



Ursuline Academy Ilford

Weekly News – 2024/2025 Issue 4
27th September 2024



Upcoming Events

Open Evening

Thursday 3 October
5.00 – 7.00p.m.

Late Start after Open Evening

Friday 4 October
All Students to be registered at
10.40a.m.

Curriculum Enrichment Day

Tuesday 8 October

Year 7 Parents' Meeting with Form Tutors

Monday 4 November
4.00 – 5.30p.m.

Carol Service

Tuesday 17 December
5.30 – 7.30p.m.

6th Form Open Evening

Thursday 23 January
5.00 – 7.00p.m.



Headteacher's Headlines

Dear Parents & Carers,

What a fantastic start to the school year we've had! This week, we came together as a community for our first academic Masses of the year, and I must say, they were truly joyful celebrations. It was wonderful to see our students so engaged and reflective as we began this new academic journey with the blessing and guidance of our faith. Thank you to Fathers David and Andrew for leading us in such beautiful liturgies – their words inspired us all.

As we move forward, we are focusing on the Ursuline virtues of courage and resilience. These values are not just words to us; they are the foundation of how we approach our studies and challenges this year. Whether it's stepping up to new academic challenges or supporting each other through difficulties, we know that by being courageous and resilient, we will achieve great things together.

Let's continue this positive momentum, working hard and supporting one another as we embrace all the opportunities this new term has to offer.

Please do share the open evening and morning event information with friends and family with daughters in year 6, we look forward to welcoming those interested in joining our school next Thursday.

SERVIAM
Fiona Stone



Ursuline Academy Open Event Season 2024



THE URSULINE
ACADEMY ILFORD

Open Evening Thursday 3rd October 5.00–7.00pm

Headteacher and Student Presentation: 5.15pm,
followed by tours of the school

Open Morning Tours will be run throughout October
starting at 9.00am.

To book a place at one of our events, please scan the
QR code or visit our website



The Ursuline Academy Ilford: where our young women belong; where they believe and realise their talents and potential; where they become leaders in their chosen field, making their true mark and a difference in our world.

Reasons to belong:

1. A **welcoming, inclusive and supportive atmosphere** where everyone grows and thrives. Our unrivalled transition programme into Year 7 will fast track growth, discovery and preparation.
2. A true dedication to **uplifting young women**, helping them become strong, confident and courageous. Solidarity, encouragement and supporting each other allows us to excel together.
3. **Impressively high academic standards** where students make exceptional progress and achieve excellent outcomes.
4. An **exceptional, high performing and popular sixth form** that provides educational and social opportunities, with a strong focus on student success and preparation for flourishing careers.
5. A **Catholic education built on strong foundations of community** and social responsibility where students of all faiths and none, who share and respect our values, are welcomed with open arms.



Join us on the Ursuline Journey of Success!

Morland Road, Ilford, Essex IG1 4JU 020 8554 1995 enquiries@uai.org.uk  ursulineacademyilford

#UrsulineAcademyOpenEvents24

THE URSULINE ACADEMY ILFORD

A Catholic Academy for Girls aged 11 – 19 in the Diocese of Brentwood

Headteacher: Ms Fiona A Stone BSc (Hons) MA NPQH



27th September 2024

Dear Parents / Carers

Re: Open Evening Thursday 3rd October 2024

As you may already know, we are holding our annual open evening for prospective parents on Thursday 3rd October.

In the past, we have had very large numbers of current students attend the school to help with the evening in various ways. It is wonderful that so many of our students want to be involved and help and we are always grateful for their enthusiasm.

This year, we are changing the organisation of the event and are reducing the number of current students who will be on site. There are a number of reasons for this, but the most important concerns the health and safety of everyone on site and ensuring students who are here can be appropriately supervised. I have written separately to the parents and carers of all students who have volunteered and been selected to assist on the evening. If you have not received this letter, your daughter must leave school as normal on the day and must not attend the Open Evening.

