Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of another busy and rewarding half term, I would like to thank our students, staff, families, and wider community for their continued commitment and support. This edition of the newsletter reflects the richness of school life at La Sainte Union Catholic School — from student leadership and creative achievement to the many opportunities available beyond the classroom.

You will read about our Year 8 poetry performances, the contribution of our Year 13 students as they prepare to leave us, and the impressive engagement of students in the Camden Youth MPO election. Alongside these celebrations, we are also sharing information about upcoming opportunities for students, including careers guidance, half-term activities, and a neuroscience summer programme, as well as practical updates for families.

As a Catholic school community, we continue to place faith, service, and reflection at the heart of our work. This half term's Masses have offered an important opportunity for prayer and remembrance, including a Mass for the repose of the soul of Sister Mairead who recently passed away. Parents who are ex-pupils will remember Sister Mairead, who was our school chaplain before Shirley joined us. We keep her family and loved ones in our prayers.

I wish all families a restful and enjoyable half term break

Warm regards

Mrs Fegan

Bright Women with Bold Futures.

Camden Youth MP Election 2026

Students recently took part in the Camden Youth MPO election, voting alongside young people from across the borough. With nine candidates standing for election, we were especially proud that one of them was Negin in Year 10. She led an engaging and thoughtful campaign, demonstrating real commitment to representing the voices of young people in Camden and highlighting issues that matter most to them.

Language Faculty News

During the final week of the Spring Term, Year 8 enjoyed a visit to Lauderdale House as the culmination of their five-week project, *The Art of Dispute*. As part of the event, students performed original poems exploring themes of Human Rights, which they had written themselves.

The students demonstrated great confidence and eloquence as they delivered their work in front of teachers, poets, and the directors of Lauderdale House. Throughout the performances, they showed wonderful encouragement and support for one another, creating a truly celebratory atmosphere.

It was a privilege to hear such thoughtful and powerful ideas expressed so articulately, and the audience was deeply impressed by the quality of the performances. We now look forward to seeing the students' work published in an anthology, which they will later be presented with.

Opportunity Centre

Tuesday 26th May to Friday 29th May

Morning sessions 10am – 12pm

Afternoon sessions 1pm– 3pm

Art & Craft Activities- T-shirt and pencil case customisation, jewelry-making

Learn to customise a T-Shirt, tote bag or pencil case by creating your own designs and adding your own flare using vinyl, patches and hand stitching fabrics.

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Tuesday 26th May 10am -12pm & 1pm – 3pm

Wednesday 10am-12pm & 1pm – 3pm

Thursday 10am-12pm & 1pm – 3pm

Fencing & Multisport:

Tuesday 26th May 1pm – 3pm

Wednesday 27th May 1pm – 3pm

Thursday 28th 1pm – 3pm

Study Centre & Revision classes: times vary, see the schedule below

Places are limited for each session so early sign up is advised. **Free Lunch will be provided to any student staying all day.**

You will need to wear clothing suitable for the sports activity (not jeans etc) and trainers

You must register by using this link:

