La Sainte Union Catholic School

Family Bulletin

26th November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

In this edition of the family bulletin, you will find important information about the student Christmas lunch- if your child wishes to partake, you need to pay via ParentPay. Harrison's have also shared details of their festive specials and loyalty card.

We will be taking part in Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day on Thursday 11th December! Those parryicipating can wear a Christmas jumper instead of their school jumper and blazer, to support this fantastic cause please donate here: La Sainte Union School - Christmas Jumper Day is raising money for Save The Children!

We are looking forward to welcoming our Year 11 students and parents at the LaSWAP open event this evening. Reminder that Friday 28th November is an INSET day and school will be closed to students. We look forward to welcoming students back at the normal time on Monday.

Best wishes,

Miss Ridge

Bright Women with Bold Futures.

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Did you know that we regularly post news and updates on our social media channels? Follow us to find out more.
Facebook.com/LaSainteUnion

Important Dates

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 - Knowing your rights (UDHR)

Year 9 - Careers 2

Year 10 - Careers 1

Year 11 - Identities 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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Christmas Jumper Day

La Sainte Union School - Christmas Jumper Day is raising money for Save The Children!
We're taking part in Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day on Thursday 11th December! By pulling on our Christmassy knits and donating, we'll be supporting children in the UK and around the world to keep safe, healthy, and learning. We'll be helping them fight for the future they deserve. Just click the link above to donate £2 (or more if you're feeling generous) and it will go straight to Save the Children. The money we raise could go towards some amazing things like:

£2 could buy a packet of seeds for a family in Kenya to grow their own food, after drought has killed their crops.

£8 could buy a blanket to keep a child in Ukraine warm through winter.

£15 could pay for two weeks of super-powered peanut paste to help a child beat hunger.

£20 could buy enough supermarket vouchers for two children in the UK.

£40 could provide a family in Gaza with a Baby Kit to give them the items they need to provide basic care to their infant.

Student Christmas Lunch

The student Christmas lunch will be served on Wednesday 17*th* December.
For any students wishing to partake, parents must log in to Parentpay and pay for this separately at a cost of £2.88 (not as a top up of funds). This must be done for each child in school, you will find the payment option in the **'pay for other items'** button.

If your child receives free school meals, they will automatically be added to the list and Christmas lunch will be provided with no need to pay.

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Please note that there will be no other options available on this day, so you must pay via ParentPay by Midday on Friday 5th December. If you have any difficulties please email general@lsu.camden.sch.uk

Christmas Card Competition

Be Kind
This Christmas

Camden Schools Christmas Card Competition.

Pupils are invited to create a festive picture, which could be a scene in Camden showing the borough's community spirit, at what can be a challenging time for some. The overall theme is:

'Kindness to others at Christmas in Camden'

- The winning pupil will receive a **£50 voucher,** and their picture will be used as the official Christmas card for the Leader of Camden Council, Councillor Richard Olszewski.
- Two runners-up will have their card designs used by Camden Learning's Chief Executive, Stephen Hall, and the Council's Executive Director for Children and Learning, Tim Aldridge. They will also receive **voucher prizes of £20**
- **BRING YOUR DESIGNS TO MRS BROOKER IN EG10 BY MONDAY DECEMBER 1ST!**

Festive Offer - Harrisons

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Come and join in the festivities this December with a delicious selection of homemade festive treats. Buy 9 festive treats and receive the 10th free!! Pick up your loyalty card from the till point. This offer is available within the FSM allowance.

Chaiplaincy Corner

Christ the King

On Sunday the Church celebrated **Christ the King.** As the final Sunday of the liturgical year, this feast invites us to pause and consider a central question of Christian life: Who – or what – truly rules our hearts?

In the Gospel (Luke 23:35–43), Jesus is shown as a very different kind of king. He does not reign from a throne, surrounded by wealth or armies, but from the cross. While the crowds mock Him, one of the

criminals crucified beside Him recognises who Jesus truly is and asks, *"Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."* Jesus responds with mercy, revealing that His kingship is one of love, forgiveness, and sacrifice.

