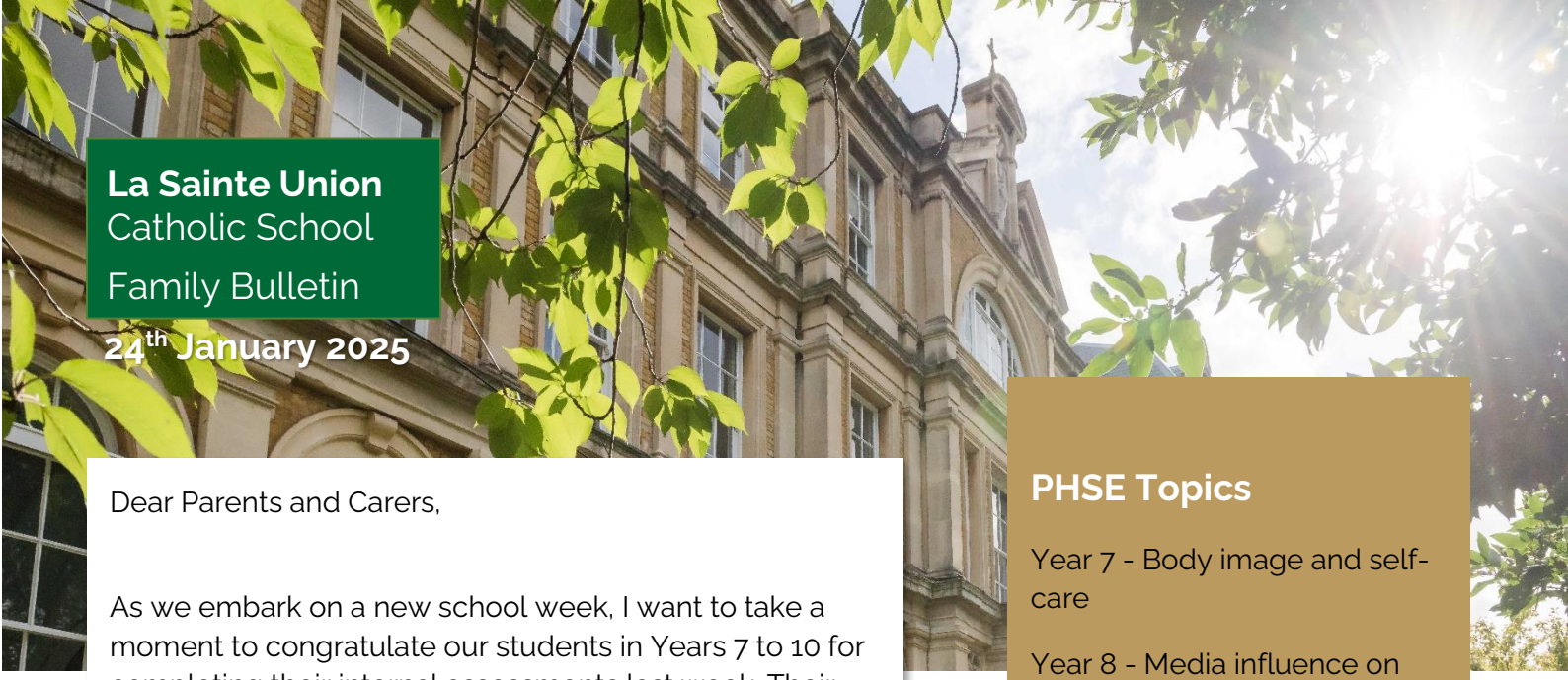

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Family Bulletin

24th January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we embark on a new school week, I want to take a moment to congratulate our students in Years 7 to 10 for completing their internal assessments last week. Their hard work and commitment have been impressive, and I'm sure they are looking forward to receiving feedback on their progress.

For our Year 11 students, the next two weeks mark an important milestone as they prepare to submit their Sixth Form applications for LaSWAP. We encourage them to make the most of the support available to them and take the time to consider their next steps carefully.

A quick reminder for all families: our Breakfast Club is open every weekday morning from 8am, offering a welcoming start to the day for students.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us nurture and guide our young people.

Best wishes,

Mrs Fegan

Headteacher

PHSE Topics

Year 7 - Body image and self-care

Year 8 - Media influence on body image

Year 9 - Camden are coming in to present to students on crime and risks (Camden Choices Programme)

Year 10 - Careers

Year 11 - Pornography

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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Year 10 Exploring Economics with Imperial College London

On Wednesday, 15th January 2025, our Year 10 Business students had the privilege of hosting two exceptional students from Imperial College London, one of the UK's leading universities. They delivered a captivating talk, offering a glimpse into the dynamic and ever-relevant field of economics.

The session was packed with insights, as our guests explained how economics shapes both local and global economies. They shared their own experiences and shed light on how studying economics can open doors to exciting and varied career opportunities. From finance and government policy to consulting and international development, the possibilities are truly endless for economics graduates.

One of the most engaging parts of the talk was the discussion about the importance of work experience and internships. The Imperial students emphasized how these opportunities not only strengthen career prospects but also provide valuable, hands-on learning experiences that prepare students for the professional world.

