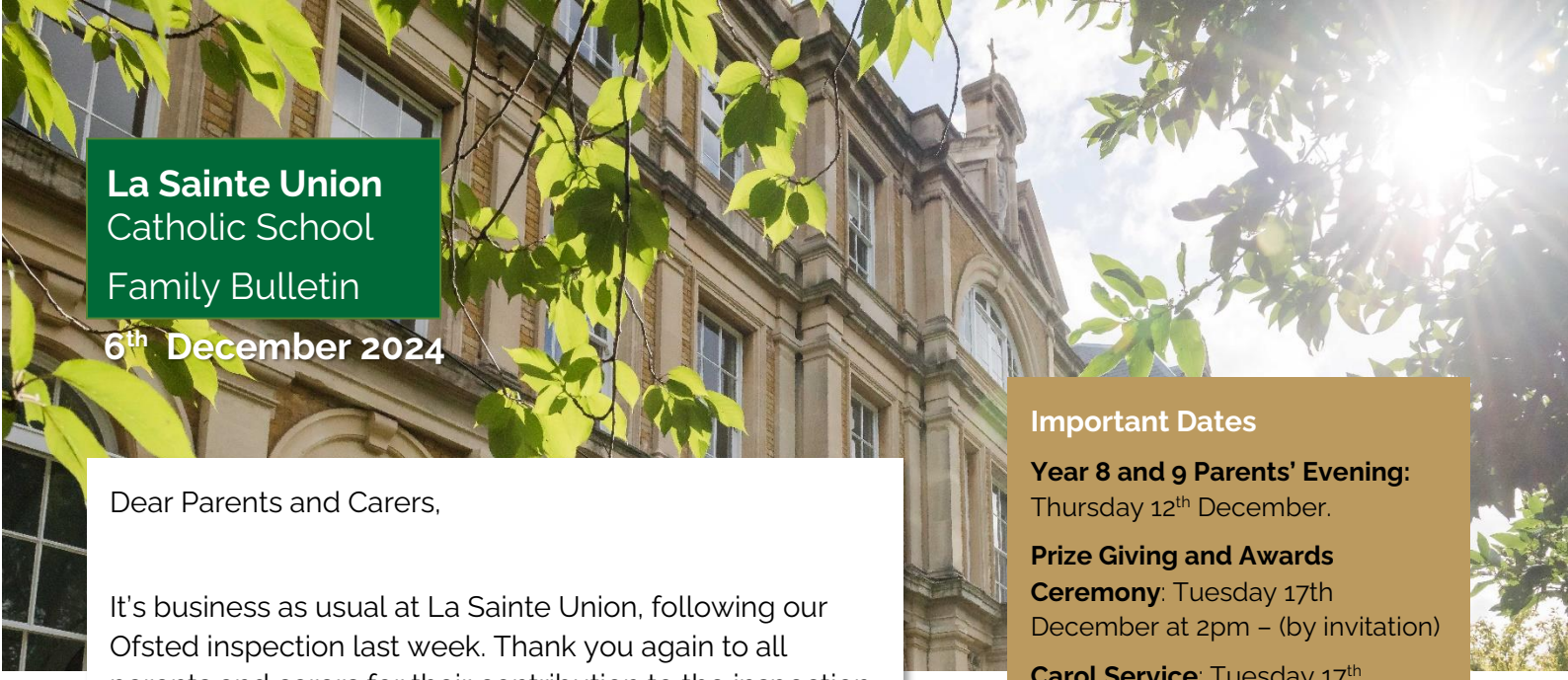

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Family Bulletin

6th December 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's business as usual at La Sainte Union, following our Ofsted inspection last week. Thank you again to all parents and carers for their contribution to the inspection.

Students are focused on Advent. The Liturgy Leads have been formally commissioned (see more on this special event in this edition of the Family Bulletin). As part of our commitment to Catholic Social Teaching, which calls us to uphold the dignity of every person and act with solidarity and compassion, the Liturgy Leads are organising a collection for our local food bank. This initiative reflects the core principles of helping those in need, promoting social justice, and fostering a sense of community. We encourage families to support and contribute non-perishable food items or other essentials which will be distributed to vulnerable members of our community. Your generosity will make a real difference and demonstrate our shared commitment to living out the values of our faith in practical and meaningful ways.

On Thursday this week, the Service of Reconciliation will be open to all members of the school community wishing to receive the sacrament in school.

Best wishes,

Mrs Fegan

Headteacher

Important Dates

Year 8 and 9 Parents' Evening: Thursday 12th December.

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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Free Camden Holiday Activities

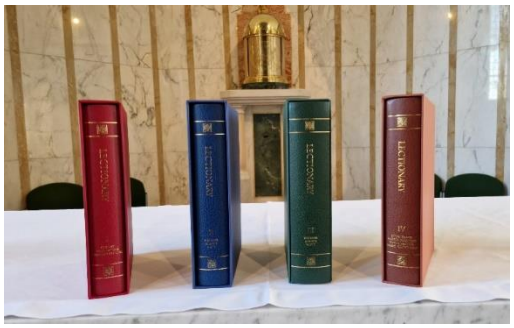
The Camden Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) winter programme runs from **23 December 2024 to 3 January 2025** and is open for children and young people aged 5 to 16 who live in Camden and are eligible for free school meals. The programme offers free, fun activities and nutritional education - from learning to make healthy meals, to creative activities, including photography, drama, arts and crafts, and sports such as football and basketball. A free hot meal is included as part of each day's activities. The Camden HAF programme is co-ordinated by Young Camden Foundation on behalf of the Council, with funding from the Department for Education.

- **Find out more and book**: haf.youngcamdenfoundation.org.uk
- **Watch**: a short film about Camden's HAF Programme (Summer 2024)

Chaplaincy News

Requiem Mass

On the last Thursday of November Fr. Tomy CP, our spiritual advisor, celebrated a Requiem Mass for all those associated with the La Sainte Union school community who have died and all those names collected in our Book of Remembrance over the month of the Holy Souls.



As this was the last school Mass of the liturgical year, Fr. Tomy blessed the new chapel Lectionaries. The Bishops of England and Wales have asked for the for the English Standard Version translation of the Bible to be implemented from the First Sunday of Mass.

Commissioning of Liturgy Leads

On Thursday 5th December, Fr Moses CSSp from St. Gabriel's celebrated Mass for our new Liturgical Leads and their parents. During Mass, he commissioned the students with the special mission of promoting the La Sainte Union virtues of Service, Academia, Cooperation, Respect, Excellence, and Dignity.

Fr. Moses reminded the students that Advent reminds us it is not just enough to call Jesus "lord"; but we have to put that Faith into action.

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Chemistry in action!

We welcomed pupils from Year 5 at Gospel Oak School at La Sainte Union to take part in an interactive science workshop – *The Flame Test*. The children experimented with different chemicals to produce different flame colours. The pupils said they had a wonderful time and two of them spoke of their dream of becoming scientists.

A huge thank you the science department and our wonderful technicians! It was lovely to work with children from our local schools and share good practice.

PSHE News

In November, all Year 9 students participated 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,"* are 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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