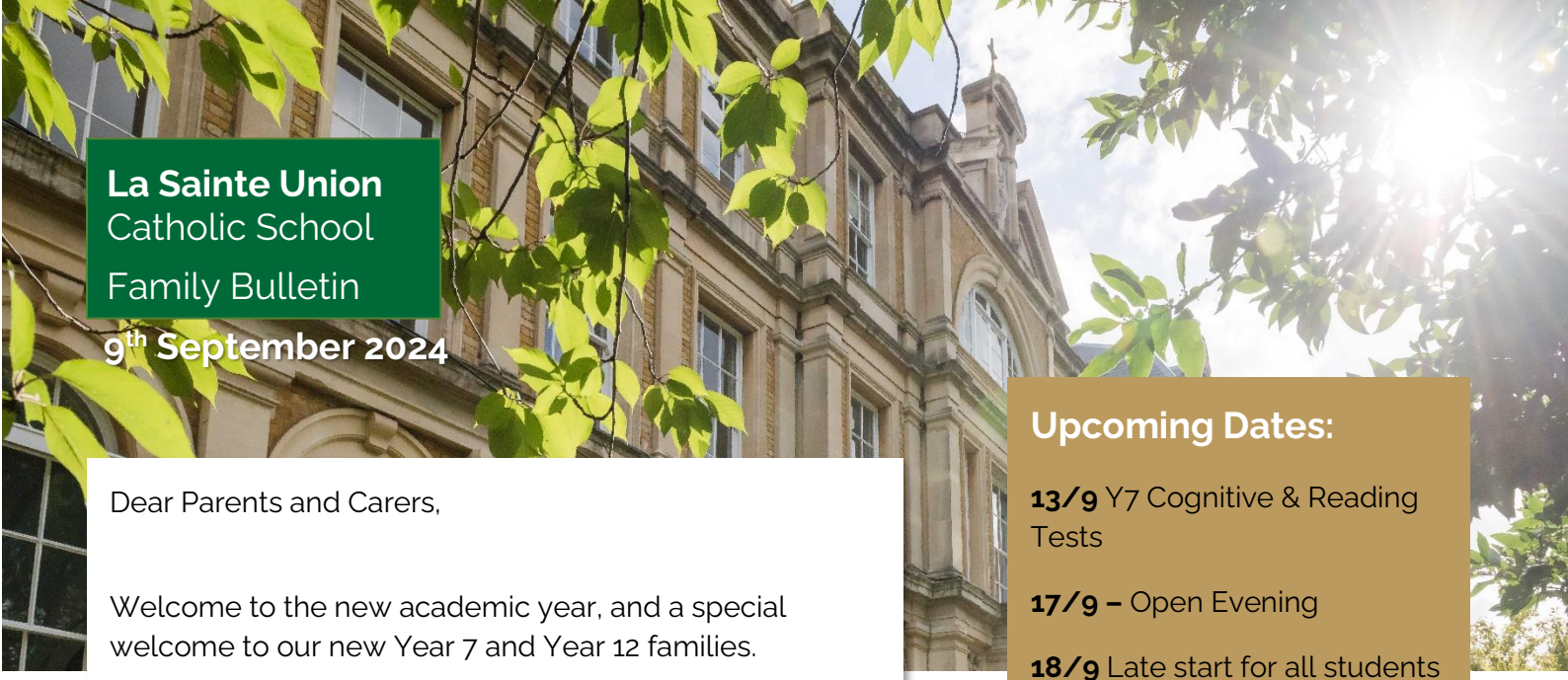

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Family Bulletin

9th September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the new academic year, and a special welcome to our new Year 7 and Year 12 families.

Thank you to all parents of Years 8 to 11 and Year 13 for attending the Academic Review Day meetings. Time was spent reviewing the progress made so far, reflecting, and setting targets for the year ahead.

The Year 7 and Year 12 have enjoyed busy induction sessions and are getting familiar with their teachers and peers, their surroundings and our routine expectations.

This edition of the family bulletin shares with you some of the wonderful achievements of last year's Year 11 and Year 13: Bright Women with Bold Futures which all our students can be inspired to be.

It is Open Events season already – if you know someone who has a child in Year 5 or Year 6, please encourage them to attend our Open Evening on Tuesday 17th September to find about our offer and the application process.

