



# Ursuline Academy Ilford

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## Upcoming Events

### Art Exhibition

Thursday 26 June 2025  
4.30 – 6.30p.m.

### Year 6/7 New Entrants Meeting

Monday 30 June 2025  
5.00 – 6.00p.m.

### Year 11 Prom

Thursday 10 July 2025  
7.00 – 11.00p.m.

### End of Year Trips

Tuesday 15 July 2025

### Sports Day

Friday 18 July 2025

### End of Term

Tuesday 22 July 2025  
School ends at 12.40p.m.



## Headteacher's Headlines



At the time of writing this, we are preparing to host a beautiful Mass of Thanksgiving to honour two much-loved colleagues who have each given 25 years of dedicated service to the Ursuline. We will be joined by the Ursuline Sisters, former Headteachers, colleagues past and present, and their families, as we reflect on their remarkable contribution to our school community.

Their quiet commitment and daily example embody the principles of Catholic Social Teaching – especially the dignity of work, solidarity, and the common good. Their impact is not only seen in lessons taught, but in lives touched, values modelled, and love given freely over many years. We give thanks for their service, their witness, and their enduring place in the heart of the Ursuline. Thank you Dr Osei-Owusu & Mr Clare.

At the Ursuline, Catholic Social Teaching is not just a set of ideals – it is the foundation of our mission and the lens through which we view every aspect of school life. Grounded in the Gospel and the dignity of the human person, these principles call us to foster a community where each student is known, valued, and empowered to flourish. Whether through our commitment to academic excellence, pastoral care, service opportunities, or inclusion, we seek to live out the values of solidarity, the common good, the preferential option for the poor, and stewardship. These teachings guide how we lead, teach, support one another, and nurture the formation of young people who will go out into the world with a deep sense of justice, compassion, and faith.

Fiona Stone,  
SERVIAM





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### Pope Leo XIV @ Pontifex – 18 June 2025

In this Jubilee of Hope, let us remember to pray for those who suffer and feel tempted by discouragement. In all of life's problems and difficulties, let us turn to Jesus, acknowledging our desire for healing and embracing His promise of freedom and new life.

**# GeneralAudience**

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

June: Ask

20<sup>th</sup> June: God will be in your midst.

21<sup>st</sup> June: God alone knows what you need, and can and wants to provide for you.

22<sup>nd</sup> June: Be bound to one another by the bond of charity.

23<sup>rd</sup> June: The more you are united, the more Jesus Christ will be in your midst as a father and good shepherd.

24<sup>th</sup> June: And always let your principal recourse be at the feet of Jesus Christ.

25<sup>th</sup> June: Always be thankful.

26<sup>th</sup> June: There will be no other sign that you are in the grace of the Lord than that you love one another and are united together.





## Chaplaincy News

### Weekly Mass: 8 Rose and 8 Teresa

Weekly mass resumed in the Chapel on Thursday during lunchtime with Forms 8 Rose and 8 Teresa. The Gospel reading of the day was from **Matthew 6: 7-15**

**Jesus said to his disciples: "In praying, do not babble like the pagans, who think that they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them.**

**Your Father knows what you need before you ask him." Jesus then goes onto to teach his followers the Lord's Prayer.**

This gospel passage from Matthew warns against hypocrisy in religious practices. It highlights that while outward displays of piety might impress people, they offer no reward from God. Instead, acts of charity, prayer, and fasting should be done in secret, with the intention of pleasing God

A message for all people of faith to remember.



**Ms G Semambo, Teacher of R E**



## Chaplaincy News

### Ursuline Chaplaincy Retreat

I had the honour of representing the school at the annual Ursuline Chaplaincy retreat at the Jesuit centre in London on Wednesday.

I joined Chaplains from the Ursuline family of schools in Wimbledon, Greenwich, Brentwood, Forest Gate and Kent to share ideas and consider ways the students in our care can be supported in their faith.

The day began with a talk on the history of the Ursuline and Jesuit orders given by a Jesuit priest. We all considered the distinctive nature of Ursuline schools and discussed new opportunities for prayer in our schools for students and staff. Chaplains were then given an opportunity to explore the gardens in the grounds and go to Confession in the beautiful Church of the Immaculate Conception. The group then came together for mass in the chapel at the centre before lunch.

