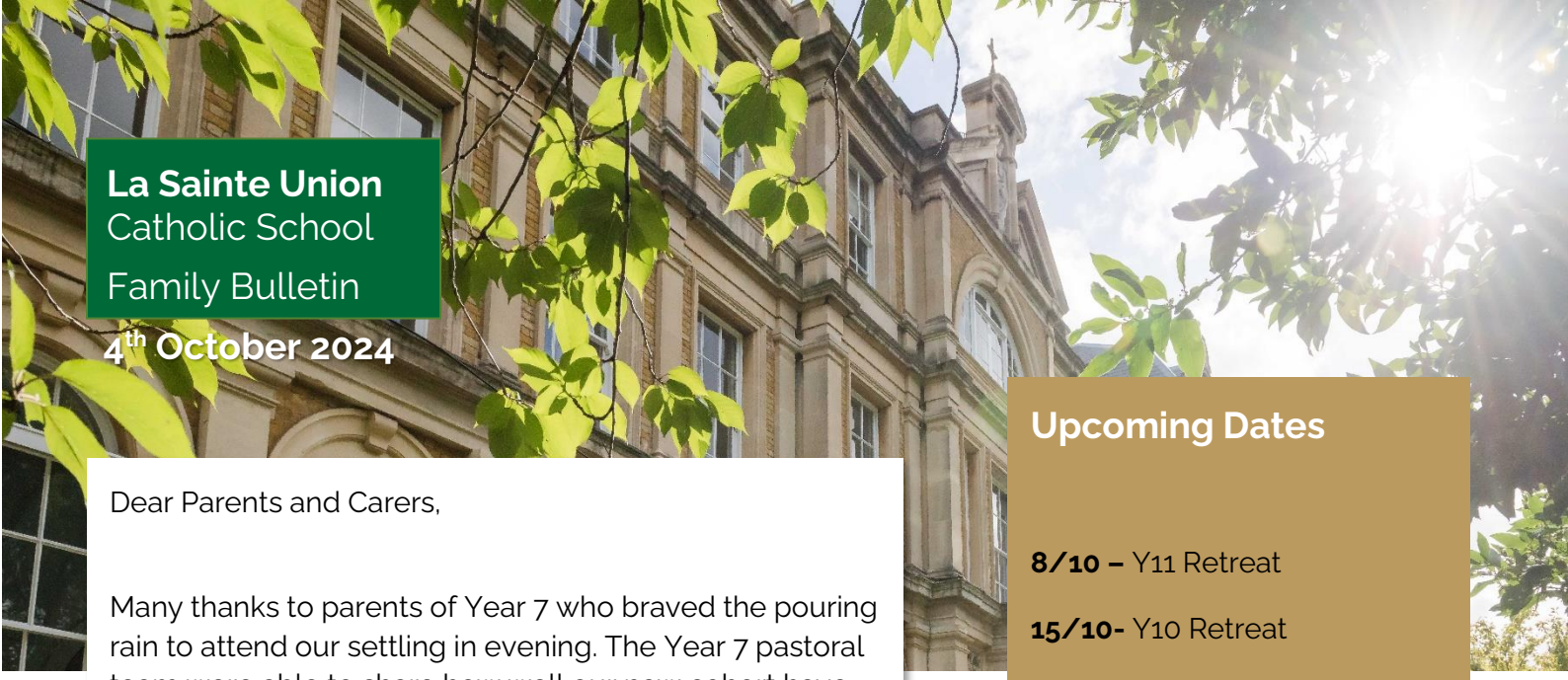

# La Sainte Union Catholic School

## Family Bulletin

**4th October 2024**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Many thanks to parents of Year 7 who braved the pouring rain to attend our settling in evening. The Year 7 pastoral team were able to share how well our new cohort have settled in and give individual feedback to parents on their daughter's progress so far.

1st October saw the launch of Black History Month, which in Camden is known as Black History Season. Our school is committed to being Anti-Racist and issues of equality and equity are at the centre of our work. BHM is an opportunity to more specifically focus on sharing, celebrating and understanding the impact of black heritage and culture. Various activities are taking place in school, and parents and carers may want to read the BHM 2024 magazine : BHM MAGAZINE 2024

If you have a child in Year 5 or Year 6, and did not get a chance to visit us on our recent open evening, you can still book a place using this link:

https://forms.office.com/e/4z0icDzX5T

Open Mornings are on Tuesday 8th October and Thursday 17th October.