Best wishes,

Mrs Fegan

Upcoming Dates:

13/9 Y7 Cognitive & Reading Tests

17/9 – Open Evening

18/9 Late start for all students - Registration at 9.30am

26/9 Y11 Parents presentation – Post 16 Pathways

1/10 Y8 Retreat to Westminster

1/10 – Y7 Settling in evening (parents and form tutors)

PHSE Topics

Year 7 - Starting in secondary school
Year 8 - Introduction to relationships
Year 9 - Dealing with change in life
Year 10 - Marriage and civil partnerships
Year 11 - Transition to more responsibility

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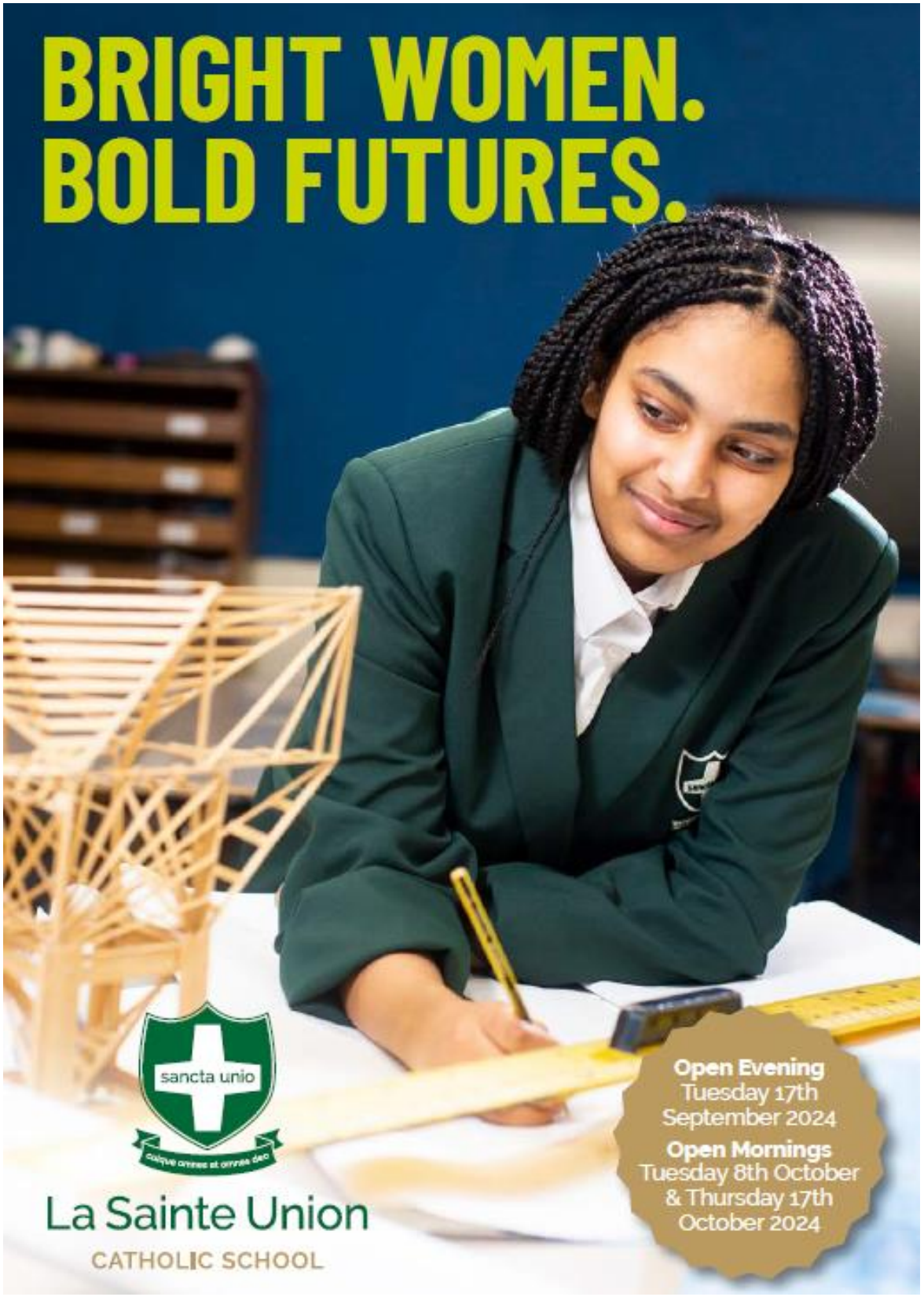

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Exam Results

Our Bright Women pave the way for Bold Futures

Cheers could be heard from far and wide as our students and staff celebrated our best ever A Level results and yet another year of exceptional GCSE results this summer. So many students did us proud but here are just a few of our high achievers to celebrate.