Any current students who attempt to attend on the evening and are not an authorised volunteer will not be allowed access to school. This message will also be communicated to students in school.

All students will benefit from the later start on Friday 4th October at 10:40 am.

Yours faithfully,

Mr G Challis
Deputy Headteacher



success in learning for all

Company No: 07737159
Registered Address: Morland Road, Ilford, Essex, IG1 4JU
Tel: 020 8554 1995 Email: enquiries@uai.org.uk Website: www.uai.org.uk



Newsletter Contents this week:

Chaplaincy News, Page 5

Art News, Page 6

Clubs News, Page 7

Library News, Page 8

Music News, Page 9

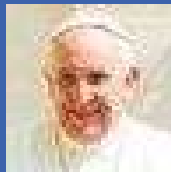
P E News, Page 10

Word of the Week, Page 11

Careers News, Page 12

Free School Meals, Page 13

Extra Curricular Activities,
Pages 14 – 15



Chaplaincy News

Pope Francis@Pontifex – 26 September 2024

Our faith is full of joy, it is a “dance”, because we know that we are children of a God who is our friend, who wants us to be happy and united, who rejoices above all in our salvation #ApostolicJourney

Forward in Joy – 366 days with Angela Merici – Daily words of wisdom from our patron saint

September: Live

27th September: I am continually among them provided they believe and do not lose heart.

28th September: Above all, obey the counsels and inspirations which the Holy Spirit continually sends into the heart.

29th September: Believe firmly that then, especially, you will recognise me to be your faithful friend.

30th September: Let God work; he will do marvellous things.

October: Be Shepherds

1st October: I beg you with all my heart, be like watchful and most vigilant shepherdesses.

2nd October: May God give you knowledge and capacity.

3rd October: You will achieve more with kindness and gentleness than with harshness and sharp rebukes.





Chaplaincy News

UAI school community celebrates start of year Academic Mass with Fr Andrew and Fr David.

Chaplaincy and RE Department organised a celebration of Mass to mark the beginning of the academic year. The celebrant during Wednesday's Mass was Fr Andrew, while Fr David led the Friday Mass.

The highlight of the Mass included bidding prayers by students asking for God's help to emulate the examples of our patron Saints Catherine, Josephine, Rose and Teresa. Students also prayed for Wisdom to incorporate our Serviam virtues in their everyday lives.

Offertory showcased items for various Subject Departments across the school and banners of the school's houses and patron Saints. The school choir led the school community to sing in harmony, with oneness of heart and mind.

During the Homily, Fr Andrew shed light on how he got drawn from his ordinary life as a young student at university to later become a priest.

Fr David spoke to us about the importance of making good friendships in school, setting SMART goals and how we should ask for academic help and thank God for our talents.





Art News

Artist of the Month – Ruth Chandy Year 11

Ruth has been working creating a response to a Paul Nash painting featuring broken planes. In her interpretation these have been replaced with broken garden gnomes. She said ' I liked the juxtaposition of jolly, happy gnomes in a sorrowful condition. It was like they were making the best from a bad situation' Ruth later produced a much larger, abstract version on the same theme. Well done, Ruth!

Mr Butler, Head of Art





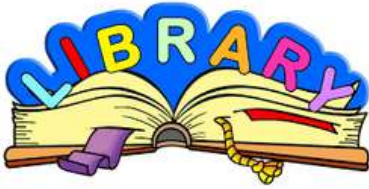
Clubs News

Badminton News

Last week our Badminton club was back up and running, and what a turnout!! The students were lining up outside gym at lunchtime on Thursday ready for a game or two. I was delighted to see so many students involved and what a lovely way to get to know other students in other year groups and to make new friends. I'm really looking forward to next week already!

Ms Eakins





Library News

Here at the UAI, we recognise the importance of developing a love of reading, which is why we take part in the Bookbuzz initiative each year for our Yr 7 students.

Bookbuzz gives students the chance to choose and keep a book they'll love from a collection of 16 titles, newly selected each year by our panel of BookTrust reading experts, practising teachers and school librarians.