After lunch we meditated on the words of St Angela and how her teachings relate to the lives of our schools and communities. Truly a wonderful day that left us all feeling spiritually refreshed. In the words of St Angela:

"Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony."



**Ms G Semambo, Teacher of R E**



## Drama News

### Year 9 Design Projects

Year 9 Drama students have been busy creating design concepts for their performance pieces in Drama. We are very impressed with their creative ability and showcase some outstanding examples of the model boxes below.

Well done Year 9, keep creative!





## Drama News Continued...

### Year 10 Theatre in Education Workshop

On Tuesday 17th June, Year 10 Drama students took part in an interactive workshop led and performed by Drama practitioners from The Institute of Education. The workshop explored the story of *The Roses of Eyam*, a play by Don Taylor about the Great Plague that swept Britain in 1665/66. The performance work was moving and fascinating leading the students through the world of this historical period in an immersive method. The students enjoyed the workshop and learned about Theatre in Education and also a period of history.



**The ARTS BSTIVAL will be taking place on Thursday 26th June! There will be the stunning art exhibition of GCSE and A-Level work in the Art Studios and music and drama in the hall. Drama performance will begin at 4.30pm and there will be a second performance at 5.15 pm. The evening will close at 6pm.**

**Entry is free and it would be so lovely to see art-goers and audience members coming to support our student's creativity.**

***Ms Milne, Subject Lead Drama***

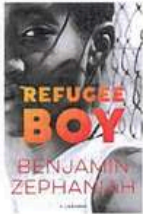


## Library News



Theme of Refugee Week 2025: Community as a Superpower

Communities can bring people together. Bridging divides and offering support. Spaces of resilience and places for healing. **Refugee Week, 16–22 June 2025,**

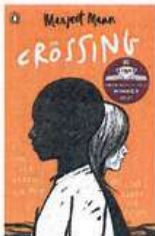


### **Refugee Boy by Benjamin Zephaniah.**

Alem thinks he is on holiday with his father in London, but his father has brought him to the UK to escape the war in Ethiopia and leaves him to survive by himself as a refugee.

### **The boy at the back of the class by Onjali Q Rauf**

A boy befriends a refugee who has started in his class at school and helps him settle into his new life in the UK.

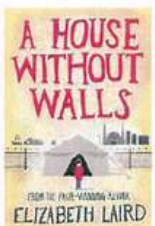
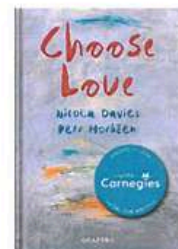


### **The Crossing by Manjeet Mann**

A teenage girl struggling with her mother's death and an Eritrean refugee find hope when fate throws them together.

### **Choose Love by Nicola Davies & Petr Horacek**

Choose Love is a cycle of poems that highlights the experience of those forced to become refugees. Beautifully written poems accompanied by powerful illustrations. The poems are raw and heart-breaking and will provoke much discussion, and may



### **A house without walls by Elizabeth Laird**

A young Syrian girl tries to find out a family secret hidden from her when her family are driven to find safety in a refugee camp to escape the war in their country

### **Making it home: real-life stories from children forced to flee**

In this unique collection, children living all over the world speak about their experiences of being forced to flee their homes; about becoming refugees. Moving, poignant and at times inspirational, Making It Home gives a voice to the millions of young people whose lives have been disrupted by war.





# MFL News

On Wednesday, the MFL ambassadors celebrated their first year of existence in style with cupcakes and music. Ms Stone was also part of the celebration. She received a small gift to say Thank you for letting them organise some amazing events this year. Bravo les filles!



**MS Grassi, Subject Lead MFL**



## P E Stars of the Week!

**The Year 7 and 8 students** displayed incredible determination and team spirit at the Redbridge Athletics Championships, putting in an outstanding level of effort throughout the competition. From sprinting to long-distance running, jumping to throwing events, every athlete gave their all, showcasing both talent and resilience. Their commitment to training and supporting one another was evident in every performance, and they represented the school with pride, enthusiasm, and a fantastic attitude. It was a fantastic display of hard work and sportsmanship from all involved, and they should all be proud of what they accomplished. A special well done goes to **Christabel, Precious, and Mercy** for winning medals in their events an amazing achievement that reflects their hard work and determination.



### ✦ Pupil Achievement Spotlight ✦

As part of their studies on climate change, stewardship, and Catholic Social Teaching, students from **Year 8C and 8R** have taken thoughtful action to live out our school's virtue of Leading for Justice and United in Harmony.

