La Sainte Union Catholic School

Family Bulletin

12th November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Tuesday, our whole school community came together for a special **Remembrance Service**. We joined the nation in observing the **two-minute silence at 11am**, followed by a moving **musical performance by Year 12 student Jasper C.**

In this edition of the bulletin, you can learn more about our **fantastic careers programme** and the exciting **opportunities available to students**.

Our **Year 11 students** are working hard as they prepare for their upcoming mock exams. We wish them all the very best of luck — their dedication and effort are already something to be proud of!

If you'd like to support your child with revision, take a look at this helpful BBC article: Top revision techniques for exams - BBC Bitesize

Best wishes,

Miss Ridge

Bright Women with Bold Futures.

Important Dates

Monday 17th November – Y11 mocks start

Tuesday 25th November – Y9 Careers Provider Fair/ Y11 provides Fair

Thursday 11th December – Y8 & Y9 Parents evening

Friday 19th December – Last day of term

PHSE Topics

Year 7 - NHS Compassion-based wellbeing programme

Year 8 - Boundaries and consent

Year 9 - Careers 1

Year 10 - Personal Finance Society workshop 1: Moving on from school

Year 11 - Appreciating diversity

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Pumpkin Carving Fun with Year 8

To celebrate the end of term, our Gardening Club hosted a lively pumpkin carving session with Year 8 students on the last day of term. Alongside showcasing their creativity, students also learned about sustainable practices—saving seeds for next year's planting, roasting them for a healthy snack, and using the pumpkin flesh to make delicious soup.

It was a fantastic blend of fun and learning, and the students thoroughly enjoyed the experience!

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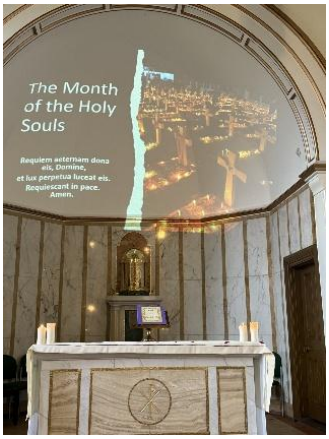
Growing in Faith

November Month of the Holy Souls



This week's assemblies focused on The Month of the Holy Souls and the theme of Cooperation and the Communion of the Church. November is a special time when Catholics remember and pray for those who have died, trusting in God's promise of eternal life. We reflected on how the saints in heaven, the souls in purgatory, and we on earth are united in one family of faith, cooperating through love and prayer. Students were encouraged to pray for the Holy Souls, bring peace to others, and live with hope, kindness, and faith in God's mercy and eternal love.

Students have been adding names of their loved ones to our Book of Remembrance, which is in the Chapel. Mass will be offered each week for those recorded in it. If you would like to add any names, please email general@lsu.camden.sch.uk so that they can be included.

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St. John Henry Newman Doctor Amicabilis

Last Sunday the Church in England had much to celebrate as Saint John Henry Newman was declared a Doctor of the Church by Pope Leo XIV. This title is given only to those whose holiness and teaching have made a lasting impact on Christian faith and understanding. In the same decree, Pope Leo also named Newman a Patron of Catholic Education, recognising his lifelong commitment to the formation of mind and heart. Newman's journey from Anglican priest to Catholic cardinal was marked by a fearless search for truth. His writings on faith, conscience, and the development of doctrine continue to inspire Catholics across the world. For our school, his example reminds us that striving for excellence means pursuing truth with integrity, guided by faith and reason. May St John Henry Newman pray for all our students and teachers, that we may grow in wisdom, faith, and love of learning.

News from Careers

JOB OF THE WEEK

This week's job of the week is **STUNT DOUBLE** – click on the image to learn more in just 2 minutes!

COMING UP: Year 11 and 9 Providers Fair on the 25.11.25. Students will meet universities, colleges and apprenticeship providers – more details next week!

HELP NEEDED! Can you offer your time for our Year 9 Careers Carousel on Thursday 29th January from 10.00-14.00?

Please sign up here.