At the end of the Autumn Term, students will be presented with their book by a guest speaker. This is a lovely way to celebrate Yr 7's first term in their first year at Secondary school.

Please look at the The Bookbuzz Film | BookTrust with your daughter and together you can decide which book she chooses to keep. Encourage her to view the student zone, Bookbuzz student zone | BookTrust , where she can take part in competitions and read more about the authors and other suggested titles.

Together we can develop a real love of reading. Remember the mantra , 'Read to Succeed'



Ms Finlay, Librarian



Music News

Well done to our KS3/4 band who led the music in our main hall assemblies this week.
You were all absolutely brilliant!"



Ms Deller, Head of Music



Sports stars of the week:

Key stage 3: Aminah Hussain 8J

Aminah has been nominated by all three teachers who run the Football club. She was selected as the MVP (most valuable player) last week and was an outstanding athlete within the matches.

Key stage 4: Habibatulah Tijani 10J

Habiba is an outstanding student who has started running the Year 7 and 8 Dance club this year alongside another student. She has also demonstrated how hardworking and determined she is already within PE, with her baseline testing and also her theory element of the course.



Aminah

Ms Keogh, Head of P E

Habibatulah





Word of the Week!

UAI Word of the Week

This year we are reintroducing our school 'Word of the Week', which will be published each week in our school Newsletter, as well as shared by form tutors during morning registration. Students are encouraged to aim to use each 'Word of the Week' as much as they can throughout the week, both verbally and in written work, in order to be rewarded by staff with merits while also developing their own wider academic vocabulary!

This week's 'Word of the Week' is:

submit
- verb. give over, yield, present, defer

Business: I have to submit my proposal to the panel.

World of work: I have submitted my job application.

English: In 'Romeo and Juliet', the main characters are forced to submit to their fate.

DREAM JOB

sub-mit

submit
submitted
submitting

Latin: sub (under)

Latin: mittere (to send)

Who might use this word? secretary, HR manager, barrister

Sp Adobe Spark



Ms Cooper, Head of English



Careers News

Please note, below is just a snapshot of the opportunities and information posted on Satchel this week. For full details and links please check Satchel

Future Leaders: Accountancy Opportunities for All Young People



Date: 4th December | **Time:** 18:30-19:15

Learn about career options in accountancy beyond just numbers. For parents, guardians, and students, with insights from professionals on guiding young people into this field - hosted by ACCA. **Register now**

The NHS Virtual Allied Healthcare Work Experience

Registration Link: <https://alliedhealthmentor.org/product/live-virtual-work-experience-programme/>

Once registered, students will receive access to their virtual work experience portals. Better yet, every complete session comes with a Work Experience Certificate, and for those who complete the full 6-month programme, there's a Highly Commended Reference – a golden ticket for their apprenticeship and UCAS applications.

Pathways to Property

Pathways to Property is a **charitable programme run by Henley Business School** that's designed to raise awareness about the vast range of careers available within the Real Estate industry

Applications for **Year 12 and 13 students** are now open for our November 2024 **Insight Days** in Leeds and Manchester. Our London Insight Day is now full. These are fully funded, day events held in our sponsors city offices. Applications will close in 3 weeks on **20th October**. [Insight Days | Henley Business School](#)

Year 12/13 - Thinking of a career in Law

Ready to kickstart your legal career early? Discover which law firms are running open days and insight schemes for year 12/13 and first-year students in the [Feature](#).

Plus, read [The Oracle](#) to find out how important first-year exam results really are and check out the [LCN Says](#), which outlines the five key ways your university's careers service can support you in your legal journey.

[The Beginner's Guide to a Career in Law 2025 \(flippingbook.com\)](#)

PWC School and College Leaver jobs

Our full-time [school and college leaver programmes](#) are designed to students develop their business skills through real client work, while also completing formal training and studying towards qualifications.

Our [Flying Start degree programmes](#) offer the opportunity to kick-start their career and go to university.