GCSE:

Araya has achieved 10 phenomenal GCSE results at the higher grades across all subjects: **9999998886!** She will be studying for A Levels in Chemistry, Biology and Spanish at sixth form before applying to Bristol University to study Medicine to pursue her ambition to be a Cardiologist. Araya said: ***"The brilliant teachers and supportive staff have helped me achieve my goals and I have made lifelong friends – I will always remember the fantastic school trips, especially the one to Berlin."***

Fayola has worked hard to achieve good GCSE grades and will be joining LaSWAP Sixth Form to study Health & Social Care as she has high aspirations of studying Psychology at university and being a Psychologist – her drive is to help others. She has the following to say about how La Sainte Union has helped her achieve her goals: ***"La Sainte Union is a community that helps every student to be the best version of themselves. I would like to thank my teachers for pushing me hard and to developing lots of additional skills that will help me in my future career."***

Celina is delighted with her superb GCSE results and will now stay on at LaSWAP Sixth Form to study for her A Levels. Her career ambitions are to join the health profession as either a Pharmacist or Radiologist. She credits her teachers for her motivation and helping to achieve her goals: ***"The teachers are really good at their jobs, they motivated us before the exams and have made learning fun. The careers advice has been excellent."***

Pheobe has accomplished very good grades in her GCSE exams and will be studying Biology, Chemistry and Criminology at A Level, with the ambition of being a Forensic Scientist in the future. She was inspired many years ago by a workshop she attended and had high praise for her teachers. ***"The teachers at La Sainte Union are always there to give you extra support and help. I have made great friends along the way and have really enjoyed learning new subjects, especially Biology."***

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Livia has been awarded 10 excellent top grade GCSE results - **9888777776** - and will be seeking to pursue a career in Business Marketing or Dentistry. ***"I would recommend La Sainte Union because the bonds with teachers are very good and the revision techniques have helped me achieve my goals. I have made some excellent friendships and I am very excited about the future."***

Zahra joined La Sainte Union in Year 10 and has successfully passed her GCSE exams with flying colours. She will be going on to sixth form to study A Levels in Biology, Chemistry, Maths and Psychology. Zahra has ambitions to study Dentistry at university. She is delighted with her results and has high praise for the school: ***"The teachers at La Sainte Union are very supportive and have really helped me to achieve my goals – they motivated me and encouraged me to the full extent of my ability."***

Sen has succeeded in achieving high GCSE grades that will support her ambitions of studying Accountancy at university. She praises the lovely community at La Sainte Union and thanked her family: ***"I have always been inspired by family members, especially my grandma, to pursue a career in finance and to train to be an Accountant."***

A Level/BTEC:

Highflier **Anna Marie** has soared to new heights by achieving an outstanding **A*A*A*** in Psychology, English Literature and Sociology. She is excited to advance her studies in Psychology at King's College London, with aspirations of becoming a psychological wellbeing practitioner.

"Over the past seven years at La Sainte Union, I have received endless support from my teachers, who are always available to provide invaluable tips and guidance tailored to my learning style. I encourage younger students to never give up! Keep pushing through because the end result is absolutely worth it. It may seem daunting at first, but you can accomplish anything you set your mind to. La Sainte Union fosters a genuine sense of community, and it is clear that teachers care deeply about their students' success. I want to extend special thanks to Mr Beavis for his consistent guidance in English Literature; I feel I have truly perfected my essay writing skills which will stand me in good stead for university!"

Niamh has flourished during her seven years at La Sainte Union,, and we are all very proud to see her confirm her place at the prestigious University of Oxford, a testament to her academic prowess. She will read Law after obtaining a phenomenal **A*A*A** in Chemistry, Economics and Maths.

"The staff at La Sainte Union provided extensive support in my application process to the University of Oxford, including mock interview practice and personal statement workshops that equipped me with the skills necessary for success. I advise younger students to never give up! A Levels can be incredibly stressful, but remember, there are always people here to help you. Don't hesitate to reach out. My experience here has been amazing. I've met some amazing individuals and have had incredible opportunities, including an unforgettable trip to New York!"

