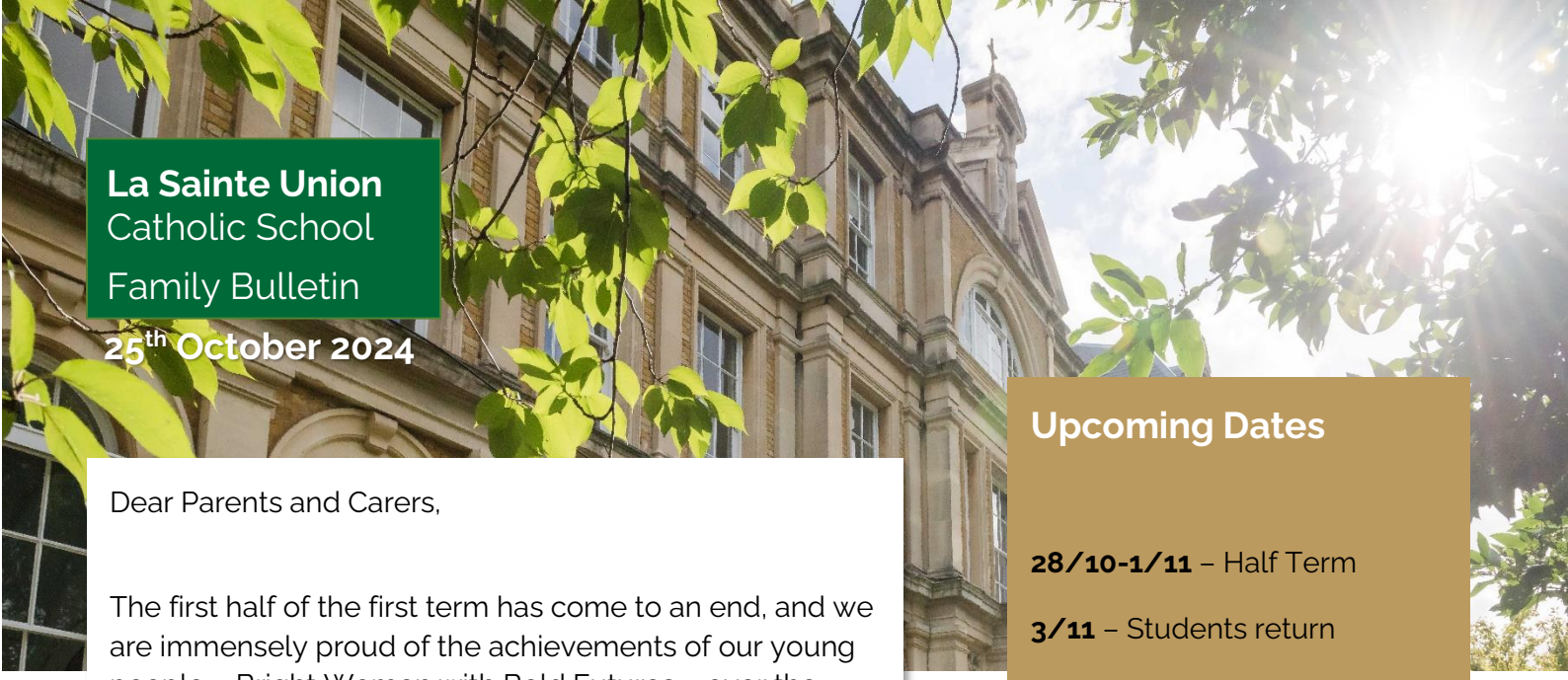

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Family Bulletin

25th October 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

The first half of the first term has come to an end, and we are immensely proud of the achievements of our young people – Bright Women with Bold Futures – over the past 7 weeks.

Year 13 students completed their mock exams this week, and Year 11 students are fully focused as they are getting ready for their mock exams which begin on 13th November. Year 7 completed their induction with a fabulous concert last night, supported by the GCSE music groups and the choirs. Parents saw and commented on the great sense of community and sisterhood amongst our girls.

Congratulations to our October pupil of the month winners – names are shared in today's family bulletin, and congratulations to the winning forms for this half term – they are enjoying a well deserved treat today in the form of a non uniform day.

