

Friday 28th February 2025

Dear parents and carers,

I hope that the week has been a good one and that getting our children up and out of their beds after the half term break, not too challenging! Y11 and 13 students have been fantastic for this first week of mocks, as have Year 10 with their RE exam.

NHS dentist information

[80 Kensington Dental Clinic](#) have informed us that they are now accepting new NHS patients and would like to offer their support in promoting routine dental check-ups for students:

We understand that it is very difficult to find an NHS dentist at the moment, but we are here to support your school community with accessible, high-quality care. Good oral hygiene and regular dental check-ups are especially important for students, as building healthy habits from an early stage helps to prevent future dental issues. By encouraging routine check-ups, we can help ensure students grow up with healthy, confident smiles. We're conveniently located on High Street Kensington, with easy access to bus and train stations.

Year 8 HPV vaccinations and community clinic for Year 9

If you are the parent / carer of a child in Year 8, please look out for some communications from the Vaccination UK team regarding the Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Vaccine, which will be offered to students in May. Our administration team will be passing on information about how you can give / deny consent for your child.

If your child has not had the Year 9 teenage booster vaccination and MenACWY and you would like them to receive these important vaccinations, we will be sharing details of community clinics when we receive them.

Ramadan

In a rare coincidence our Academy community is observing both Lent and Ramadan; the latter starting later today. The Academy Collective Worship led this week by Ms. Marshall, focused on sacrifice and our Chaplain speaks about this in the next paragraph. Ramadan Mubarak to those of you observing Ramadan and blessings and fortitude to those in our community observing Lent. Muslim students are aware that as normal there is a prayer space available in the Activity Hall, supervised by staff and currently a separate Sixth Form provision for female students. Please note that there is a hard finish to prayers; no later than 1.25pm so that students are ready for Period 5 to commence at 1.40pm.

On 20th March our Y10 Progress Evening will start at the earlier time of 3.15pm to support families in breaking fast later that evening. Therefore there will be an early closure for all students on Thursday 20th March and the Academy day will end at 2.35pm. Thank you for your understanding. We are also very much hoping to run an Academy iftar in March and will be sharing further details with you.

Chaplain's message - Rev. van Kan

*This week, we've been focusing on sacrifice. This is based on **Isaiah 1:17**, which says, "Learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression; bring justice to the fatherless, plead the widow's cause." This verse isn't just talking about grand actions — it's also talking about the small, everyday sacrifices we might not even notice. That's why during Lent and Ramadan, we see this spirit of generosity and sacrifice even more clearly. These times remind us that small acts of giving and letting go help build a kinder, more caring community. Therefore, I encourage you today*

to take a moment to appreciate these efforts, both big and small, and do your part to make our community a place where everyone feels valued and supported. May the peace of Christ be with you all.

Enjoy the sunshine this weekend; it really does feel like Spring is finally here.

Yours faithfully,



Mariella Ardron
Principal

Upcoming and important dates

Monday 3rd March (until 10th March) 2025 - Year 13 mock exams continue

Week commencing Monday 3rd March 2025 - National Careers Week - activities in the Academy

Thursday 6th March - 5pm - Year 12 Higher Education and Progression Launch

Thursday 20th March - TIMINGS - Year 10 Progress Evening (including Work Experience Information)

Friday 4th April - Year 11 Futures Day (further details to follow)



The Sound of Music

**EARLSCOURTIERS
AUDITIONS NOW OPEN**

**Tuesday 18th March 4pm-6pm
Wednesday 19th March 4pm-6pm
Thursday 20th March 4pm-6pm**

All auditions will take place
between 4pm-6pm. To book a slot
complete our form on our website
earlscourtcommunitytrust.com/soundofmusic

**Lots of roles for young and old!!
Casting two von Trapp families**