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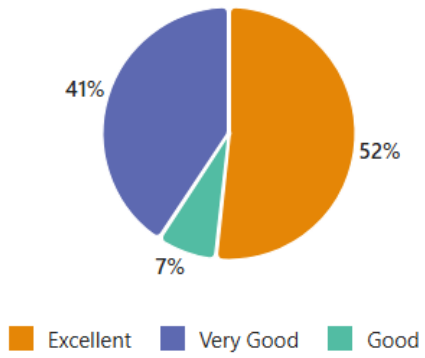

Figure 1 - Student destination satisfaction

GUIDANCE THIS WEEK	
Monday	6th Form guidance appointments with Ms Tait
Tuesday	Year 10 work experience drop-ins (break or lunch) with Ms Ali
Wednesday	6th Form guidance appointments with Ms Tait
	Year 10 work experience appointments with Ms Ali
Thursday	Year 11 guidance appointments with Ms Lane
	6th Form guidance appointments with Ms Tait
	Year 10 work experience appointments with Ms Ali
Friday	6th Form guidance appointments with Ms Tait

Lessons from last year's Year 13 Leavers

How do Career Development Professionals know they are doing a good job? Aside from measuring immediate student reactions to our guidance sessions, we can also measure ongoing student satisfaction with their 'destinations.' In the case of our outgoing Year 13 students (Class of 2018), we decided to see how they are getting on, and what we can learn from their experiences now that they are at university, on a gap year, employed or doing an apprenticeship.

We can firstly see that **93% of students consider their pathway 'excellent' or 'very good'** at this stage. No student rated their pathway as 'satisfactory' or 'poor.' **97% of students surveyed are also still in their planned destination**, measured from the point of university Clearing. We will monitor this as the year progresses. This is on track to be an excellent rate of retention – for example, few universities retain even 90% of students on their courses by the end of the first year, and many unfortunately retain far fewer.

Parent Power

To assess university courses for student satisfaction, drop-out rates, graduate outcomes and more, the **Discover Uni** website is invaluable!

TOP TIPS THIS WEEK	
Year 11	Sign up for open evenings.
Year 12	Encourage students to check Teams and sign up for development opportunities.
Year 13	Support students who are writing their personal statements.

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS THIS WEEK

NB Some of these opportunities are short notice!

CLICK ON LINKS TO FIND OUT MORE!	
16 years +	Find out about Dunelm apprenticeships!
Year 12 only	Humanities Writing Competition 2025-26
16 years +	Masterclass in Butchery with Fortnum & Mason
14 years +	Get into Medicine conference
14 years +	Get into Dentistry conference
Year 13 (open to all)	Learn about KPMG applications

LABOUR MARKET INSIGHT

Is this job vulnerable to AI? Read the linked article and see whether you agree!

Chartered and certified accountants

Weekly Pay	Annual Pay
£950	**£49,400**
Hours/Week	Hourly Pay
37h	**£26**

Workforce Change (projected)

Growth
12.2%

The workforce is projected to grow by 12.2% over the period to 2035, creating **27,100** jobs.

You might find this job in
Legal & accounting
Wholesale trade
Retail trade
Head offices, etc
Sport & recreation

More info | Clear card

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Spotlight on Autism

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🌟 STEM Club Returns 🌟

We are thrilled to announce that **STEM Club** is back and ready to spark curiosity, creativity, and discovery! Starting after the **October half term**, students will once again have the chance to dive into the exciting world of **Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics**.

This year's club will take things to the next level — pupils will take on their own **scientific research projects**, exploring questions that *they* choose and applying the **scientific method** from start to finish. They'll plan and carry out **real experiments in our school labs**, analyse their results, and develop the skills that real scientists use every day.

The journey will culminate in **Science Week (March 2026)**, when students will have the opportunity to **present their research findings** to the school community — a celebration of innovation, teamwork, and scientific thinking!

Whether your child is an aspiring engineer, budding biologist, or simply loves asking "why?", STEM Club offers the perfect space to experiment, explore, and expand their horizons.

🧪 **When:** Starting after October half term, Week B Tuesdays after school, 3:15pm – 4:15pm

⚙️ **Where:** H202 lab

🚀 **Who:** Open to all year 9s and 10s

Places are limited, so encourage your young scientist to sign up early and join us for a year of hands-on discovery and innovation!

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:

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