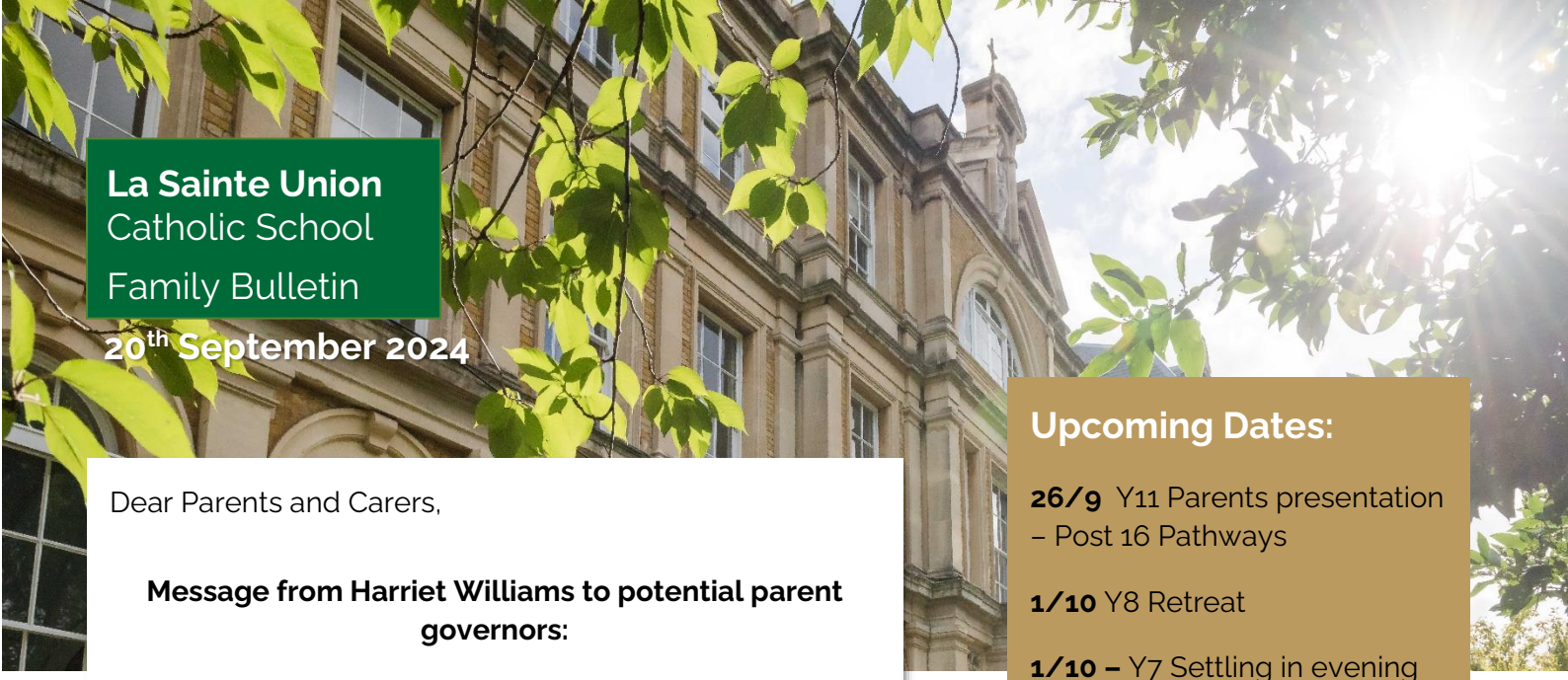

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Family Bulletin
20th September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Message from Harriet Williams to potential parent governors:

"Transitioning to secondary school can be a big change, not just for Year 6 students, but for their parents as well. In primary school, I served as a parent trustee, but when we joined LSU, I felt a bit lost in terms of how I could contribute. So, I was thrilled when the parent school governor position became available—it gave me the chance to be involved in something I deeply care about.

As soon as I became a governor, I jumped right in by attending the Camden Governors' Conference. It was a fantastic opportunity to meet fellow governors, listen to a variety of speakers, and focus on important issues in education. The keynote speech on tackling educational disadvantage was particularly eye-opening, highlighting areas of school life that often go unnoticed.

Since joining, I've been warmly welcomed at two full governing board meetings, where I've gotten familiar with the agenda and had the flexibility to attend both online and in person. Being a governor has also opened doors to valuable CPD-accredited sessions, like the "Introduction to Ending Gender-Based Violence Toolkit for Secondary Schools."