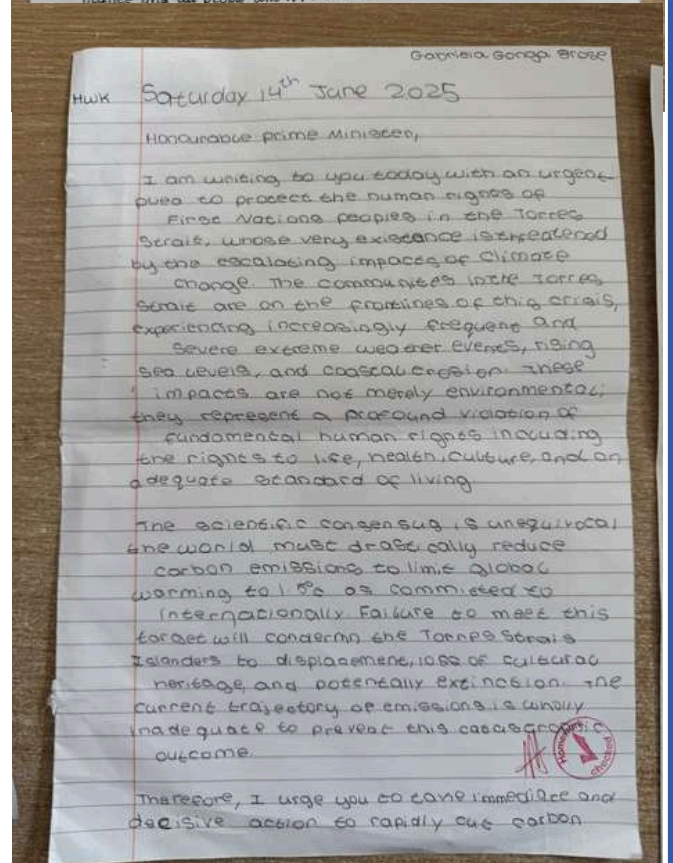
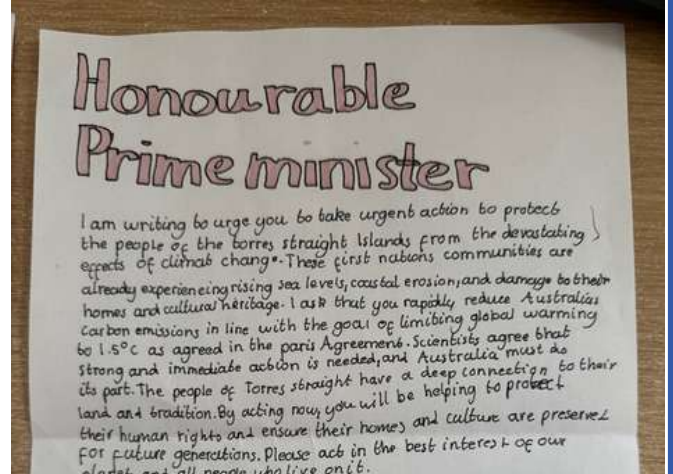
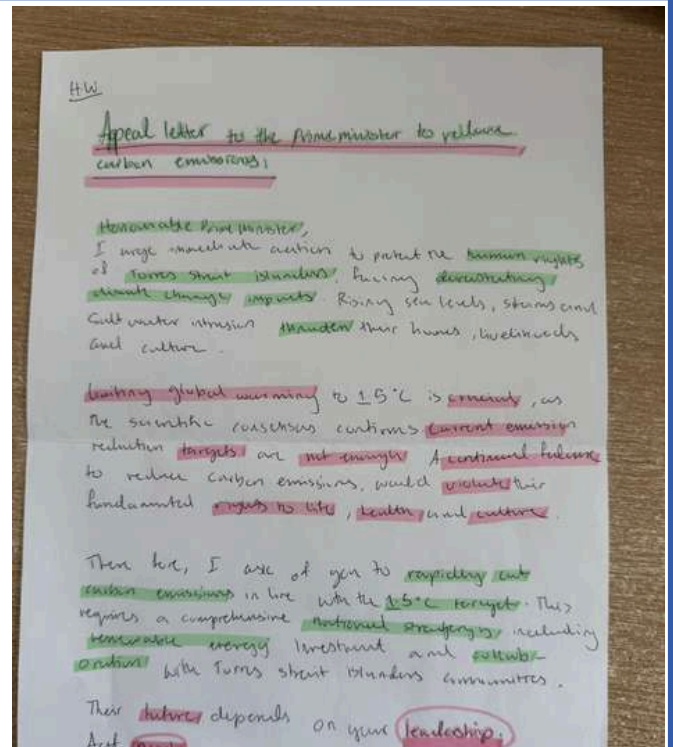
In a letter-writing task, they addressed the Honourable Prime Minister, urging him to reduce carbon emissions and take meaningful steps to protect the Torres Strait Islands and their communities from the harmful impacts of climate change.