"It was really inspiring to see how broad the opportunities are for economics graduates," said one Year 10 student. "I hadn't realized how many different careers you could go into!"

Our visitors also spoke about their own journeys into economics and provided practical advice on how to stand out in a competitive job market. "We want to encourage students to think about how the skills they develop now—like problem-solving, teamwork, and critical thinking—can have a big impact on their future careers," said one of the Imperial College guests.

The Year 10 class was particularly intrigued to hear about the different pathways into economics, including the variety of degrees available and the critical skills employers value in this field. "Hearing from people who are already studying at university was really helpful," another student remarked. "It made me think about what I might want to do after school."

This inspiring visit offered a blend of academic knowledge and practical guidance, leaving our students motivated and better informed about the potential futures awaiting them in economics. A huge thank you to our brilliant Imperial College visitors for sharing their time and expertise with us!

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Brilliant Club: Inspiring Minds Across the Ages

The Brilliant Club is in full swing, and our students are already making fantastic progress! After completing their online launch, they've had their first exciting meetings with their PhD tutors, diving into fascinating topics that challenge and inspire.

Our Year 12 students are exploring an Arts and Humanities topic titled *"Magic, Medicine, and Religion: Healing the Human Body in Late Medieval England"* with their tutor, Megan Hobson. This intriguing subject takes a deep dive into the beliefs, practices, and remedies of a bygone era, encouraging students to think critically about how history shapes our understanding of health and healing. Their final assignment, which promises to showcase their impressive insights, is due on 20th March.

Meanwhile, our Year 9 and 10 students are embarking on an equally captivating journey into the world of social sciences with Francesca Billeri. Their topic, *"The Sounds of the World and the World of Sounds,"* explores how sound shapes human experiences and societies. From music and language to the everyday hum of life, students are learning to analyse the profound impact of sound on culture and communication. Their final assignment is also due on 20th March.

This enriching programme not only deepens students' understanding of these unique subjects but also equips them with valuable academic skills, such as critical thinking, independent research, and effective writing.

A huge well done to all our Brilliant Club participants—we can't wait to see the results of your hard work!

A Premier Experience for Our GCSE PE Footballers

On Tuesday, ten of our GCSE PE students specialising in football as part of their chosen sports had the opportunity to train at the Arsenal Hub. The two-hour session, designed to help them prepare for their practical exams, was nothing short of exceptional.
The students impressed the professional coaches with their outstanding effort, focus, and potential throughout the session. "Their attitude and performance were a credit to their school," remarked one of the Arsenal coaches, who couldn't praise their dedication enough.
After the intense training session, the group was surprised with a behind-the-scenes tour of the iconic Emirates Stadium. They explored the players' tunnel, sat in the manager's dugout, and even got a glimpse inside the luxurious home changing rooms. "Walking out of the tunnel onto the pitch was surreal—it's something I'll never forget," said one Year 11 student.

Another student reflected on the day, saying, "Being coached by professionals and then getting to see where some of the best players in the world prepare and play was so inspiring. It's definitely motivated me to give my all in my practical exams."
To cap off the day, the students were thrilled to hear that they've been invited back for another visit before their exams—a well-deserved reward for their hard work and enthusiasm.
A huge congratulations to all the students involved for representing our school so brilliantly and making the most of this amazing experience. Well done, team!

Community News

Passing the Baton: From Simple Sticks to Spectacular Ideas
Saturday 15th - Tuesday 18 Feb 2025
for 7–12year olds and their families
Four workshops, one theme: come to one, or all four sessions!
Daily 10am - 4pm in timed slots
Booking link: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/half-term-workshops-camden-schools-art-biennale-tickets-1216521230749?aff=oddtdtcreator
Where: Meet at the Crossing, Central Saint Martins, Granary Square, Kings Cross
Free, booking essential. Children to be accompanied at all times
Information
Simple materials - such as the humble stick - can spark incredible creativity. Inspired by techniques taught at Central Saint Martins, this series of workshops will explore how simple materials, like sticks, can be transformed through imaginative making.
Each session, led by tutors from CSM, offers hands-on experience including: fashion, textiles, drawing and 3D design / architecture and digital media. Along the way, young people will gain a glimpse of what happens at Art School and why it might be an exciting path for their future.
So, come along this half term, explore, experiment and see how big ideas can grow from something as small and simple as a stick!

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CREATIVE HEALTH CAMDEN

Youth Hub Jan '25

A relaxed wellbeing space for 12 -18 year olds, open Fridays, with art, books, and board games. A place to hang out with friends in the gap between school and weekend. Refreshments provided. We have art materials available to make your own artworks, space to catch up on homework, and a badge making machine! Creative sessions this month: (workshops may be subject to last minute changes).

17th Jan		Oil painting explore traditional techniques on canvas
24th Jan		Printmaking effective press free printmaking techniques
31st Jan		Artist sketchbook making techniques handmade bookmaking and card making

Text or email in advance to register, then visit us whenever you like. Find us in the Gym, ground floor, Kentish Town Health Centre, Bartholomew Road, NW5 2BX li@creativehealthcamden.com / 07523 533490

Opening times: 4pm - 5.30pm (doors open at 3.30pm)

www.creativehealthcamden.com

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