Best wishes,

Mrs Fegan

Headteacher

## Upcoming Dates

**8/10 –** Y11 Retreat

**15/10-** Y10 Retreat

**24/10** – Year 7 Concert

**28/10-1/11** – Half Term

## PHSE Topics

**Year 7 - Exploring identities and similarities**

**Year 8 - Healthy relationships**

**Year 9 - Forms of discrimination and allyship**

**Year 10 - Respectful relationships**

**Year 11 - Careers 2**

Contact form for any PSHE related queries: https://forms.office.com/e/GY4SBrwbNW

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# Enrichment @LSU

| Activity | Day/Time | Where | Staff | Brief Description - Who is it for? What will you be doing? |
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| Homework Club | Mon - Thu<br>3.15 – 6.00<br>Fri<br>3.15 – 5.00 | Library/H112 | Mr Sukumaran<br>Ms Barrington Ward | Supervised space where students can come to study after school with access to laptops and printing. |
| KS3 Football Club | Monday<br>KS3 Lunchtime | Copin Hall | Miss McGuire | Football club for KS3 |
| LSU Voices | Monday<br>KS3 Lunchtime | HG26 | Ms Harris | Singing group for KS3 students working on developing harmony and range of voice. Mostly popular repertoire. Performances every half term and some exciting out of school opportunities! |
| Latin Club<br>(Y8 and Y9) | Monday<br>3.20 - 4.00 | | Mrs Jukes | After School Latin for students who wish to continue their Classical Studies. Broaden Latin grammatical knowledge and vocabulary, increase confidence, stimulate intellectual curiosity and independence. |
| Leather Working | Monday<br>3.30 – 5.00 | Science Dept | Ms Patterson | 5-week leather working workshop run by Candice Lau and The Creative Dimension Trust. |
| LaSWAP Vocal Harmony Group | Wednesday<br>KS5 Lunchtime | HG26 | Ms Harris | Singing group for KS5. We work of a range of repertoire from different genres and perform regularly in school and out. There will be exciting opportunities this year to be involved in the Royal Albert Hall Concert on 30th April. |
| KS3 Drama Club | Wednesday<br>3.15 - 4.15 | Drama Studio | Ms Ball | A place to play Drama games, improvise and make friends. |
| Spanish Cinema Club | Wednesday<br>Week A<br>3.15 - 4.00 | E206 | Mr Barreto | Watch movies in Spanish (with English subtitles) while you enjoy some freshly made popcorn! |
| Hero Club | Wednesday<br>Week B<br>3.15 - 4.00 | E206 | Mr Barreto | Raise awareness of human psychological tendencies and predispositions that may inhibit heroic actions or bring out negative qualities.<br>Inspire individuals to live heroic lives by performing meaningful sociocentric acts on both large and small scales.<br>Spur young people to drive a global movement towards heroism.<br>For any students in Y9, 10, or 11. |
| GCSE Vocal Harmony Group | Thursday<br>KS4 Lunchtime | HG26 | Ms Harris | Singing group for all KS4 students, specifically for GCSE Music students. Developing harmonising and complexity of songs with many opportunities to perform in and out of school. This group will also work with the LaSWAP Vocal Harmony group at times. |
| Philosophy Club | Thursday<br>KS3 Lunchtime | | Ms O'Keefe | A fun, relaxed and educational philosophy lesson, led by Miriam Cohen from the Philosophy Foundation. |
| Voces Divinas | Thursday<br>3.15 - 4.00 | | Ms Harris | A vocal group the learns multi-genre faith songs for Mass and other appropriate performance opportunities. |
| Football Club | Thursday<br>3.30 - 4.30 | Copin Hall | Miss McGuire | Girls football club |
| Basketball Club | Friday<br>3.30 - 4.30 | Hallion Gym | Miss Wynter | Basketball Club for all years |