https://forms.office.com/e/xGwQ0ZBkpS?origin=lprLink

Dates	Time	Teacher	Subject
Tuesday 26th May	9:00am – 3:30pm	Mr R O'Gorman	Year 13 A Level Politics AQA Paper 2 (American Dream)
Tuesday 26th May	9:00am – 3:30pm	Miss E Wanambwa	Year 13 A-Level Sociology AQA
Tuesday 26th May	9:00am – 12:00pm	Mr L Daley	Year 13 A-Level Law
Tuesday 26th May	9:00am – 3:30pm	Miss J Quansah	English Support
Tuesday 26th May	9:00am – 3:30pm	Mr O Olubajo	Maths GCSE Support
Wednesday 27th May	9:00am – 3:30pm	Ms L Scally	Geography GCSE Edexcel B
Wednesday 27th May	9:00am – 3:30pm	Mr O Olubajo	Maths GCSE Support
Wednesday 27th May	9:00am – 3:30pm	Miss J Quansah	English Support
Wednesday 27th May	9:00am – 12:00pm	Ms L Harris	GCSE Music Studies
Wednesday 27th May	1:00pm – 3:30pm	Ms L Harris	A Level Music Studies
Wednesday 27th May	9:00am – 12:00pm	Mr L Daley	Year 13 A-Level Law
Thursday 28th May	9:00am – 3:30pm	Miss J Quansah	English Support
Thursday 28th May	9:00am – 3:30pm	Mr R O'Gorman	Year 13 A-Level Politics Edexcel Paper 2 (UK Government) and Paper 3 (USA)
Thursday 28th May	9:00am – 3:30pm	Ms J Adams	DT Revision GCSE
Friday 29th May	9:00am – 3:30pm	Mr R O'Gorman	Year 11 Edexcel History AM Paper 2 (Cold War and the Elizabethan Age) PM Paper 3 (Germany 1918-1939)

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LaSWAP News

Last week, we gathered for a final assembly with Year 13 students ahead of the examination period. For some, this marks the culmination of a journey that began in Year 7; for others, a shorter but equally significant chapter spent in the Sixth Form. The assembly provided an opportunity to celebrate their many contributions to the school community and to mark the end of their time at La Sainte Union Catholic School and LaSWAP Sixth Form Consortium.

As students now begin their examinations, complete final coursework, and prepare for the next stage of their journeys — whether progressing to university, apprenticeships, gap years, or employment — we wish them every success and happiness in the future..

Mr Oates and the Sixth Form pastoral team

Chaplaincy Corner

Fifth Sunday of Easter

This Sunday Jesus tells us **"Do not let your hearts be troubled… I am the Way, the Truth and the Life"** (John 14). In the Easter season we are reminded that Christ is risen and close to us, especially when we feel uncertain or anxious. Jesus does not simply give advice; he offers **himself** as the Way to follow, the Truth that sets us free, and the Life that renews hope and gives strength to begin again.

As we enter **May, Mary's month**, we also look to Mary as the one who helps us see Jesus clearly. Mary lives in **holy union** with her Son: she listens, trusts, and says "yes" even when she does not have the full map. In doing so she points us to Jesus and echoes her words at Cana: **"Do whatever he tells you."** This is at the heart of the Holy Union charism: unity with Christ leads to deeper unity with one another.

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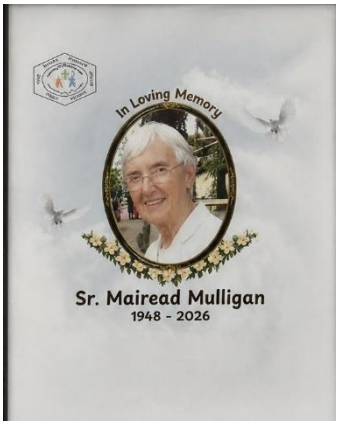
Sister Mairead Mulligan RIP

Last Friday Sr. Mairead died peacefully. She had been a Holy Union Sister for nearly 60 years. She was central to the Province's mission to Tanzania, but was also our school chaplain for ten years. Mass was offered for the repose of her soul on Thursday in the Chapel.



Eternal Rest Grant unto her O Lord,

And let perpetual light shine upon her,

May she rest in Peace,

Amen

Year 13 Leavers' Blessing

Year 13 had a Celebration of the Word and a special blessing on Monday. They reflected on the example of Bl. Julian of Norwich, patron saint of as they approached the examination season. Good luck to year 13 and as Bl. Jullian said "*All will be well, all manner of things will be well".*

Year 11 Mass for the Feast of St Pius V

Fr. Mathew OP came to say Mass on Thursday. He offered Mass for Sr. Mairead and we were joined by the Sister from Croft Lodge. This is also the last regular chapel Mass for Year 11 before public examinations and we prayed for God's blessing and support.