Grounded in the principles of caring for our common home and upholding the dignity and rights of all people—especially First Nations Peoples—students called on the Prime Minister to act in line with the global commitment to limit warming to 1.5°C, guided by the best available science.

Through this activity, students demonstrated their commitment to justice, stewardship of creation, and advocacy for those most affected by climate harm.



Ms Posnakidou, Teacher of R E





## 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

### Routes into Accounting & Finance Webinar



Are you an individual **interested in a career in accounting and finance?** Join our exclusive webinar, hosted by Amazing Apprenticeships in collaboration with Aston University Business School and Bournemouth University, to discover the exciting new higher (level 4) and degree (level 6) apprenticeship programmes designed to provide valuable pathways into accounting and finance. These innovative apprenticeships offer a blend of academic study and hands-on experience, equipping you with the skills, knowledge, and qualifications needed to succeed in the industry. [Register Now](#)

### Degree Apprenticeships - Information for Year 12 Students



With university open days under way, Year 12 students across the UK are starting to plan their post-Sixth Form options, preparing for university entrance and thinking about their future graduate careers.

Many Year 12 students will be unaware that degree apprenticeships offer an alternative 'earn as you learn' route to a university degree - and a guaranteed graduate job in some of the most sought-after professions, like law, engineering, accounting, technology and banking & finance.

[The Sixth Formers' Guide to Degree Apprenticeships](#) is a free 100-page digital guide, produced in association with the **Department for Education** and **The Careers & Enterprise Company**, that will help introduce Year 12 students to degree apprenticeships and the employers who offer them.

### Test-drive industry-standard software in Animation and Games

Post-16 students are invited to our undergraduate taster day in North Greenwich on Wednesday 9th July. Our tasters are a perfect intro to degree study in Animation, Games, VFX, Concept Art and Motion Graphics.

- Have a go at creative software like Unreal Engine or Houdini with our industry-expert tutors
- Participate in taster sessions that give you a feel for studying at Escape Studios
- Find out if your chosen discipline is the right course for you.

**Date:** Wednesday 9th July, Time: 10.00am - 1:00pm

**Place:** Escape Studios, 6 Mitre Passage, North Greenwich, London, SE10 0ER

[Book Now](#)

## 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](http://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.





# Lunch Menus

## MAINS *Only £2.50*

*Week One:* 06/01/2025, 27/01/2025, 24/02/2025, 17/03/24

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
<b>★ PORTUGUESE PLATES ★</b> Peri-Peri Chicken with Lemon & Herb Sauce (G,Su,E,Ce)  Vegan Peri-Peri Squash with Lemon & Herb Sauce (G,Su,E,Ce)  Spicy Wedges (Mu) Crushed Minty Peas  Extras: Toasted Pitta Bread (G) Grilled Haloumi (M)	<b>★ HOME COMFORTS ★</b> Beef Cottage Pie (G,So,Mk,Ce)  Vegan Cottage Pie (G,So,Mk,Ce)  Roasted Root Vegetables Garden Peas  Extras: Crusty Baguette (G)	<b>★ ROAST ★</b> Roast Chicken Dinner with Stuffing & Chicken Gravy (G)  Roasted Winter Root Vegetable Wellington with Stuffing & Vegetable Gravy (So,E,G)  Crunchy Roast Potatoes, Carrots & Kale  Extras: Yorkshire Pudding (G,E,Mk)	<b>★ ASIAN FLAVOURS ★</b> Sticky Turkey Chow Mein with Crunchy Toasted Seeds (G,So,Mu,E,Ce)  Sticky Vegetable Chow-Mein with Crispy Tofu (G,So,Mu,E,Ce)  Vegetable Stir Fry with Crunchy Beansprouts (So,G)  Extras: Prawn Crackers (Su,Cr) Spring Rolls (G,So,Mk,E,Ce)	<b>★ FISH &amp; CHIP SHOP ★</b> Battered Fish Fillet (G,F)  Jumbo Sausage (G,Su)  Vegan Homemade Pea & Potato Samosa with Raitha (G)  Chips Peas Baked Beans  Extras: Chip Shop Gravy Curry Sauce (Mk,So)

