - Camden Choices

Year 10 - First Give Project

Year 11 - Pressure and dealing with rejection

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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LSU Report Card

Camden have created report cards about all their schools. The report card for La Sainte Union can be accessed here:

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

Alternatively, you can scan this QR code with your phone's camera:

Lenten Stations of the Cross

During Lent, our students will have the opportunity to take part in the traditional Catholic devotion of the Stations of the Cross during their RE lessons. We are blessed to have the Stations in our beautiful school Chapel, where each session concludes at the powerful Calvary scene. This liturgy allows students to reflect on the fourteen moments of Jesus' Passion and consider the 'crosses' they carry in their own lives.

Year 9 Culinary Workshops

Our Year 9 students recently took part in an exciting hands-on culinary workshop at the Waitrose Cookery School in King's Cross, as part of our DT and PSHE programmes. Under the guidance of expert chefs, they mastered the art of making semolina pasta from scratch and prepared a delicious tomato sauce with fresh basil. With the opportunity to personalise their dishes with toppings such as anchovies and olives, students not only honed their cooking skills but also explored nutrition, teamwork, and

creativity in the kitchen. A huge thank you to Waitrose Cookery School for hosting this inspiring session and sparking a passion for healthy, home-cooked meals!

Gender Empowerment through Politics in the Classroom

Fifteen dedicated Year 9 students have successfully completed a five-week journey as part of the innovative G-EPIC initiative – *Gender Empowerment through Politics in the Classroom*. This unique programme empowers young women by integrating political education into the curriculum, equipping them with the knowledge and confidence to become active citizens and future leaders.

Throughout the course, students took part in thought-provoking workshops and discussions on key social issues. They developed and presented final projects on topics such as period poverty and the gender pay gap, reflecting on these challenges and proposing creative solutions to drive meaningful change in their communities.

This inspiring achievement was made possible through our partnership with Roehampton University, a leading European institution embedding the G-EPIC project within its wider research and educational work. The collaboration underscores a shared commitment to fostering political awareness and social innovation among young people.

The G-EPIC programme has not only deepened students' understanding of political processes but has also inspired them to envision a fairer, more inclusive society. Congratulations to all participants for their hard work and commitment to making a difference. You truly embody our vision: *Bright Women, Bold Futures.*

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LaSWAP Students Attend HSC Careers Fair

LaSWAP Students Attend Health & Social Care Careers Fair (Middlesex University)

Students from La Sainte Union (part of LaSWAP) Health & Social Care Extended Diploma Group attended the Health & Social Care Careers Fair at Middlesex University on Thursday 6th March to explore the 350 career opportunities in the National Health Service.

The students found the opportunity highly informative and engaged with health professionals including midwifes, nurses, doctors, speech therapists, occupational therapists and many more.

The students enjoyed learning CPR skills in one of the taster sessions as well as learning about apprenticeship options in the NHS which are becoming an increasingly popular option for students following sixth form studies.

Mr Templeman (Subject Lead for HSC) was also in attendance and made contacts with several organisations, updating his knowledge on apprenticeship opportunities which he will cascade through display boards and promoting on Teams for students to learn about these new initiatives.

Later this month 24 students will be attending the Royal Free Hospital Careers Event where they will have taster sessions with different departments of the hospital, where students will get hands on experience in using technology which health professionals use as part of their daily routine to treat health conditions.

Mainstream Inclusion Wokshop for Parents

Camden parents and carers - mainstream inclusion workshop on 19 March

The new government wants to improve the way children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) are included in mainstream schools. All parents and carers in Camden who have a child or young person with SEND are invited to attend a free workshop on mainstream inclusion within schools, which is taking place in-person on **Wednesday 19 March, from 9.30am to 11.30am, at the Crowndale Centre, 218 Eversholt Street, London NW1 1BD**. To join the two-hour session, please reserve a spot here – you need to register in advance. See more infromation.

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Easter Break Activities

Science of Surgery – Friday 11th April, 11am-4pm

Want to do something fun, FREE, and family-friendly over the Easter holidays? Then make sure you visit the UCL Hawkes Institute annual science fair, Science of Surgery. On Friday 11th April 11am-4pm UCL scientists and staff will lead hands-on demonstrations to children and adults, showcasing the cutting-edge medical research that they are working on. Use a medical ultrasound scanner, try simulated keyhole surgery, and go on behind-the-scenes tours of their labs to see robot surgeons. For more info visit: https://www.ucl.ac.uk/interventional-surgical-sciences/events/2025/apr/science-surgery-friday-11th-april-2025

Please don't hesitate to contact Simon Watt (simon.watt@ucl.ac.uk) if you need any further information.

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