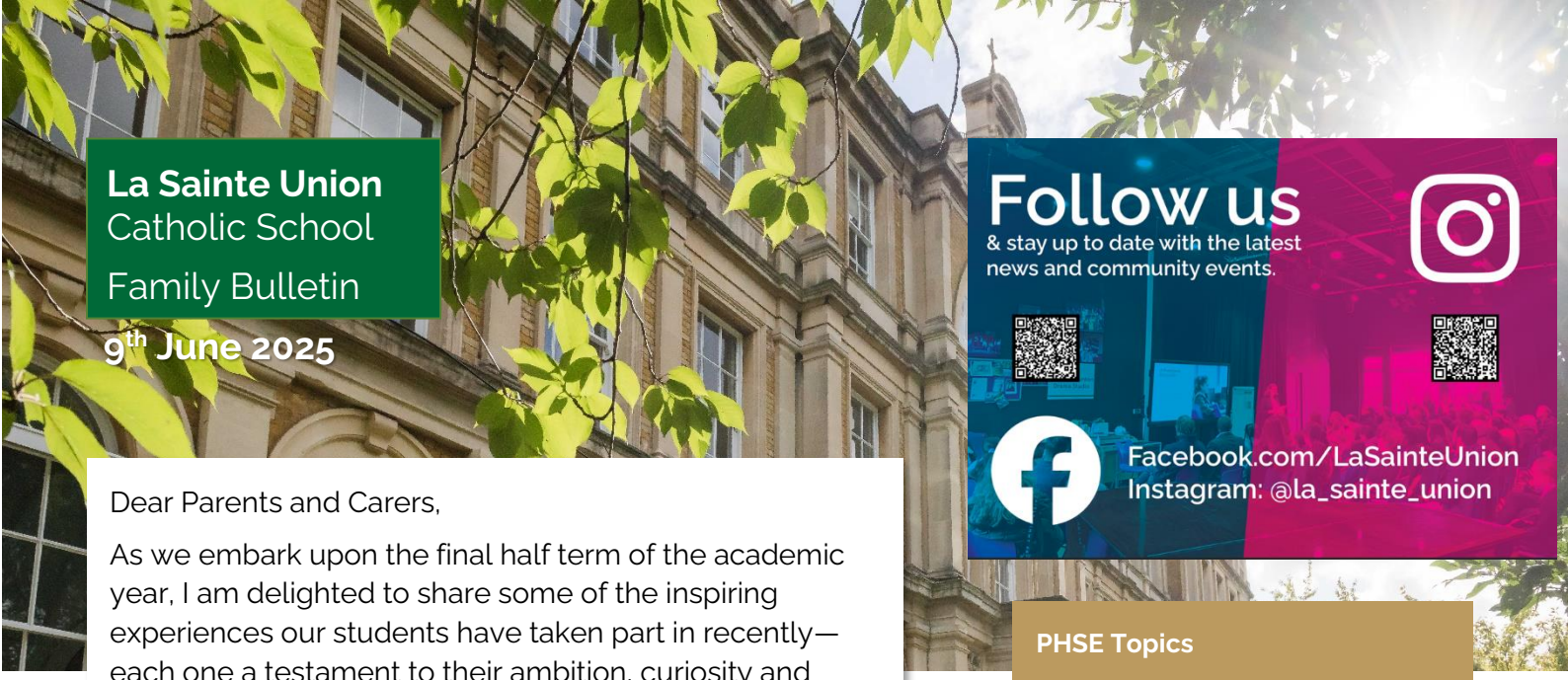

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Family Bulletin

9th June 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we embark upon the final half term of the academic year, I am delighted to share some of the inspiring experiences our students have taken part in recently—each one a testament to their ambition, curiosity and growing confidence.

From the historic halls of Oxford to the vibrant classrooms of Roehampton, our students have stepped into university life with poise and purpose. Writing essays at a level far beyond their years, asking thought-provoking questions, and even delivering speeches to large audiences, they demonstrated not only academic excellence but remarkable courage. Particular congratulations to Malak, Daniella, and Mairead for their confident presentations—and to every student who took on this challenge with such determination.

Meanwhile, our Year 9 students have continued to grow through opportunities both cultural and spiritual. Their visits to the Tate Modern, and the chapel of St. Oscar Romero, offered moments of reflection, wonder and connection—reminding us that education is as much about heart and values as it is about knowledge.

Finally, I am pleased to share that our school remains in the top 25% nationally for attendance across both autumn and spring terms. This is a collective achievement—thank you for ensuring your children are present, engaged, and ready to thrive each day.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support.

Mrs Fegan

Headteacher

Bright Women with Bold Futures.