**THEME BARS -PLUS DAILY- JACKET POTATOES & SALAD BAR**

*Meal Deal*  
**Only £2.70**

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**Daily Pasta Bar**  
 Slow Cooked Beef Bolognese (G)  
 Tomato and Basil (G)  
 Mac 'n' Cheese (G,Mk)

**Served with**  
 Home baked Garlic Bread (G,So,Mk)  
 Pesto (Mk) & Cheese (Mk)

**Med £2.20 / Large £2.50**

**GLOBAL EATS**  
From £2.50

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
Sliced Tomato and Cheese Panini (G,Mk)	Chicken Beyti Flatbread (G,Mk,So)	Pepperoni and Mozzarella Panini (G,Mk)	Fully Loaded Cheeseburger with Crispy Pickles (G,Se,Mk)	Mozzarella Panini (Mk,G)

**DESSERTS**

**MONDAY**  
Lemon Blondie (G,E)

**TUESDAY**  
Sticky Baked Jam Doughnut (G,Su)

**WEDNESDAY**  
Oaty Pear Crumble & Custard (G,E,Mk,So)

**THURSDAY**  
Chocolate Sponge Pudding (G,E,Mk,So)

**FRIDAY**  
Somerset Apple & Cinnamon Cake (Mk,E,G)

**£1.40**

**ALLERGENS**  
*we're always glad!*

Ce = Celery  
 Cr = Crustacean  
 E = Eggs  
 F = Fish  
 G = Cereals containing Gluten  
 L = Lupin  
 Mk = Milk

Mo = Molluscs  
 Mu = Mustard  
 N = Nuts  
 P = Peanuts  
 Se = Sesame Seeds  
 So = Soya  
 Su = Sulphur Dioxide

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## MAINS *Only £2.50*

*Week Two:* 13/01/2025, 03/02/2025, 03/03/2025, 24/03/2025

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
<b>★ FIESTA FLAVOURS ★</b> Smoky Chilli Con Carne with Crushed Tortillas (Mu)  Vegan Smoky Veggie Chilli with Crushed Tortillas (Mu,So,Ce)  Golden Jewelled Rice BBQ Beans (G,So)  Extras: Flour Tortillas (G) Grated Cheese (Mk)	<b>★ KATSU KITCHEN ★</b> Panko Chicken Katsu with Curry Sauce (G,E,So)  Panko Sweet Potato Katsu with Curry Sauce (G,E,So)  Steamed Rice Asian Salad  Extras: Prawn Crackers (Su,Cr)	<b>★ HOME COMFORTS ★</b> Chicken Sausages with Onion Gravy (G,Su)  Grilled Vegan Sausages with Onion Gravy (So)  Creamy Mashed Potatoes Green Beans  Extras: Yorkshire Pudding (G,E,Mk)	<b>★ MASALA MOMENTS ★</b> Chicken Tikka Masala with Mango Chutney  Crispy Paneer Tikka Masala with Mango Chutney (Mk)  Pilau Rice Onion Salad  Extras: Nan Bread (G)	<b>★ FISH &amp; CHIP SHOP ★</b> Battered Fish Fillet (G,F)  Sausage Roll (G,Mk,So,Su)  Vegetable Spring Roll with Sweet & Sour Sauce (G,So)  Chips Peas Baked Beans  Extras: Chip Shop Gravy Curry Sauce (Mk,So)

**THEME BARS -PLUS DAILY- JACKET POTATOES & SALAD BAR**

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**Daily Pasta Bar**  
 Slow Cooked Beef Bolognese (G)  
 Tomato and Basil (G)  
 Mac 'n' Cheese (G,Mk)