We break up for half term now and return to school on Monday 4th November 2024 at the normal time. The school is open during half term for the Opportunity Centre activities which are now fully booked. Clocks change this weekend, so we trust that the break will give sufficient time for your daughters to adjust.

Best wishes,

Mrs Fegan

Headteacher

Upcoming Dates

28/10-1/11 – Half Term

3/11 – Students return

15/11- Y11 Mocks start

PHSE Topics

Year 7/8/9/10/11: Black History Month

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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Sixth Form References

All Year 11 references for post 16 pathways are centrally administered and strictly follow the admissions code. Reference requests need to go to idelgado@lsu.camden.sch.uk. We always use the latest set of data (current grades and predicted grades). Individual staff members are not able to provide additional references.

Subject Pupils of the Month

Business Studies
Elaine B Y10
Isabella R Y11

H&SC
Saiyara A Y10
Precious C Y11

Geography
Hollie O Y7
Maja R Y8
Ewoma E Y9
Lynn O Y10
Maria D Y11

History
Khloe K Y7
Francesca S Y8
Roselyn L Y9
Naomi V Y10
Anastasia C Y11

Drama
Francesca A Y7
Hana P Y8
Mairead G Y9
Grace S Y10
Phoebe O Y11

English
Jorja O Y7
Abigail S Y8
Tanisha K Y9
Gabia B Y10
Victoria B Y11

MFL
Rose F Y7
Chloe C Y8
Leanne C Y9
Mariana E Y10
Natalia K Y11

Latin
Frankie O Y7
Chimamanda T Y8
Aurelia A Y9

Music
Ambar-Seraiyah C Y7
Sofia D Y8
Estella A Y9
Angelina M Y10
Carly-Rose B Y11

PSHE
Betty-Rose C Y7
Elliana A Y8
Chioma O Y9
Shelly K Y10
Alesha L Y11

RE
Bleu H Y7
Grace S Y9
Elaine B Y10
Larissa K Y11

Art
Nichelle O Y7
Sade A Y8
Jasmine A Y9
Maria A Y10
Anastasia Z Y11

DT
Beau S Y7
Isabelle S Y8
Chloe N Y9
Juniper T Y10
Chloe M Y11

Maths
Emma D Y7
Ceres W Y8

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Karen K Y9
Sarah N Y10
Maria D Y11

Biology
Oliwia J Y10
Ellie N Y11
Chemistry
Lilian S Y11
Computer Science
Kosy E Y7
Nina D Y8
Roselyn L Y9
Lucy P Y10
Julia G Y11
PE
Betty-Rose C Y7
Angelina T Y8
Dayana K Y9
Emma O Y10
Abigail W Y11
Physics
Shelly K Y10
Mistre F Y11
Science
Khloe K Y7
Danilyne M Y8
Mayah M Y9
Elaine B Y10
Phoebe O Y11

English News

On the 16th October, pupils from Year 12 and Year 13 studying English Literature A Level attended a trip to the Lyric Theatre in Hammersmith to watch the play "A Raisin in the Sun." This is the most famous play written by the brilliant Lorraine Hansberry, the first African-American female author to have a play performed on Broadway, and the inspiration behind Nina Simone's song "To Be Young, Gifted and Black" (whose title-line came from Hansberry's autobiographical play).
As part of their English Literature A Level course at La Sainte Union, pupils write their long coursework comparing two post-colonial texts, one of which is Hansberry's later play "Les Blancs." It was therefore very interesting for pupils to watch another work by the same author, to understand common themes and concerns throughout her work. The performance was brilliantly staged and we were very impressed with the cast's talent. It is a poignant text that is as moving and thought-provoking today as it was in 1959, when it was first staged. We were delighted to be able to attend this performance, as unfortunately Hansberry's work is not often staged in the UK!

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Author Visit!

It was lovely to have Patrice Lawrence, author of Orangeboy, Needle and many others visit La Sainte Union and discuss what inspired her writing and how she reclaimed old stories to represent our multicultural society. Patrice talked about her experiences - good and bad - and how she used these to make stories.

Drama News

Drama students in Years 10 and 12 went to see 'Roots' by Arnold Wesker this week at the Almedia Theatre. The play follows a young woman who returns to her rural home in Norfolk following time away in London, who comes back inflamed by politics, frustrated by her families lack of acceptance of her new ideas and standpoints. The play was put on as part of the Almedia's 'Young and Angry' season, aimed to reform traditional plays for new audiences. The students enjoyed the staging and the individual performances that brought the story to life. They left feeling inspired as they themselves are about to start their own devising modules in class!

