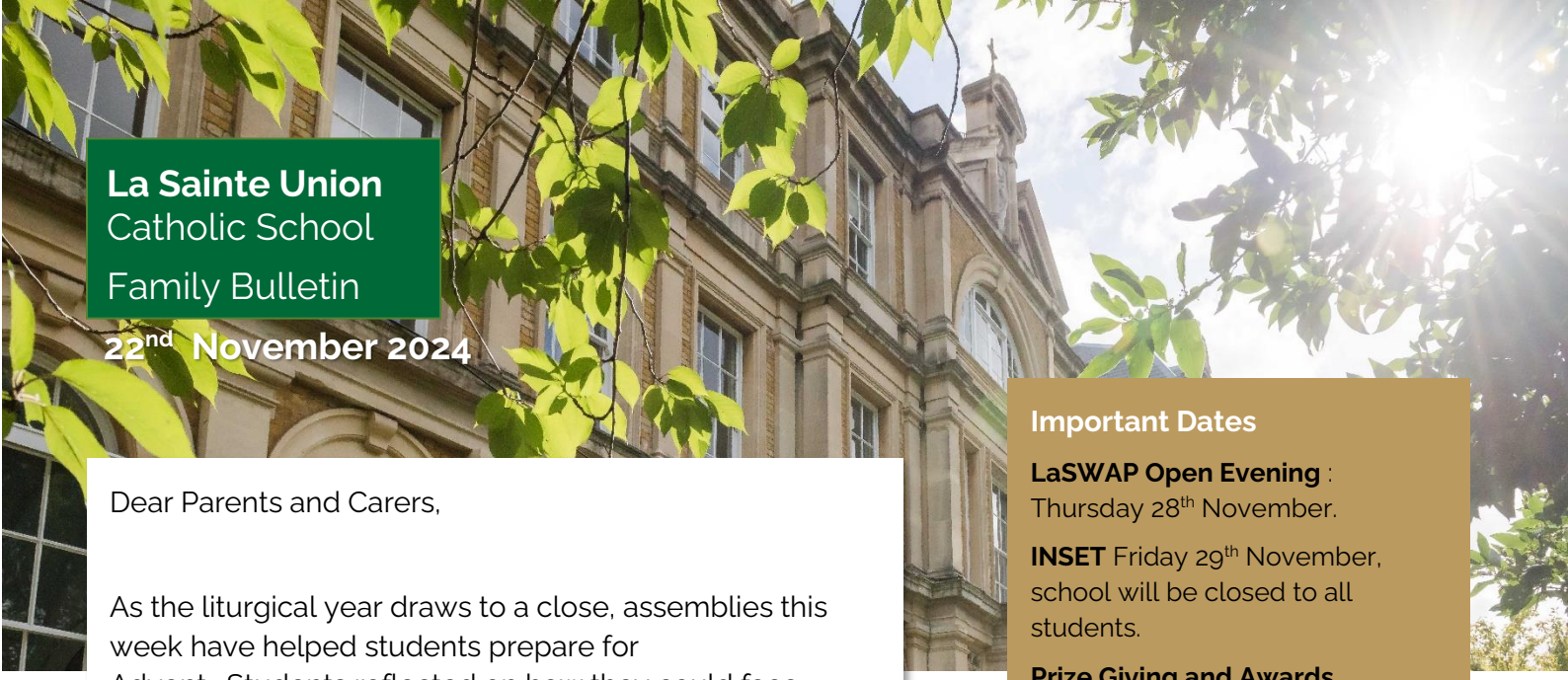

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Family Bulletin

22nd November 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the liturgical year draws to a close, assemblies this week have helped students prepare for Advent. Students reflected on how they could face challenges with willingness and humility. This week our reflection was accompanied by a wonderful musical arrangement led by a Sixth-Form quartet.

Thank you to our fabulous singers!

Best wishes,

Mrs Fegan

Headteacher

Important Dates

LaSWAP Open Evening : Thursday 28th November.

INSET Friday 29th November, school will be closed to all students.