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# Opportunity Centre

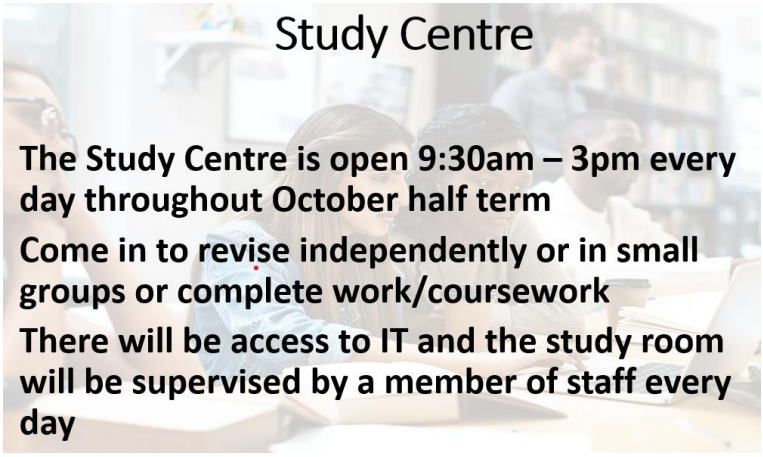
**Half Term**
**Sports & Creative Activities, Revision classes & Study Centre**
We are offering free activities every day during half term.

Morning sessions 10am – 12pm
Afternoon sessions 1pm– 3pm

Places are limited for each session so early sign up is advised. Free Lunch will be provided to any student staying all day.
You will need to wear clothing suitable for the sports activity (not jeans etc) and trainers

**Revision classes 9:30am – 3:30pm throughout October half term**
**Chemistry with Ms French**
Monday 28th October
9:30am – 12:00pm Bonding
1pm – 3:30pm Quantitative Chemistry
Tuesday 29th October
09:30am – 12:00pm Chemical Changes - AQA Chemistry.

**History with Mr O'Gorman**
**Thursday 31st October**
Medicine through time, Germany Depth Study, Elizabethan Age , Super Powers -GCSE Edexcel
9:30 – 12:00 & 1pm – 3:30pm

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Lunch provided free of charge for everyone attending a full day at the Opportunity Centre

You must register for all activities by Friday 18th October using this link:

https://forms.office.com/e/8K9wya2Q9r?origin=lprLink

## Football @ La Sainte Union

Well done to our group of year 9 and 10 students who attended our first football fixtures of the year this Wednesday! It was their first time playing together but they did really well individually and kept good spirits throughout. Thank you to our two year 8 students also who helped out and a special mention to our player of the match Kamila in year 10!

## EAL News

**Young Interpreters Scheme**

The new cohort of Year 12 Young Interpreters has completed their training and is ready to get into action! The award-winning Young Interpreter Scheme®, now in its fourth year at LSU, is a way to value our pupils' multilingualism and support new pupils settle well into the school. The role of a Young Interpreter is to be a peer mentor for younger pupils who are new to

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English, as well as being leaders in the school to celebrate multilingualism. Our Young Interpreters speak a wide range of languages: from Russian to Arabic, through Cantonese, Italian and Portuguese. They will be helping pupils in KS3 and KS4 to develop their English language and academic skills, through 1:1 support and small group teaching. We are proud of the generosity and community spirit shown by our pupils!

## Sixth Form News

The Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) is a  qualification which students in the Sixth Form can study towards alongside their 3 A levels. It supports the transition to university as it provides students with the skills of:

- project management
- organisation and time management
- essay writing
- independent research
- utilising resources
- presentation and public speaking

Students have the freedom to choose which topic they want to focus on, though, it's highly recommended the topic be relevant to the degree course or career path they wish to pursue.

The first steps on the EPQ are to learn about research skills. To support this, on Tuesday 1st October, all Year 12 pupils enrolled on the Extended Project Qualification course attended a trip to the London School of Economics (LSE). They took part in a workshop run by the LSE Learning and Engagement Officer and saw the university library.
Students said: “I learned how to cite sources properly, how to find academic papers more effectively on Google Scholar, and how to make project titles specific enough;” “I now understand what counts as plagiarism and the importance of narrowing down topics.”