



Dear community,

Welcome to the first edition of The Ursuline News. This is our bi-weekly communication to all in our school community.

So far, we have tested all our students as part of the return to school programme for secondary schools. I would like to thank the students for coming in for the tests, and also Mrs Adams and the staff involved in running the tests so efficiently. The second round has begun this week. Following this on-site testing, families will need to continue twice-weekly testing at home until there are any further updates from the Government so that we can



avoid the large number of students having to be educated at home as last year. Can I thank you all in advance for your help and diligence with the regular testing – this is greatly appreciated.

The first day of school went really well, with all students having some lessons. We are in the process of celebrating our welcome Masses at Our Ladye Star of the Sea Roman Catholic Church. The school is now at full capacity, which makes for a really exciting and vibrant environment where we are able to offer a broad range of opportunities both in the formal curriculum and in the extensive extra-curricular programme of events. Our extra-curricular groups resume next Monday, 13th September.

The next major event is our Open Day. This takes place on Saturday 18th September and will showcase the school to prospective families thinking about joining St Ursula's. As usual, our school will be closed the following Monday (20th September). Remote

learning activities will be set for all students so that learning continues.

Finally, I would like to signpost the parental 'open door' I will be hosting on Monday 13th (7.30am-11.00am). This is an opportunity for any parent to come to the school and meet with me to discuss anything that is important to you.

If you would like to meet with me, do not hesitate to contact my Personal Assistant, Ms Element, at lelement@stursulas.com to make an appointment. Parental, student and staff open door opportunities are planned throughout the academic year so that everyone in our community has an opportunity to have their voice heard.

I look forward to working with students, families and all in our distinct Ursuline community.

Best wishes,
Ms Kathleen M Faherty,
Headteacher