This feast allows us to reflect on what "rules" our hearts – whether it is popularity, pressure, fear, success, money or the expectations of others. We are challenged to consider whether these influences lead us closer to God or further away. When Christ rules our hearts, He frees us rather than controls us, and helps us grow in compassion, courage, and integrity. Christ's kingdom is built when we choose kindness, support one another, forgive freely, and work together for the good of all. Before we enter the Holy Season of Advent let us ask the question: *What rules our hearts – and how can we make room for Christ, the true King?*

News from Careers

JOB OF THE WEEK

This week's job of the week is **THEME PARK ENGINEER** – click on the image to learn more in minutes!

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

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Parents, carers, family, friends and connections – WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Work experience is a vital part of a young person's development, helping them improve skills, understand the workplace, and stand out from the crowd when applying to university or an apprenticeship.

In these days of hybrid and flexible working, in-person work placements are increasingly challenging to source, so we need the support of the whole LSU community to provide students with the placements they need. All you need is Employer Liability Insurance!

CAN YOU OFFER A WORK EXPERIENCE PLACEMENT? Sign up here.

Year 10: 16th-20th March 2026

Year 12: 6th – 10th July 2026

Questions about Year 10 or 12 work experience? Please contact Ms Ali on wex@lsu.camden.sch.uk.

We also need one-day-per-week Year 13 placements in healthcare or digital settings for our fabulous T Levels, from September 2026. Please contact Mr Templeman, Subject Lead Health and Social Care (ntempleman@lsu.camden.sch.uk) for healthcare placements or Ms Defoe, Subject Lead Computer Science (adefoe@lsu.camden.sch.uk) if you can help.

Parent Power

Although there is no substitute for in-person work experience, virtual work experience, or 'VWEX' is a valuable addition. We recommend Springpod and Futures for All.

TOP TIPS THIS WEEK	
Year 9	Talk to students about the Providers Fair on Tuesday 25th – what did they learn?
Year 10	Encourage students to reach out to their network and local businesses for work experience using this guide.
Year 11	Sign up for open evenings. Explore Camden Learning. Talk to students about the Providers Fair on Tuesday 25th – what did they learn?
Year 12	Encourage students to check Teams and sign up for development opportunities.
Year 13	Support students who are writing their personal statements. Assess options on Discover Uni.

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

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS THIS WEEK

CLICK ON LINKS TO FIND OUT MORE!	
14 years +	**Jewellery** Making with Creative Dimension (for creatives but also for those wishing to develop manual dexterity for surgery).
Years 10-13	National NHS Virtual Work Experience Programme - Medicine
Years 10-13	National NHS Virtual Work Experience Programme - Dentistry
Years 10-13	**Tech** Mentor Hackathon
Year 12 only	**Discover** Tech Work Experience
Years 12-13	Early Careers with the UK Government Economic Service and Government Social Research
Years 12-13	'Launch into Law' – learn about White & Case's Solicitor Apprenticeship programme!
16-19 years only	Special Effects Makeup for Film & TV with Creative Dimension
Year 13 +	**The Financial Conduct Authority Apprenticeship Insight Days. Apprenticeships on offer include: Accountancy, HR, Paralegal, Digital Marketing, Project Management, Data Analytics and more!**
16-18 + adults	Build Your Future Career in Life Sciences

LABOUR MARKET INSIGHT

Is this job vulnerable to AI? Click here to read more and see whether you agree!

Archivists, conservators and curators

Weekly Pay	Annual Pay
£660	£34,320
Hours/Week	**Hourly Pay**
44h	£15

Workforce Change (projected)

Growth
12.2%

The workforce is projected to grow by 12.2% over the period to 2035, creating **2,000** jobs.

You might find this job in
Libraries, etc
Legal & accounting
Education

More info | Clear card

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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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