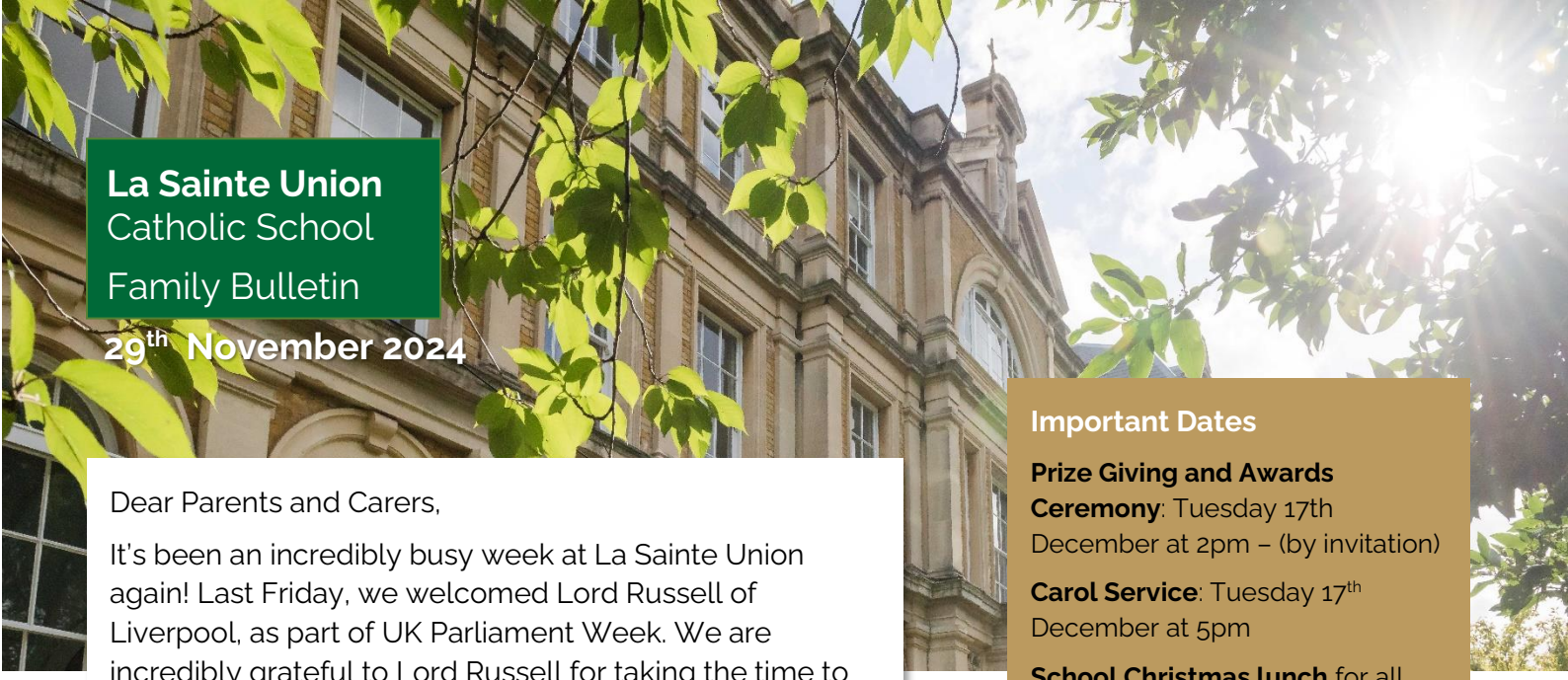

La Sainte Union Catholic School

Family Bulletin

29th November 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been an incredibly busy week at La Sainte Union again! Last Friday, we welcomed Lord Russell of Liverpool, as part of UK Parliament Week. We are incredibly grateful to Lord Russell for taking the time to visit our school. His visit has undoubtedly inspired our students and provided them with a valuable perspective on the workings of our government. This experience has enriched their understanding of politics and civic responsibility. You can read all about it in this issue of the Family Bulletin.

Advent begins this Sunday, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered during Advent in our school chapel for all students wishing to take up the opportunity to fulfil their religious observance in school.

There will be many ways to celebrate the advent season at La Sainte Union – most importantly, please remember to save the date: Tuesday 17th December at 5pm for our annual Carol Service in the school chapel!

Best wishes,

Mrs Fegan

Headteacher

Important Dates

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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Lord Russell of Liverpool inspires bright starts

On Friday, 22nd November, students had the unique opportunity to engage with Lord Russell of Liverpool as part of the UK Parliament's Learn with the Lords programme. The visit was highly anticipated and did not disappoint, providing students with a deeper understanding of the workings of the House of Lords and its significant role in the UK government.

Lord Russell addressed students from years 9, 10, and 11, offering insights into the legislative process, the importance of holding the government to account, and the various ways the House of Lords contributes to national governance through its committee work. His engaging presentation highlighted the intricacies of law-making and the critical oversight functions performed by the Lords.
In addition to his talk, Lord Russell participated in a 45-minute Q&A session with school council members and A level politics students from years 12 and 13. This interactive session allowed students to ask probing questions and gain firsthand knowledge from a seasoned member of the House of Lords.