If you're looking to expand your knowledge and contribute to the education of our girls, I highly recommend applying for a governor position—you never know where it might take you!"
If you are interested in our parent governor vacancy, please return the form emailed to you or email LNoonan@lsu.camden.sch.uk for a copy.

Upcoming Dates:

26/9 Y11 Parents presentation – Post 16 Pathways

1/10 Y8 Retreat

1/10 – Y7 Settling in evening (parents and form tutors)

8/10 – Y11 Retreat

15/10- Y10 Retreat

PHSE Topics

Year 7 - Making new friends

Year 8 - Family relationships

Year 9 - Study skills, resilience, and managing stress

Year 10 - Parenthood

Year 11 - Careers 1

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

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Harvest House Project

The Heads of Houses at LSU are organising our Harvest House Project to support Queen's Crescent Community Association. It will begin next Monday and continue until the end of September. Items needed are: dried/tinned food, toiletries, socks, gloves, scarves, jumpers, t-shirts, nappies & baby wipes, towels, pillows or blankets, hair care, pens & pencils. ALL SEALED/NEW or CLEAN. LEAVE supplies with Mrs. DiZazzo in medical room. Thank you.

Supporting Year 11 with their transition to Sixth Form Study

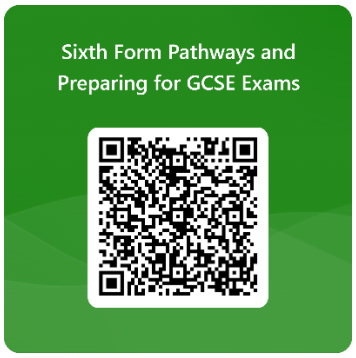
It is my pleasure to write to you to outline the events that will be taking place to support your daughter during Year 11 as they prepare for GCSE examinations and complete the application process for the Sixth Form.

The first event is on Thursday 26th September between 5pm and 6pm at La Sainte Union

Year 11 is a pivotal year for our students, and we are committed to ensuring they get the best support and guidance as early as possible to enable them to make well informed decisions for their future. This event should not only support their understanding of LaSWAP and our entry requirements, but also aims to provide focus and motivation for the year ahead.

Presentations will cover:

1. Pathways in the Sixth Form
2. Entry criteria for specific subjects
3. Making the most of Year 11
4. The Opportunity Centre and how this can support students
5. Empowering parents to support revision through digital technology



To book places at this event, please follow the link below or use the QR code.

Sixth Form pathways

We recognise that this is both an exciting and anxious time for students and parents, and we are looking forward to sharing our numerous supportive events with you. The next of which is our fantastic LaSWAP Open Evening where students will have the opportunity to meet subject specialist staff and ask questions about the courses they wish to study in the Sixth Form. This event takes place on Thursday 28th November and details about how to book places will be shared closer to the time.

Our dedicated careers staff are on site and always keen to speak with students about the options available to them post-16, and also, to discuss career aspirations, Mrs Tait (Careers and Curriculum Support Manager) will be available on Thursday 26th September to provide information about the services offered.

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We look forward to welcoming you to the event and working collaboratively in securing your daughter's aspirations for post-16 provision.

Year 12 Art Trip

On Friday September 13th the new Year 12 Art A Level students went to visit the October Gallery, to see the exhibition "Vital Force". This is an exhibition of different artists from around the world, including El Anatsui, Kenji Yoshida, LR Vandy and Jukhee Kwon. We were very fortunate that the Artistic Director, Elisabeth Lalouschek, was able to speak with us about the artists she has brought together. She said, 'When combining dramatically dissimilar art from diverse origins, unpredictably spectacular effects can occur, and one must be alert to catch those special moments of resonance that draw the works together.'

Avigea said, "The October Gallery left me with a sense of awe and inspiration. As I walked through the gallery, I was struck by the vibrant creativity that seemed to pulse through every art piece.....The variety of works on display showcased a broad spectrum of styles, reflecting the rich diversity of contemporary art."

Gabriel said about El Anatsui's work, "It feels like a tapestry of stories. When I look at it, it's not just a piece of art, it feels like a woven history connecting the past, present and future. The way he uses discarded bottle tops to create something so textured and beautiful really makes me think about transformation, how things we throw away can be turned into something meaningful. It makes me think about the ocean and the horizon, suggesting ideas about journeys, trade routes, and connections between continents and cultures."

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