**Served with**  
 Home baked Garlic Bread (G,So,Mk)  
 Pesto (Mk) & Cheese (Mk)

**Med £2.20 / Large £2.50**

**GLOBAL EATS**  
From £2.50

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
Cheese and Tomato Panini (G,Mk)	Fish Finger Bap with Tartare Sauce & Salad (G,E,F,Se)	African Jollof Rice with Chicken	Spicy Turkey Tacos	Cheese and Tomato Panini (G,Mk)

**DESSERTS**

**MONDAY**  
Raspberry and Coconut Sponge (G,E,Mk,Su,So)

**TUESDAY**  
Pineapple Cupcakes (G,E,Mk)

**WEDNESDAY**  
Apple Crumble & Custard (G,E,Mk,So)

**THURSDAY**  
Banana & Toffee Cake (G,E,Mk,So)

**FRIDAY**  
Chocolate & Beetroot Brownie (G,E)

**£1.40**

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# Lunch Menus Continued...

## MAINS

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Week Three: 20/01/2025, 10/02/2025, 10/03/2025, 31/03/2025



**THEME BARS  
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JACKET  
POTATOES  
& SALAD BAR**



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MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
<p><b>AMERICAN DINER</b></p> <p>Hot Dogs with Yellow Mustard Crispy Onions &amp; Jalapenos (G,Mu,Se,Su)</p> <p>Veggie Hot Dogs with Yellow Mustard Crispy Onions &amp; Jalapenos (G,Mu,Se,Su,E)</p> <p>Baked Potato Wedges Southern Style Coleslaw (Su,Mu,E)</p> <p>Extras: Onion Rings (G)</p>	<p><b>SOUTH AFRICA</b></p> <p>Cape Malay Chicken Curry (G)</p> <p>Vegan Chakalaka (Soweto Chilli)</p> <p>Fragrant Yellow Rice Tangy Bean Salad</p> <p>Extras: Mealie Bread (G,E,Mk,So)</p>	<p><b>ROAST</b></p> <p>Slow Roast Turkey with Stuffing &amp; Roast Gravy (G)</p> <p>Vegan Winter Root Vegetable &amp; Kale Filo Parcel (G)</p> <p>Crispy Roast Potatoes Baked Carrots &amp; Parsnips</p> <p>Extras: Yorkshire Pudding (G,E,MK)</p>	<p><b>WRAP STATION</b></p> <p>BBQ Pulled Pork Wrap (G,Ce)</p> <p>Vegan BBQ Vegetable Wrap (G,Mu)</p> <p>Spicy Rice (Ce)</p> <p>Roasted Corn &amp; Pepper Salad</p> <p>Extras: Tortilla Chips</p>	<p><b>FISH &amp; CHIP SHOP</b></p> <p>Battered Fish Fillet (G,F)</p> <p>Roast Chicken</p> <p>Cheese &amp; Onion Turnover (G,F,E)</p> <p>Chips Peas Baked Beans</p> <p>Extras: Chip Shop Gravy Curry Sauce (Mk,So)</p>

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MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
Teriyaki Chicken Noodles (G,E,So,Su)	Cajun Beef & Rice Burrito (G,Mu)	Pepperoni and Mozzarella Panini (G,Mk)	Beef Meatball & Mozzarella Sub (G,Mk)	Cheese and Tomato Panini (G,Mk)

## DESSERTS

**MONDAY**  
Chocolate Marble Cake (G,Mk,E)

**TUESDAY**  
Banana & Choc chip Sponge (G,E,Mk,So)

**WEDNESDAY**  
Lemon Curd Cake (G,E,Mk,So)

**THURSDAY**  
Sticky Toffee Pudding (G,E,Mk,So)

**FRIDAY**  
Coconut & Lime Shortbread (G,Su)

£1.40



# School Lunch

# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about YOUTUBE KIDS

AGE RESTRICTED  
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## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

As its name suggests, YouTube Kids is a child-friendly version of Google's online video-sharing platform. Its colourful user interface is designed with young people in mind, and it offers a curated, family-friendly experience with features like age-based content settings and parental controls.

### INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT BYPASSING FILTERS

YouTube Kids is less likely to show inappropriate material than YouTube, but there have been reports of the app showing age-inappropriate content to young viewers. One investigation found that YouTube Kids had shown videos that promote skin bleaching, weight loss, drug culture and firearms to children as young as two, as inappropriate content had bypassed the platform's algorithms and human moderators.