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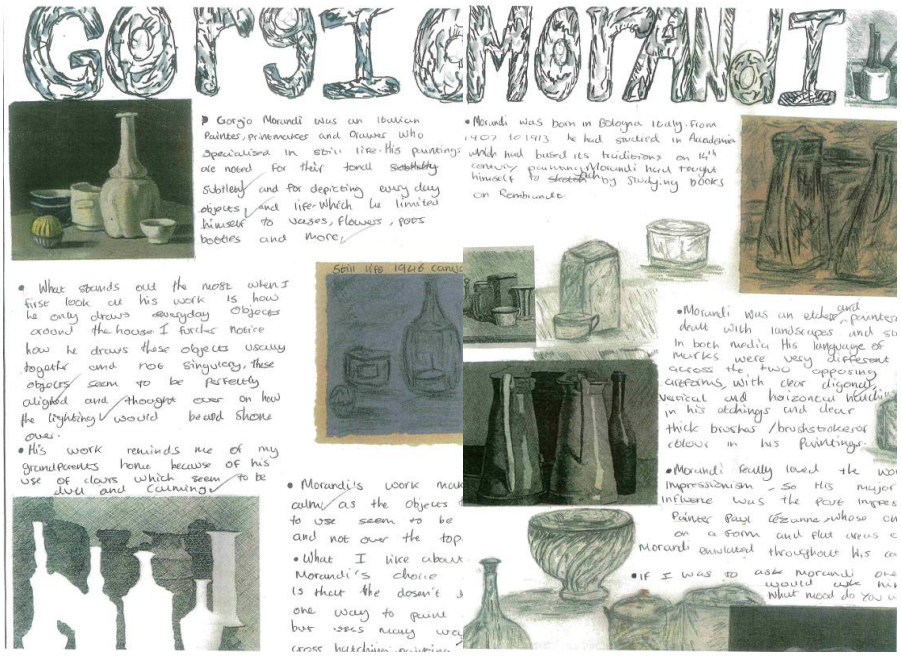
Art News – Year 12 Work



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Drama News

Drama students in years 12 and 13 were given the brilliant opportunity to see 'Fear of 13', starring Oscar winner Adrian Brody, as part of our school's partnership with the Donmar Warehouse. The play follows the true story of Nick Yarris, an American man wrongfully convicted of murder and placed on death row for 22 years until he was acquitted following countless appeals. His amazing story (including his two month escape from prison!) was brought to life using an ensemble cast of 7, multi-rolling as prisoners, guards and solicitors. The stage, the same size as a death row cell, was an intimate space which perfectly captured his story through superb storytelling, performances and acapella singing. Y12 student Suzy said of the performance:

'I found the play gave an incredibly intimate insight into prison life and the experiences of a prisoner on death row. It was particularly interesting to view the story from the intensely personal perspective of a wrongly convicted prisoner himself. The actors' performances were emotionally captivating and truly brought Yarris's story to life.'

We are looking forward to seeing more innovative, high quality work at the Donmar for their next theatrical season!

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Year 11 Mock Timetable

	Wednesday 13th November	Thursday 14th November	Friday 15th November
9.00	**Art**	**Art**	**Science** **F** 1hr15 **H** 1hr 45
11.15	**Art**	**Art**	**French Reading** **Spanish Reading** **F** 45mins **H** 1hour
13.15	**Art**	**Art**	**English Language** 2 hrs 5 mins

Monday 18th November	Tuesday 19th November	Wednesday 20th November	Thursday 21st November	Friday 22nd November
Maths 1hr30	**English Literature** 1hr 45min	**History** 1hr 50m	**Maths** 1hr 30	**Science** **F** 1hr15 **H** 1hr 45
Drama 1hr45 **Music** 1hr30 **DT** 1hr45 **PE** 2hrs	**Science** **F** 1hr15 **H** 1hr 45	**Business** 2hrs **Comp Sci** 1hr30 **Geography** 1hr30	**R.E** 1 hr 45 min	**French Writing** **Spanish Writing** **F** 1hr 5 mins **H** 1hr 20min

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