Across the autumn, we're hosting a series of virtual events for **parents** and students. These sessions will focus on our opportunities and provide top tips when submitting applications. Register [here](#).

Did you know...just registering your daughter for Free School Meals means that our school gets extra money!!

You can register your daughter for Free School Meals if you receive any of these benefits:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
 - Income Support
 - Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
 - Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
 - Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
 - The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

If you want your daughter to have a free, healthy meal at lunchtime that's great – she will get a free meal (saving you more than £400 per year!). There is NO stigma attached and no one will know because we operate a cashless payment system in our Dining Hall.

If you qualify but don't want your daughter to have Free School Meals, please still register as the school will get additional funding. Your daughter can still continue to have her packed lunch as normal!

To apply please complete the on-line Free School Meals application on the Redbridge.gov.uk website. You can apply regardless of which borough you live in because your daughter attends a school in Redbridge. It is a simple 1-page form, so don't delay, apply today!!

It is important to note that:

- Taking the meal is recommended but not compulsory
- Your daughter may receive additional help as a result of being registered, for example, help with the cost of music lessons or school trips
- No one will know and it will not affect any other benefits you are claiming
- Registering your daughter for Free School Meals will bring in more money to our school.

Thank you for your co-operation.



Extra-Curricular Activities

Day	Activity	Time	Room	Year
MONDAY				
BEFORE SCHOOL	Breakfast Club: DGU	8.00 – 8.30a.m.	Canteen	All Years
LUNCHTIME	Basketball: KKE/LWH	12.40 – 1.40p.m.	Gym	Years 9/10
	Glee Club: SDE	12.40 – 1.10p.m.	Dance Studio	All Years
	Guitar Ensemble: JMC	1.10 – 1.40p.m.	S5	All Years
	I T Club: RGO	12.40 – 1.10p.m.	F6	All Years
	Library Lunch Club: CFI	12.40 – 1.35p.m.	Library	All Years
	Maths Club: SDN/SVI	12.40 – 1.40p.m.	F13	All Years
	Movie & Chaplaincy Club: GAD	12.45 – 1.15p.m.	Chapel	All Years
	Science Homework Club: SAK/KSE	12.40 – 1.10p.m.	G9	Years 7/8
Fortnightly	Chemistry Club: JOS	12.40 – 1.10p.m.	G8	Years 9 - 13
AFTER SCHOOL	Homework Club: CFI	3.30 – 4.30p.m.	Library	All Years
TUESDAY				
BEFORE SCHOOL	Breakfast Club: JMC	8.00 – 8.30a.m.	Canteen	All Years
BREAKTIME	Ursuline Singers: SDE	10.40 – 11.00a.m.	S5	Years 9 - 13
	Big Sister Mentoring: HCO	8.45 – 8.55a.m.	Hume House	Years 11 - 13
LUNCHTIME	Dance: GCSE PE Students	12.40 – 1.40p.m.	Dance Studio	Years 10/11
	KS3 Drama Club: IMI	1.10 – 1.40p.m.	Drama Studio	Years 7/8/9
	Gymnastics: KKE	12.40 – 1.40p.m.	Gym	Years 7/8
	History Catch Up: KBE	12.45 – 1.15p.m.	F20	Year 11
	I T Club: RGO	12.40 – 1.10p.m.	F6	All Years
	Library Lunch Club: CFI	12.40 – 1.35p.m.	Library	All Years
	Maths Club: SDN/TKA	12.40 – 1.40p.m.	F13	All Years
	Music Composition Club: SDE	12.40 – 1.10p.m.	S5	GCSE Music Students
	Python Lab: MHA	12.40 – 1.10p.m.	F7	Year 10
	STEM Club (Visualise): AKO	1.00 – 1.30p.m.	G12	All Years
	Violin Ensemble: SDE	1.10 – 1.40p.m.	S5	All Years
AFTER SCHOOL	Homework Club: CFI	3.30 – 4.30p.m.	Library	All Years
	Open Netball Session: LWH	3.20 – 4.20p.m.	Playground/Dance Studio	Years 9/10/11
WEDNESDAY				
BEFORE SCHOOL	Breakfast Club: JMC	8.00 – 8.30a.m.	Canteen	All Years
BREAKTIME	Ukulele Group: DEA	10.40 – 11.00a.m.	S5	All Years
LUNCHTIME	Eco Club: HCO/JMC	1.00 – 1.30p.m.	G3	All Years
	Indoor Athletics: JMA	12.40 – 1.40p.m.	Gym	Years 7/8
	Islamic Society: AAH	12.40 – 1.40p.m.	F10	All Years
	I T Club: RGO	12.40 – 1.10p.m.	F6	All Years
	Library Lunch Club: CFI	12.40 – 1.35p.m.	Library	All Years
	SEN Science Club: MUD	12.40 – 1.40p.m.	G11	Years 7/8
	Script Writing Club:	1.00 – 1.40p.m.	S4	Years 9 - 13
	UAI Choir: SDE	1.00 – 1.40p.m.	S5	All Years