Prize Giving and Awards Ceremony: Tuesday 17th December at 2pm – (by invitation)

Carol Service: Tuesday 17th December at 5pm

School Christmas lunch for all students: Wed 18th December

Last Day of Term – Early closure: Friday 20th December

PHSE Topics

Year 7 - Identifying and challenging bullying

Year 8 - Knowing your rights (UDHR)

Year 9 - Careers 2

Year 10 - Abusive relationships

Year 11 - Exploring identities deeper (identity and mental health)

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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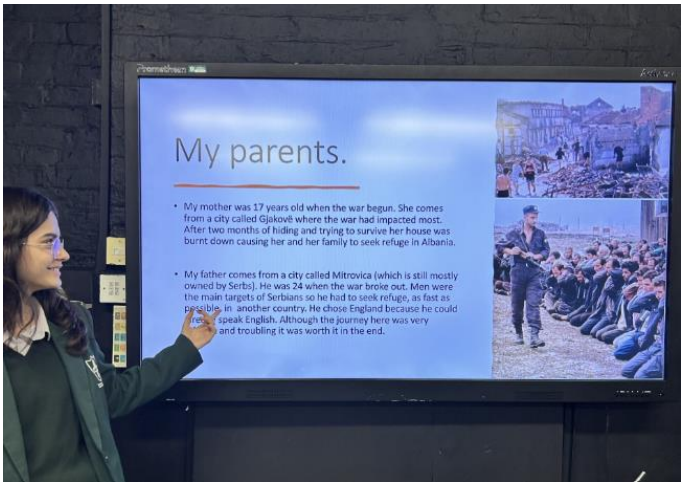
English News

Students in Year 8 Drama are currently studying the play 'Hanna and Hannah', which follows the story of two girls - one who is a refugee from Kosovo and the other from Margate. The play centres around their differences and similarities, and deals with issues such as racism, identity and prejudice.

We are very lucky to have our very own Hana from Kosovo in 8Langa! Hana treated the class to a presentation about Kosovo, about the war, the country's history, experiences from her own family during the war and fun facts about Kosovo. Hana taught us about the young country's pledge to embrace all religions, their tributes to the USA for their involvement in ending the war in 1999, and Kosovan celebrities such as Dua Lipa!

A huge thank you to Hana for using her own excellent knowledge and sharing personal experiences to teach us about Kosovo and the context of the play!



Second hand Uniform

Mrs Di Zazzo has a stock of second hand uniform that is availaible to any families in need, please contact general@lsu.camden.sch.uk .
We always welcome donations of uniform items that your child has grown out of including green coats – please drop these at reception.

Jack Petchey Awards

Some of our Jack Petchey Award winners attended the yearly awards ceremony, including Ms Langa who was nominated by students for the Leader Award. Congratulations to all our winners.

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Holocaust Memorial

On Tuesday, Year 9 and Year 10 students were able to take part in a new workshop led by the Holocaust Memorial Trust. *Testimony 360* is an interactive workshop that reflects on the horrors of the Shoah through the story of Manfred Goldberg, a survivor who settled in London. As the number survivors of the Holocaust decreases, the *Testimony 360* project collects their stories and through technology can preserve their witness. Students were able to ask questions directly to Manfred and through voice-recognition AI; he can respond to them. Students were also able to use Virtual reality to see the key locations in Manfred's life: His hometown of Kassel, Germany; The Riga Ghetto in Latvia; and the concentration-camp of Stutthof in Poland.

Faye (9McGuire) said that "Hearing the man's voice and seeing the places made it seem more real. It's shocking that this happened".

We value your feedback!

At La Sainte Union, we strive to create a nurturing and inspiring environment for our students. Your support and involvement play a crucial role in our continuous growth and success. We would love to include testimonials from our parent community on our new-look website.

Positive feedback from you not only encourages our dedicated staff but also helps prospective families understand the unique qualities that make our school special. If you have had a positive experience, witnessed a moment of growth, or simply appreciate the efforts of our team, we kindly ask you to share your thoughts.

Your testimonials will be featured on our website's testimonials page, providing valuable insights for others and showcasing the strength of our school community. Please send your feedback to me on the email below.

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Thank you for being an integral part of our school community. I look forward to hearing from you!
Best wishes,
Yana Markey
Marketing Officer
ymarkey@lsu.camden.sch.uk

Saturday Study Centre

Every Saturday you can:

- Come and have some breakfast between 9am – 9:30am
- Have a homework / revision session with a teacher.
- Take part in trampolining with an instructor (trampolining will be taking place on 23rd & 30th November, 7th & 14th December with 2 Sessions - 10am – 11am or 11am – 12pm)
- This offer is limited and only for registered Saturday study centre students.

Opportunity Centre SATURDAY STUDY 9am – 1:30pm

When the pressure is on to get results, give yourself some serious revision time – with some fun thrown in. With so many distractions and pressures on students, it is often difficult to find the time and the space for revision, coursework and/or homework.
The Opportunity Centre is available to all students from year 7 to 13 for supervised study every Saturday during term time. There is access to IT, study guides, textbooks and support in a warm, safe and friendly environment.
Free Breakfast is provided 9am -9:30am.
Click on link or scan QR code to register:-
https://forms.office.com/e/0SmQNUGpWu?origin=lprLink

Anti-Bullying Week!