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CENSORED

### BE WARY OF ADVERTISING

Like Google's regular YouTube app, YouTube Kids features pervasive advertising before a video plays. While these adverts are designed to be family friendly and are subject to a strict review process, it's worth noting that YouTube Kids collects information around children's viewing to inform targeted content and advertisements.

BUY NOW!

### DESIGNED TO BE ADDICTIVE

YouTube Kids is designed to be addictive. The platform's design features, such as the constant stream of new videos and the reward system of points or virtual stickers, can be very engaging and make it difficult for children to switch off. Research has shown that spending too much time using digital services such as YouTube can lead to screen addiction, affecting children's daily routines, studies, and even their social lives.

### SETTINGS CAN BE CIRCUMVENTED

YouTube Kids offers built-in parental controls, enabling you to set screen time limits and curate the content children are able to view; however, children are often more tech-savvy than we think. They can easily bypass or tweak these settings if they have access to the associated Google account password, thereby exposing themselves to age-inappropriate and potentially dangerous content.

### AI-GENERATED MISINFORMATION

There is also a risk of children accessing videos that contain disinformation and misinformation. A BBC investigation found that some YouTube channels are using artificial intelligence (AI) technology to create misleading 'scientific' videos that are recommended to children as educational content. These videos included conspiracy theories and ideas that lack scientific backing.

### DATA COLLECTION RISK

While there are limits on the data that YouTube can collect on children under 13, children can still inadvertently give away sensitive information when using YouTube Kids. The platform collects data on children's viewing habits, content searches and location, which YouTube and third-party advertisers can use.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### PARENTAL CONTROLS

YouTube Kids offers several settings that allow you to manage what content children can view. For example, you can choose what level of content you want them to access, such as 'Preschool' or 'Younger'. You can also turn off the search function, so that only those videos approved by the YouTube Kids team themselves will appear on a child's recommendations list.

### SET TIME LIMITS

The built-in parental controls let you keep a tab on how long children spend watching videos. You can set a timer that limits screen time and disables the YouTube Kids app once a specified length of time has been reached. It's also worth speaking to children about the dangers of spending too much time on YouTube, to ensure they remain focused on other, more important activities.

### CHECK WATCH HISTORY

YouTube Kids has made it easy for you to keep an eye on what the children in your care have been watching on the app. By clicking on the 'Recommended' icon at the top right of the home screen, you can see which videos they've been viewing, and how much of each. If a child watches YouTube Kids while signed into a Google account, you can check their history through Google's 'My Activity' page.

### WATCH TOGETHER

It's important that you try to make YouTube Kids a fun and positive experience for children. One way to do this is by introducing watching sessions, where you all gather around and share the most enjoyable videos that you have recently watched. This can be a great way of giving you both new things to talk about and of keeping an eye on what they're watching.

### Meet Our Expert

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# Clubs Timetable



Monday	Time	Club - Year groups	Location
	AM	8:00am (30 mins)	Breakfast Club 7-13
8:25am (15mins)		Worship band 9-10	Hall Ms Hurst
Lunch	12:40pm (30mins)	Trampoline 9-10	Gym Ms Whates
		IT Club 7-13	F6 IT team
		Chemistry Club 9-13 (**Fortnightly)	G8 Dr. Osei-Owusu
	12:40pm (55mins)	Basketball 7-13	Gym Ms Whates
		Science Homework Club 7-8	G9 Ms Akinsoji
	12:40pm (1hr)	Library Lunch Club 7-13	Library Ms Finlay
	12:40pm (1hr)	Maths Club 7-13	F13 Mr Deen & Mr Vijay
PM	1:10pm (30mins)	Guitar Ensemble 7-13	S5 Mr McCarthy
	3:30pm (1hr)	Homework Club 7-13	Library Ms Finlay

Tuesday	Time	Club - Year groups	Location
	AM	8:00am (30 mins)	Breakfast Club 7-13
8:25am (15mins)		Worship band 9-10	Hall Ms Hurst
8:45am (10 mins)		Big Sister Mentoring 11-13	Hume House Ms Colder
Lunch	12:40pm (30mins)	Python Lab 10	F7 Ms Hanifi
		IT Club 7-13	F6 IT team
	12:40pm (55mins)	Library Lunch Club 7-13	Library Ms Finlay
		Maths Club 7-13	F13 Mr Deen & Ms Kayode
	12:40pm (1hr)	Music Year 7 practice Room Access	Practice rooms Ms Hurst
		Music String group 7-10	S5 Ms Hurst
	1:00pm (30mins)	STEM Club (Visualise) 7-13	G12 Ms Kodi-Pekku
	1:10pm (30mins)	KS3 Drama Club 7-9	Drama Studio Ms Milne
		Violin Ensemble 7-13	S5 Peri Teacher
	PM	3:20pm (1hr)	Open Netball Session 9-10
3:30pm (1hr)		Homework Club 7-13	Library Ms Finlay