The visit left a lasting impression on the students, many of whom expressed their appreciation and deepened interest in politics. Lynn, a year 10 student, shared her thoughts: "I enjoyed the session because it allowed me to get a wider understanding of the different parts of Parliament. Lord Russell told us some interesting facts about the House of Lords and the impact they have on young people's lives. It helped me to learn about politics as a career path and reinforced my belief in the importance of voting."

Kaelyn, also in year 10, remarked, "This visit from Lord Russell furthered my interest in politics and understanding of the House of Lords environment. I really appreciated his insight, his ability to be self-critical, and the way he resonated with the youth. His passion for environmental issues and social and civic duties made me want to find out more about these fields."

Lucy, another year 10 student, found the session enlightening: "I believe that the session was a great opportunity. It developed my understanding of the UK parliament and the inner workings of it. For example, I learnt there are around 800 people in the House of Lords as opposed to 650 people in the House of Commons. Overall, I think that this was a great opportunity and it boosted my interest in politics."

Jayzel, also in year 10, added, "I really enjoyed this experience. It gave an insight into UK politics, especially as a young UK citizen. It matters how we can change our country and make a difference. I learnt how bills turn into acts and how laws are passed, and Lord Russell speaking out for social changes was inspiring. I highly recommend this for other schools."

Lord Russell's visit was a resounding success, leaving students more informed and enthusiastic about their role in the democratic process. The "Learn with the Lords" programme continues to be an invaluable resource for schools, fostering a greater understanding of the UK's political system among young people.

Student Christmas Lunch

The student Christmas lunch will be served on Wednesday 18th December. For any students wishing to partake, parents must log in to Parentpay and pay for this separately at a cost of £2.75 (not as a top up of funds). 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. **Please note that there will be no other options available on this day, so you must pay via ParentPay by Sunday 8th December.** The menu can be seen below.
If you have any difficulties please email general@lsu.camden.sch.uk

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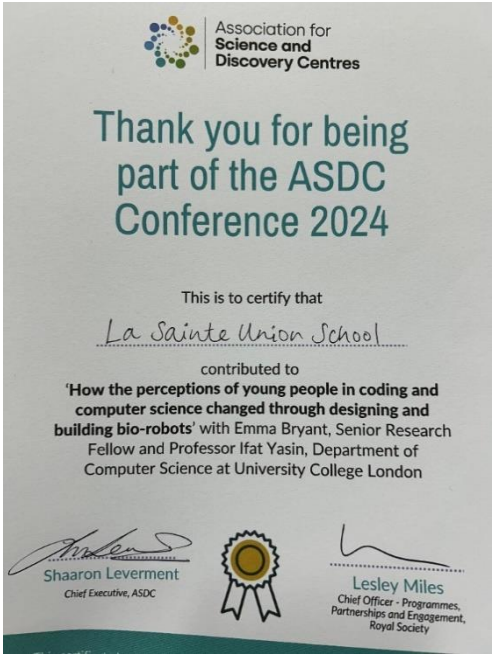
Presenting at the ASDC Conference Tuesday 19th November 2024

Miss Agathangelou and Mr Pasha (science technician) had the privilege of presenting our students bio robotics group work at the Association for Science and Discovery centres in Carlton House. Our year 11 student were unfortunately unable to attend in person, as they were in the middle of their MOCK exams, but they were present remotely: they had recorded a video about the project and their work which was viewed by visitors. Many thanks to Klea, Julia, Rosa, Leilah and Josephine for all their hard work in year 9 and 10, to Ms Defoe for editing the video and Mr Pasha for stepping in at the last moment to help present! There is a display between the 2nd and 3rd floor Hallion building about the project and their work.


Association for Science and Discovery Centres

Thank you for being part of the ASDC Conference 2024

This is to certify that

La Sainte Union School

contributed to

'How the perceptions of young people in coding and computer science changed through designing and building bio-robots' with Emma Bryant, Senior Research Fellow and Professor Ifat Yasin, Department of Computer Science at University College London

Shaaron Leverment
Chief Executive, ASDC

Lesley Miles
Chief Officer - Programmes, Partnerships and Engagement, Royal Society

PSHE News

In November, all Year 9 students had the valuable opportunity to participate in a session conducted by TfL. This collaboration involved the British Transport Police, the Metropolitan Police Service, and the City of London Police, focusing on tackling sexual harassment on public transport in London through Project Guardian. The session, based on genuine materials and actual CCTV footage, provided valuable information to our students. They gained a deeper understanding of the laws safeguarding

victims, learned how to identify inappropriate behaviour, and received practical advice on how to safely and efficiently report any form of abuse. It was an empowering and informative workshop that equipped Year 9 students with vital knowledge to navigate public spaces more confidently.

Meanwhile, Year 10 students engaged in finance workshops delivered by the Personal Finance Society as part of their PSHE curriculum. These workshops, titled *"My Future Finances,"* were designed to introduce students to essential financial concepts, helping them plan for their financial futures. They explored topics such as budgeting, saving, and understanding the basics of financial planning, gaining practical skills that will support them in managing their money effectively as they move into adulthood.

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.

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Community News

Turtle Opera is produced by Turtle Key Arts in collaboration with V&A South Kensington, English Touring Opera and Royal College of Music. Funded by The D'Oyly Carte Charitable Trust.

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