La Sainte Union Catholic School

Family Bulletin

8th October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week we were delighted to welcome families to our Open Evening. Many of our students volunteered their time as ambassadors, subject helpers, and members of the choir. Our visitors were hugely impressed by their knowledge, enthusiasm, and warm welcome — we are so proud of them all!

A big thank you to all the students and staff who helped make the event such a success.

We still have two Open Mornings remaining. If you have a daughter or know friends or family with daughters in Year 5 or 6, please see page 2 for further details.

In this week's bulletin, we also celebrate our *Music Mark* certification, share highlights from Black History Month, and update you on other exciting events taking place across the school.

Best wishes,

Miss Ridge

Bright Women with Bold Futures.

Important Dates

Half Term: Monday 27th October – Friday 31sr October

PHSE Topics

Year 7 - NHS compassion-based wellbeing programme

Year 8 - Healthy friendships

Year 9 - Managing mental health including self-harm

Year 10 - Respectful relationships (communication and vulnerability in relationships)

Year 11 - Careers 2

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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Open Events

Open Mornings: Tuesday 14th and Thursday 16th October 9am-11am

To book:
https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=i6DOHvhZKk-eF_kAcqPBW7eR5i4ma6dNiA76sp6zQa5UQzZWTVVOOFU2WTJQR0FMNkMyQlpIUzdDMi4u

Exciting News from the Music Department

We are proud to share that the La Sainte Union Music Department has been awarded a certification from *Music Mark*, recognising our ambitious and high-quality music provision. This achievement has been supported by Camden Music Service, which helps schools like ours access valuable training and resources to continue developing a rich and dynamic music curriculum.

Our department has recently expanded with the introduction of a Steel Pan band, alongside a growing emphasis on student bands who have been performing at exciting venues across North London, including the famous Jazz Café. Importantly, these new opportunities have been added without taking away from the fantastic activities we already offer — our choirs, school concerts, productions, and partnerships with the Royal Academy of Music continue to thrive.

Watch this space — there's even more to come!

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Black History Month 2025

Theme: Standing Firm in Power and Pride

Black History Month is a time to celebrate the achievements, history, and contributions of Black Individuals in the UK and around the world. In 2025, we reflect on the theme 'Standing Firm in Power and Pride', which highlights resilience, leadership, and cultural pride within the Black Community.

Take a moment to reflect on what 'Standing Firm in Power and Pride' means to you. How can you celebrate Black history and contribute to a more inclusive society?

Here is a link to the official website: Black History Month 2025

There are a range of free and local events across our borough, and beyond, including during half term. Use these links to find events in your local areas:

Love Camden — Black History Season 2025

Islington Life - Black History Month 2025

Black History Haringey 365 Events | Haringey Council

Hackney Black History Season 2025 celebrates African and Caribbean stories, carnival culture, and c…

Black History Month in London - Black History Month Events in London 2025

History teachers will be facilitating several events across the season, including welcoming Emma Norry, an author passionate about diversity and inclusion. As well as writing fiction she has also taken inspiration from real life individuals to create books celebrating Black History.

Year 7 Kindness Poster Competition Winners!

We're so proud of our students' creativity and imagination in celebrating the theme of **Kindness**.

🏆 **Catarina - for her stylistic and colourful entry, which impressed the judges with its creativity and presentation.**

🏆 **Georgia - for a creative and thought-provoking poster with thoughtful and powerful words.**

🏆 **Na'arah - for her work that showed great effort and care**

Congratulations to our winners and a big well done to everyone who took part! The posters will be on display in the library.

Every poster reflected year 7's spirit of care and kindness, and we are proud to share this at our school.

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Year 13 Health & Social Care Students Begin Work Placements

Last week, our Year 13 Health & Social Care students began their Unit 6 work placements, an important part of their Extended Diploma. Each student is required to complete 100 hours of hands-on experience in a health or social care setting, giving them the opportunity to apply their classroom learning in real-world environments.

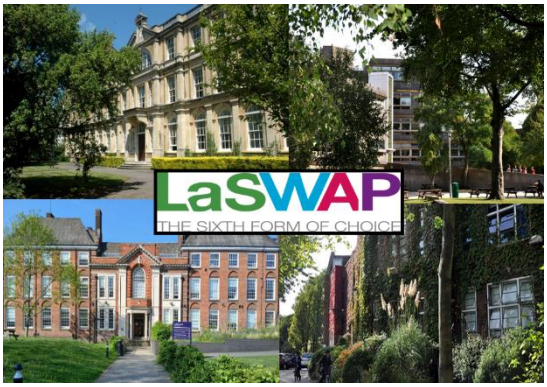
A total of 32 students are undertaking placements across London in a wide range of settings, including hospitals, GP practices, community centres, nursing homes, SEN schools, pharmacies, and children's centres. Some of the key placement locations include:

- Royal Free Hospital
- Chelsea & Westminster Hospital
- Whittington Hospital
- Caversham GP Practice
- Private Nursing Home
- South London NHS Community Hub
- SEN Primary & Secondary Schools
- Children's Centre
- Pharmacy

Mr. Templeman, Subject Leader for Health & Social Care, expressed his delight at the variety of opportunities available, highlighting how they showcase the breadth of careers within the sector. He emphasised that students will gain valuable new skills while developing their communication with a wide range of clients.