Last week La Sainte Union Catholic Secondary School celebrated and raised awareness for Anti-Bullying Week. The Anti-HBT Bullying Committee planned some fantastic activities, and it was lovely to see all year groups supporting one another throughout the week.

We made bracelets for the person sitting next to us at lunchtime and breaktime while asking one another ice breakers to make new friends, considered the importance of Respect in form time and presentations, watched and discussed 'Luca' and how it relates to anti-bullying, and wore odd socks on Friday to celebrate our uniqueness!

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Thank you so much to the Peer Mentors for their fantastic posters about celebrities who have experienced bullying, the Rising Stars who supported the film screening, Anti-HBT Bullying Committee for supporting with bracelet making and thinking of such fantastic ideas, and Ms K, Ms Nelken and Olivia for supporting the activities throughout the week!

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La SWAP -
SIXTH FORM CONSORTIUM
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T LEVEL INFORMATION EVENING

LaSWAP
THE SIXTH FORM OF CHOICE

05 DECEMBER 2024 | 6:00 PM

REGISTER TO ATTEND NOW!
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Or scan QR code above

T Levels are a brand new qualification designed to give you a head-start towards the future you want, by bringing classroom and work placements together on a course designed in collaboration with the best employers and businesses.

We warmly invite you to attend our T LEVEL INFORMATION EVENING to find out more .

Guest Speakers

Keynote speakers will be talking about the importance of education and industry working together, and alternative routes into the career of your dreams.

Sixth Form Opportunities

A diverse range of other courses and options are available, plus excellent opportunities for extra-curricular and enrichment activities.

https://www.laswap.camden.sch.uk/T-Levels/

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Community News

Apply to be a part of the Camden Youth Dance Festival 2025

Camden Youth Dance Festival is an annual celebration of dance by young people across Camden. It's a fantastic chance for young people from schools and community groups across the borough to showcase their talent on a professional stage at renowned contemporary dance venue, The Place, in King's Cross. Apply by 13 December.

The festival will be taking place on Friday 28 February 2025 at The Place, 17 Duke's Road, London WC1H 9PY. Dancers must be aged between 11 and 18 years. Pieces can be up to 7 minutes long, with no more than 25 dancers per group.

Performing for an audience of family and friends on a professional stage is a highlight in the calendar for the participating groups – and it's a wonderful opportunity for young people to share the passion and enthusiasm that they have gained through participating in dance. This event is generously supported by the Jackie Charlton Fund via Camden Sports Council. One group will also be chosen to perform at the annual Camden Council Celebration Award event in July. So, if you're interested, **apply here**. **Applications close on Friday 13 December at 6pm**. For more information, please email maria.ryan@theplace.org.uk and emma.tweedie@theplace.org.uk.

SEND Local Offer Live Launch event – 25 November

Contact: Louise.Brown2@camden.gov.uk

Parents and carers whose children have special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and young people with SEND, up to age 25, are invited to join the launch of the refreshed SEND Local Offer website. The event at the Crowndale Centre, 218 Eversholt Street, NW1 1BD, from **10am to 1pm on Monday 25 November**, will be a chance for families to meet the services in Camden which support children and families with SEND. Parents, carers and young people will also able to find out about local community activities for children and young people with SEND, as well as trying out the new SEND Local Offer website.

There will be a play corner for under 5s and free refreshments, including coffee from Honest Grind. Families can drop in anytime between 10am and 1pm on 25 November. Please see our poster / flyer attached. In the meantime, you can visit the SEND Local Offer website at families.camden.gov.uk/send-local-offer/

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CAMDEN
Special Parents Forum

Introduction to SEND workshop

For Camden parents & carers of children and young people, up to the age of 25 with additional needs.

When: Tuesday 26th November, 10:30am – 2pm
Where: Greenwood Centre, 37 Greenwood Place, NW5 1LB

We will cover.....

- Definitions used within special educational needs and disability.
-Education processes for children or young people with SEND.
-Educational legislation and resources.
-Where to seek further advice and guidance.

This very informative session will be delivered by Julie Bidgway who is the manager for Camden **SENDIASS** (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Information Advice and Support Service).

Refreshments will be provided.

To book onto this session please contact:
Aisha on 07385 003 662 **or email** Aishatu.mohammed@kids.org.uk
OR Natasha on 07711 767 258 **or email** Natasha.burgess@kids.org.uk

https://www.facebook.com/CamdenSpecialParentsForum
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