PHSE Topics

Year 7 - Compassion-based wellbeing programme (Tavistock and Portman NHS Foundation Trust)

Year 8 - Understanding romantic relationships

Year 9 - Cyber crime (Met Police workshop)

Year 10 - Cosmetic and plastic surgery

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

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Celebrating Our Scholars' Achievements in Oxford

On Monday 19th May, a group of our Year 9, 10, and 12 students visited Christ Church at the University of Oxford to take part in a thought-provoking discussion about the skills they developed through their recent academic course. They had the opportunity to meet current Oxford students, ask insightful questions during a Q&A session, and enjoy a guided tour of the historic campus—including dining in the famous hall featured in the Harry Potter films (though it looks quite different in real life!).
This experience was the culmination of a challenging academic journey. Our students took on the impressive task of writing a 12,000-word essay on topics typically explored at PhD level. Their dedication, perseverance, and intellectual curiosity throughout the project were truly commendable.
Following the campus visit, students walked to Oxford Town Hall to join peers from other participating schools for a special graduation ceremony. There, they received certificates in recognition of their achievement, and several students had the opportunity to present speeches reflecting on what they had learned.

Our Year 12 scholars explored the use of medicine in Medieval England. Despite initial nerves, Malak gave an outstanding speech to an audience from twelve different schools—an impressive demonstration of confidence and growth. Well done, Malak!

Our Year 9 and 10 students studied the role of music across cultures and its significance in ceremonies and daily life. Daniella crafted an excellent speech and practiced delivering it to a smaller group before presenting alongside Mairead at the Town Hall. Both students gave confident and articulate speeches, sharing their insights and the valuable skills they developed.

Please do congratulate all the students for their hard work and perseverance! A heartfelt thank you to all the staff and parents who supported these students throughout their endeavour—your encouragement and guidance have been instrumental in their success.

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Year 9 Students Get a Taste of University Life at Roehampton

Just before the half-term break, a group of our Year 9 students had the exciting opportunity to visit the University of Roehampton as part of the G-EPIC project (Gender Empowerment Through Politics In the Classroom). This visit was a special one — thoughtfully tailored just for our school — and gave students a unique window into university life.

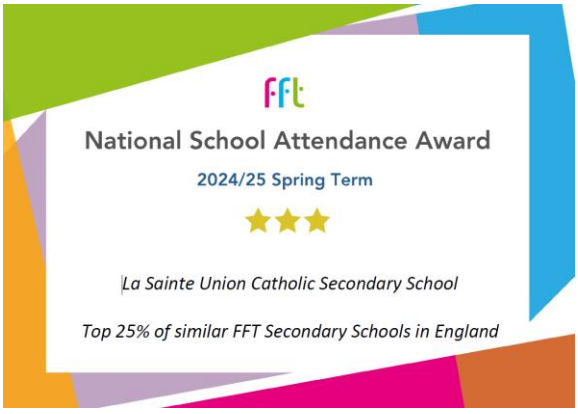
We were warmly welcomed by Professor Bryony Hoskins and her dedicated team, who put together a truly inspiring and engaging day. The visit began with a fascinating lecture by Professor Hoskins, offering students a behind-the-scenes look at the academic research that drives the G-EPIC project. The session included interactive activities, allowing students to explore the subject matter in a dynamic and hands-on way.

After a well-deserved lunch break, the group enjoyed a guided tour of the Roehampton campus. This gave our students a chance to experience the vibrant atmosphere and supportive community that university life can offer. The day concluded with an inspiring second lecture by Dr Anita McGowan (MBE), Associate Professor at Roehampton, which deepened students' understanding of what it means to study — and teach — at university level.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to Professor Hoskins and her team for creating such a memorable and meaningful experience. The visit left our students feeling inspired and excited about their academic journeys ahead.

Celebrating Attendance Success!

We are proud to share that our school has once again ranked in the **top 25% of schools nationally for attendance** in both the **spring and autumn terms**. This is a fantastic achievement and a reflection of our students' commitment and the support of our families. Thank you for helping us maintain such high standards—let's keep it up!



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Year 9 Explore Tate Modern on Cultural Enrichment Day

As part of their Cultural Enrichment Day, Year 9 students visited the iconic Tate Modern, marking the 25th anniversary of the renowned Southbank gallery. The trip offered students a chance to experience a wide range of modern and contemporary art in a vibrant cultural setting.
Gabriella (9Vann) shared her thoughts on the visit: *"It was really interesting. I didn't think I would like much of the collection, but some of the pieces really resonated with me. Dali's 'Lobster Phone' was fascinating."*
Following their tour of the galleries, students enjoyed a relaxing lunch in the scenic gardens along the Thames — a perfect end to a day of inspiration and exploration.

Year 9 Reflect at the Romero Shrine, Southwark Cathedral

As part of their transition into Key Stage 4, Year 9 students visited the Chapel of St. Oscar Romero at St. George's Cathedral, Southwark. The visit offered a meaningful opportunity to reflect on their journey at LSU so far and to contemplate the next steps in their educational path.
The shrine of St. Oscar features a striking El Salvadorian Cross-shaped reliquary, which holds a piece of the chasuble he was wearing when he was tragically shot while celebrating Mass. Students, who have been learning about the life and legacy of St. Oscar Romero, found the visit both moving and thought-provoking.

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Special Menu- Thursday 12th June

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A Taste of Jamaica

Thursday 12th June 2025

Come and join us for delicious cuisine from Jamaica cooked by our amazing team!

Mains:

Jerk Chicken served with Rice & Peas

Vegetarian Jerk Kebab served with Rice & Peas

Dessert:

Banana Cake Served with Custard

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