Miss Agathangelou, who is leading Unit 6, is equally enthusiastic and will be visiting students across London to observe their progress.
We look forward to sharing updates on the experiences and learning gained by our students throughout this journey.

Year 11 Pathways



It was fantastic to see so many of our Year 11 students on 25th September at the **Sixth Form Pathways and Preparing for GCSEs event**.
For those who were unable to join us in person, the link to the presentation is below:

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https://www.lasainteunion.org.uk/docs/Curriculum_Booklets/Y11_Sixth_Form_Pathways_and_Preparing_for_GCSEs_Event_2025.pdf

If you have any specific questions about transition to Sixth Form (LaSWAP) or preparing for GCSEs, please use the QR code below.

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Misinformation

Parent Guide

Everything you need to know about fake news and critical thinking

What is misinformation?

Misinformation is content that is **misleading and incorrect, but not deliberately so.** People spread misinformation in good faith, **believing it to be accurate.**

What does misinformation look like?

Misinformation includes inaccurate articles, manipulated images and videos, fake quotes, or 'misleading posts or comments. For example, **false claims** and **conspiracy theories** about Covid-19 cures and **anti-vaccination protests** or **extreme political posts.**

It makes it **harder to spot** what's true and what's not – **especially for children.**

How can I help my child avoid misinformation?

Help them practice critical thinking. This is a process of **questioning** what you look at online – and what it is **trying to do.**

Your child should consider the **source.** Is it a **website they know?** Does the **web address look right?** Is there anything **odd about it?**

It is good to **check reliable sources,** like the BBC, or **fact-checking websites.** Encourage your child to find **at least one reliable source** for the information they see.

What else should I consider?

Misinformation on social media can also be in **a post or a comment in a chat forum.** Challenge your child to question **what someone is saying** and **why they are saying it.**

What can I do if I find misinformation online?

Some online platforms are now **doing more** to notify users when a source is **unidentified or could contain misinformation.**

Help your child explore **reporting functions** on the platforms they use. Some social platforms now have a **false information option** when **reporting a post.**

Anything else I should know?

Misinformation can be **confusing** and **upsetting.** Encourage your child to come to you if they feel **worried or unsure** about anything they have seen.

Fostering their **critical thinking** is a key part of digital resilience, so be **open** and **discuss the risks together.**

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LaSWAP News

Year 12 Attendance Bursary

As a new Y12 LaSWAP student, your child may be entitled to a weekly bursary.
This is linked to Free School Meals eligibility.
Payment of the bursary is dependent on excellent attendance to school and is paid directly into the student's bank account.
To receive a bursary, the student must first be registered for free school meals with Camden. You can register and check eligibility here: https://www.camden.gov.uk/free-school-meals
You must reapply even if your child had free school meals at secondary school.
Year 13 students do not need to reapply.
Once registered, the student must collect a form from their base school, complete & return it. They cannot receive their bursary without doing this!
This information can also be found on our website: https://www.laswap.camden.sch.uk/Bursary-and-Free-School-Meals/

Key LaSWAP Information

LaSWAP website: https://www.laswap.camden.sch.uk/
Information for parents & carers: https://www.laswap.camden.sch.uk/Parents-Carers/
Parent Handbook: https://www.laswap.camden.sch.uk/LaSWAP-parent-handbook/
Contact and staffing information: https://www.laswap.camden.sch.uk/Staff/
LaSWAP newsletters: https://www.laswap.camden.sch.uk/Parents/Newsletters/

Opportunities for sixth form students

Please see this fortnight's LaSWAP Newsletter for a list of London university open days.
Newsletters are emailed to families or can be found at
https://www.laswap.camden.sch.uk/Parents/Newsletters/

Please check your Spam and mark emails from LaSWAP, La Sainte Union or Bromcom as Safe/Priority!

Year 12 and 13: Somers Town Space Work Experience in Design, Publishing and Radical History, October half term: People's Museum Somers Town have devised an exciting hands-on, in-person work experience opportunity which gives you access to cultural and social capital through a small museum of radical histories in Somers Town, Camden. You'll gain valuable real-life experience by designing and producing your very own zines.
More info and sign up here: https://finder.futuresforall.org/opportunity-detail/5174569D-D3FF-4403-3074-08DDE93FB76A

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Get Into Medicine and Dentistry courses, 18 October: these courses cover the full application process from choosing schools to UCAT to interviews. They are recommended for Y12 students considering medicine & adjacent pathways. Register HERE

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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