Wednesday	Time	Club - Year groups	Location	
	AM	8:00am (30 mins)	Breakfast Club 7-13	Canteen Mr McCarthy
		8:25am (15mins)	Worship band 9-10	Hall Ms Hurst
	Break	10:40am (20mins)	Ukulele Group 7-13	S5 Ms Eakins
			Music Y10-11 Practice Room Access	Practice rooms Ms Hurst
	Lunch	12:40pm (30mins)	IT Club 7-13	F6 IT team
		12:40pm (55mins)	Library Lunch Club 7-13	Library Ms Finlay
			Islamic Society 7-13	F10 Mrs Ahmed
		12:40pm (1hr)	Music Year 9 practice Room Access	Practice rooms Ms Hurst
			Music Y10-13 choir	S5 Ms Hurst
SEN Science Club 7-8			G11 Mr Uddin	
1:00pm (30mins)		Sparx Maths Club 7-13	F13 Ms Sivachadran & Ms Verma	
PM	3:20pm (1hr)	Eco Club 7-13	G3 Ms Colder & Mr McCarthy	
	3:20pm (1hr)	Football 7-9	Gym Mr Burt, Mr Okeyere & Ms Whates	
	3:30pm (45mins)	EAL Intervention	F11 Ms Choudhury	
	3:30pm (1hr)	Homework Club 7-13	Library Ms Finlay	

Thursday	Time	Club - Year groups	Location	
	AM	8:00am (30 mins)	Breakfast Club 7-13	Canteen Mr Donovan
		8:15am (25mins)	Choir 7-13	S5 Ms Hurst
	Lunch	12:40pm (30mins)	Greek Mythology 7-13	F4 Ms Posnikidou
		12:40pm (55mins)	IT Club 7-13	F6 IT team
			Library Lunch Club 7-13	Library Ms Finlay
		12:40pm (1hr)	Art Club 10-13	S2 Mr Butler
			Badminton 9-11	Gym Ms Eakins
		12:40pm (1hr)	Debate Club 8-13	F19 Mr Donovan
			Music Y10-11 Practice Room Access	Practice rooms Ms Hurst
1:00pm (30mins)	Music Y7-9 Choir	S5 Ms Hurst		
	1:00pm (30mins)	STEM Club (Visualise) 7-13	G12 Ms Kodi-Pekku	
1:10pm (30mins)	South Asian Society Y7-13	S8 Ms Sivachadran & Ms Verma		
	1:10pm (30mins)	Medic Mentoring 12-13	G11 Ms Seivachadran	
PM	3:30pm (1hr)	Homework Club 7-13	Library Ms Finlay	
	3:30pm (1hr)	Worship band 9-10	S5 Ms Hurst	

Friday	Time	Club - Year groups	Location	
	AM	8:00am (30 mins)	Breakfast Club 7-13	Canteen Ms Guy
		Break	10:40am (20mins)	EPQ Club 12-13
	Lunch		12:40pm (30mins)	African Caribbean Society 7-13
		GCSE Computer Science Intervention 10-11		F6 Ms Hanifi
		12:40pm (30mins)	MFL Ambassadors Club 8-9	G6 Ms Grassi
			Gardening Club 7-8	Chapel Ms Eakins
		12:40pm (55mins)	IT Club 7-13	F6 IT team
			UAI Band 7-13	S5 Peri teacher
		12:40pm (55mins)	Library Lunch Club 7-13	Library Ms Finlay
12:40pm (1hr)	Art Club 10-13	S2 Mr Butler		
	Music Year 8 Practice Room Access	Practice rooms Ms Hurst		
1:05pm (30mins)	Poetry Club 7-9 **Fortnightly	F3 Ms Abbasi-Freeman		
	PM	3:30pm (1hr)	Homework Club 7-13	Library Ms Finlay
3:30pm (1hr)		Music Y10-11 Coursework	S5 Ms Hurst	