During his homily Fr. Matthew preached on the love of study and taking the time to fully pay attention creates a relationship with Truth which brings us to God.

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Catholic Q& A.

Why is May dedicated to Mary?

May is dedicated to Mary in the Catholic tradition because it is a month associated with new life, beauty, and flowering, which makes it a natural time to honour Mary as the one through whom Christ, the source of new life, came into the world.

In Europe, May has long been linked with springtime and blossoms. The Church took this natural symbolism and turned it towards Mary, often calling her ***the "fairest flower"*** *of creation. This is why many schools and parishes hold May processions, crown statues of Mary with flowers, or pray the Rosary more intentionally during May.*

Summer holidays opportunity

At the Neuronauts Summer school, students learn fundamentals in engineering, computer science, neuroscience, and artificial intelligence, with the freedom to pursue creative projects in these areas. Neuronauts 2026 will take place from July 27 - August 7, Monday – Friday from 9.30 – 17.00. It is completely free, travel within Greater London is covered, and food and drink provided.

More information here https://www.sainsburywellcome.org/content/neuronauts.

Students can apply here: Neuronauts 2026. Deadline for applications is 29 May 2026.

Homestart – parent volunteers needed

Home-Start Camden and Islington is a local charity with more than 30 years of experience that offers free, confidential mental and practical support to parents that have at least one child under 5. To make a referral for someone or yourself please follow this link: https://homestartcamdenandislington.org.uk/referrals-2/

We are also recruiting for our new Volunteer Training starting May 14th and we would really like to have local parents as part of our amazing team. To express interest please call or WhatsApp Eleni at 07940338754.

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William Ellis Open Mornings

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Friday: 9:30am - 5pm
Saturday: 9:30am - 5pm
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In Store Opening Hours

Will be open for pre-booked fitting appointments from Monday 20th July – Friday 21st August.

We recommend booking a fitting appointment so we can offer you dedicated one-to-one service during the summer period.
Walk-in customers are welcome, Saturdays are a great option for visiting without an appointment, and our team will assist you as soon as they are available.

Please visit our website to check extended opening hours over the summer.

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Careers News

JOB OF THE WEEK

JOB OF THE WEEK - EPISODE #271 - ROBOTICS TECHNICIAN

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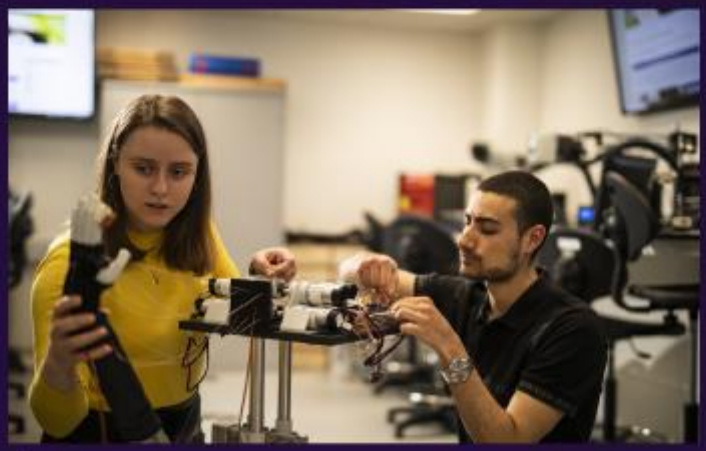
STEM Dorado

HEALTHCARE ENGINEERING WORKSHOP

KS3 Students Will Learn :

- Basics of Healthcare Engineering
- Communication & teamwork
- Hands-on learning
- Problem-Solving & Critical Thinking
- Careers pathways in Healthcare

04/07/2026 10:00 - 15.00
Room G08, Chadwick Building
UCL, London WC1E 6BT



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PSHE topics

Year 7 - Child early forced marriage

Year 8 - Camden Exploitation Programme

Year 9 - Privacy and consent

Year 10 - Alcohol and drug misuse

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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