High achiever **Cosima** is looking forward to taking a gap year before applying to study Chemistry at university. With an astonishing set of **A*A*A*** grades in Chemistry, Maths and Spanish, we know she has a bright future ahead.

"The teachers here are truly dedicated and always willing to assist, which made my learning experience enjoyable and successful. I advise younger students to always ask your teachers questions and start your revision early; it makes a significant difference! The Careers Department is exceptional here at La Sainte Union, providing guidance and support for whatever path you choose to pursue after Sixth Form."

Jessica's extraordinary results of **A*A*A*** in Biology, Maths and Chemistry have paved the way for her acceptance at King's College London to study Dentistry. She credits the fantastic Careers Department for guiding her through the university application process and providing mock interview practice and personal statement workshops that helped build her confidence.

"I have really enjoyed being taught by amazing, supportive teachers who have aided my success at La Sainte Union. I have enjoyed enriching experiences, such as a trip to the V&A museum during Year 12 and setting up a Dentistry and Medicine club in Year 13, which helped engage younger students. A highlight for me was winning multiple awards in my subjects."

Isobel is incredibly thankful to her exceptional teachers at La Sainte Union for helping her to achieve an exceptional **A*A*A** in History, Politics and English. She is off to the University of Sheffield to read English and History in September.

"My advice to younger students is to relax, maintain a positive mindset and start your revision early! It will alleviate so much stress later on. La Sainte Union has incredible teachers who offer immense support to its students. The relaxed atmosphere aids in managing stress while still encouraging us to strive for excellence."

Maegan not only attained an impressive **A*AA** in her A Level Business Studies, Media Studies and Art, but also an **A** in her Extended Project Qualification. She is delighted to accept her place at King's College London to read Culture, Media and Creative Industries.

"I was attracted to La Sainte Union for my post-16 studies because of its beautiful campus and diverse range of subjects available. The Sixth Form has provided comprehensive support in various aspects, from subject learning to university guidance and extra-curricular opportunities. My advice is to make the most of every moment and seize every opportunity that comes your way!"

Augusta is off to the University of Birmingham to study Mathematics after attaining a fantastic **AAA** in Maths, Further Maths and Classical Civilisation.

"I have been at La Sainte Union since Year 7, and the supportive teaching environment has shaped my academic journey. My advice for younger students is to start revising early; it's essential for exam preparation!"

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Marianne's ambition to become an A&E Nurse is now within reach after she achieved **Distinction*** **Distinction Distinction** in BTEC Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care and secured a place to study Adult Nursing at City, University of London.

"What I love about La Sainte Union is the teachers. They truly cater to each student's learning style and go above and beyond to support us in every way possible, from UCAS applications to revision tips. My advice to younger students is that self-discipline is crucial for balancing your study and coursework. Listen to others when considering career choices. The Careers Department in particular offers unparalleled support and guidance regarding your career options which has certainly been invaluable for me."

Deborah was delighted to open her results to reveal she secured **Distinction*** **Distinction Distinction** in her BTEC Extended Diploma in Business, as well as a place at Queen Mary University of London to study Business Management.

"The Sixth Form equipped me with the skills and qualifications necessary for higher education. My advice is to work diligently and don't let distractions derail your focus! La Sainte Union has a diverse community and offers a broad range of subjects for all interests – I would definitely recommend!"

Having attained a triple **Distinction** in her BTEC Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care**, Kheira** is seeking a degree apprenticeship placement to gain practical experience that will build on her academic learning. She aspires to follow in her mother's footsteps and become a nurse in the future.

"The Sixth Form ensures we always have access to the answers and resources needed for success. My advice is to trust your instincts. Study a bit each day instead of cramming last minute; it makes everything more manageable! I would recommend La Sainte Union because the teachers are incredibly supportive and always willing to help."

Megan is delighted to have achieved a triple **Distinction** in her BTEC Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care course, and to have secured a place at the University of Leicester to study Nursing with Leadership.

"La Sainte Union offers personalised teaching and learning as well as an abundant of resources. I had numerous career meetings with Ms Tait, who listened, valued and supported all my goals. I want to say a special thanks to Mr Templeman and Ms Spence who worked so hard to push us to achieve the best we can. I will forever be grateful. My advice to fellow students is to follow your true passions and ask for help if you need it."

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