La Sainte Union Catholic School

Family Bulletin

28th April 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we move through a busy and exciting summer term, it has been wonderful to celebrate so many achievements across our school community. From former student Karlene Wengoy's inspiring return to La Sainte Union, to the creative talents of our Year 8 students at Lauderdale House, there is a real sense of pride in how our students continue to grow in confidence, ambition, and compassion.

We are also delighted to share that La Sainte Union has been awarded the Bronze Rights Respecting School Award. This recognition highlights our commitment to placing the rights and wellbeing of young people at the heart of everything we do, helping our students to thrive as active, responsible citizens.

In this edition, you will also find important information about the upcoming HPV vaccinations for eligible students and the exciting programme of activities available at the Half Term Opportunity Centre.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Together, we are ensuring that our students are not only achieving academically but are also developing the values and skills they need to make a positive difference in the world.

Bright Women with Bold Futures.

Best wishes,

Mrs Fegan

Headteacher

PHSE Topics

Year 7 - Child early forced marriage

Year 8 - Drug mis(use)

Year 9 - Camden Choices

Year 10 - First Give Project

Year 11 - Grief

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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La Sainte Union is now a RRSA Bronze: Rights Committed School.

We are proud to announce that La Sainte Union has been awarded the Bronze Rights Respecting School Award by UNICEF UK. This achievement recognises our commitment to placing the rights and wellbeing of young people at the heart of our school community. The Bronze Award marks an important step on our journey towards becoming a fully accredited Rights Respecting School, embedding the values of respect, dignity, and equality into all aspects of school life. We are excited to continue this work as we move towards the Silver Award, empowering every student to know and exercise their rights locally and globally.

Inspiring Alumna Visit: Karlene Wengoy Returns to deliver a science talk

We were delighted to welcome back Karlene Wengoy, a former La Sainte Union and LaSWAP student, who is now in her final year studying Biomedical Science at the University of Kent. Karlene delivered a fascinating mini-lecture to our GCSE and Sixth Form Biology students, sharing her research into bacteriophages—viruses that infect bacteria—and their potential to combat antibiotic resistance.

Beyond the science, Karlene spoke candidly about her university journey, including her placement year at Unilever, and highlighted the diverse career paths within biomedical science. Our students had the opportunity to ask questions and gain first-hand insights into university life and the exciting opportunities available in STEM fields.

It was a truly inspiring session from an alumna who once sat in the same classrooms as our students today!

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Year 8 Poetry Performances at Lauderdale House

At the end of the Spring Term, Year 8 students had the wonderful opportunity to visit Lauderdale House in Highgate, marking the culmination of their six-week project on 'The Art of Dispute.' Two of our Year 8 English classes performed original poems they had written themselves, exploring important themes around Human Rights.

The students spoke with impressive confidence and clarity, delivering their poems to an audience that included teachers, professional poets, and the directors of Lauderdale House. Their support for one another created a truly celebratory and uplifting atmosphere throughout the event.

It was a real privilege to hear our students express their powerful ideas in such a historic setting, and their performances left a lasting impression on everyone present. We are now eagerly anticipating the publication of their poems in a special anthology, which students will receive later this year!

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HPV Vaccine for Year 8 Students

HPV vaccine to protect year 8 children against HPV related cancers – please complete your child's consent form

The HPV vaccine helps protect against human papillomavirus (HPV), which can cause a number of cancers. Research shows that over time the HPV vaccine will help save thousands of lives in the UK. One dose of the HPV vaccine is recommended for all children in year 8, and Vaccination UK will be delivering these vaccines to year 8 boys and girls at [school] on [date].

Please complete the online consent form for your child to have the HPV vaccine at school as soon as possible. If you have any questions about the vaccine or completing your child's consent form, please contact Vaccination UK at camden@v-uk.co.uk or on **020 4603 3495**.

More information on the HPV vaccine is available, including translations in 33 languages.

Opportunity Centre

May 2025 Half Term 2025 Activities for Years 7 to 10 and Study Centre.

Sports & Creative activities
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

Multi Sports – 20 spaces

Football, Basketball and Volleyball sessions
Wednesday 28th May – 10am – 3pm
Friday 30th May – 10am – 3pm

Trampolining -12 spaces

Tuesday 27th May
Thursday 29th May
10am – 3pm

Cooking – 15 spaces

Tuesday 27th May
Wednesday 28th May
Thursday 29th May
10am – 3pm

Vinyl T-Shirt Printing 2-day Workshop with Alice French – 15 spaces

Get Creative! Learn to vinyl print awesome designs on t-shirt! This is a 2 day course, T-shirt included.
Tuesday 27th May and Wednesday 28th May
OR
Thursday 29th May and Friday 30th May

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The Study Centre is open 9:30am – 3pm every day throughout Easter holidays
Come in to revise independently or in small groups or complete work/coursework
There will be access to IT and the study room will be supervised by a member of staff every day

You must register for all activities by using this link:
https://forms.office.com/e/HqcgMsVZ4K?origin=lprLink

Please direct enquiries to Mr Suresh Sukumaran ssukumaran@lsu.camden.sch.uk

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SEND SURGERY

Camden's SEND and Inclusion Service invites you to our Drop-in Surgeries to get answers to your questions.

Meet with:

- SEND officers
- Educational Psychologists
- Team managers
- Social care professionals
- Health care professionals
- Assisted travel professionals

Upcoming dates:

Tuesday 22 April, 10.30am to 12.30pm

Tuesday 3 June, 10.30am to 12.30pm

Tuesday 15 July, 10.30am to 12.30pm

Where: Crowndale centre, 218 Eversholt street, NW1 1BD

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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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