AFTER SCHOOL	DT Catch-Up Club: AKO	3.20 – 4.20p.m.	G12	Year 11
	Football: LBU/DOK/LWH	3.20 – 4.20p.m.	Gym	Years 7/8/9
	Homework Club: CFI	3.30 – 4.30p.m.	Library	All Years
	Open Netball Session: JMA	3.20 – 4.20p.m.	Playground/Dance Studio	Years 7/8
	EAL Intervention: FCH	3.30 – 4.15p.m.	F11	Selected Students
THURSDAY				
BEFORE SCHOOL	Breakfast Club: EDO	8.00 – 8.30a.m.	Canteen	All Years
LUNCHTIME	Art Club: RBU	12.40 – 1.40p.m.	S2	All Years
	Badminton: DEA	12.40 – 1.40p.m.	Gym	Years 9/10/11
	Debate Club: EDO	12.40 – 1.40p.m.	F19	Years 12/13
	French Speaking Club: LGR	12.40 – 1.10p.m.	G6	Year 11
	Greek Mythology: MPO	12.40 – 1.10p.m.	F4	All Years
	IT Club: RGO	12.40 – 1.10p.m.	F6	All Years
	Library Lunch Club: CFI	12.40 – 1.35p.m.	Library	All Years
	Medic Mentoring: KSE	1.10 – 1.40p.m.	G11	Year 12/13
	STEM Club (Visualise): AKO	1.00 – 1.30p.m.	G12	All Years
	Woodwind Ensemble: SDE	1.10 – 1.40p.m.	S5	All Years
Fortnightly	African Caribbean Society: SAK/DOK	12.40 – 1.10p.m.	G9	All Years
AFTER SCHOOL	Homework Club: CFI	3.30 – 4.30p.m.	Library	All Years
FRIDAY				
BEFORE SCHOOL	Breakfast Club: DGU	8.00 – 8.30a.m.	Canteen	All Years
BREAKTIME	EPQ Club: GIR	10.40 – 11.00a.m.	G19	Year 12/13
LUNCHTIME	Art Club: RBU	12.40 – 1.40p.m.	S2	GCSE/A Level Art Students
	Dance: KKE	12.40 – 1.40p.m.	Dance Studio	Years 7/8
	Gardening Club: DEA	12.40 – 1.10p.m.	Chapel	Years 7/8
	IT Club: RGO	12.40 – 1.10p.m.	F6	All Years
	Library Lunch Club: CFI	12.40 – 1.35p.m.	Library	All Years
	Movie & Chaplaincy Club: GAD	12.45 – 1.15p.m.	Chapel	All Years
	Sporty Friday: JGA	12.40 – 1.40p.m.	Gym	Years 7/8/9/10/11
	UAI Band: SDE	12.40 – 1.10p.m.	S5	All Years
AFTER SCHOOL	Homework Club: CFI	3.30 – 4.30p.m.	Library	All Years

Extracurricular Activities