

BRIGHT SPARKS

A Year in the Life at
La Sainte Union

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WELCOME TO OUR ANNUAL REVIEW MAGAZINE

I am delighted to introduce the third edition of our school magazine – a celebration of the stories, successes and rich experiences that have shaped another remarkable year at La Sainte Union.

From the very start of the academic year, we were excited to welcome a new cohort of bright, brilliant and ambitious young women. Thanks to our dedicated transition programme, they quickly became part of our thriving community, embodying the warmth and care that make our school so special.

That same spirit of excellence was recognised by Music Mark in October 2025 when we received a Certificate of Recognition for our ambitious and high-quality music provision!

We were also proud to be featured in the Ham & High throughout the academic year of 2025-26 for our extensive enrichment offer and award-winning careers programme.

The summer term brought even more to celebrate, with outstanding results at both GCSE and A Level. Our sixth formers went off to a variety of inspiring destinations, including Cambridge, other Russell Group universities and top vocational courses. Their achievements stand as proof of what is possible when talent meets determination.

Yet academic success is only one part of the LSU story. Our students have lived out our values of Service and Respect with energy and generosity, giving their time to charitable causes and deepening their understanding of different faiths and perspectives through visits to places of worship and a new project on becoming a UNICEF Rights Respecting School.

This magazine captures all of this – and much more. I hope you enjoy turning its pages and joining us in celebrating a year filled with growth, achievement and joy.

Mrs Sophie Fegan
Headteacher



BRIGHT WOMEN. BOLD FUTURES.



There is no such thing as a typical La Sainte Union student, as each one arrives with their own set of unique talents and interests. It is our privilege to challenge and support each individual to develop a greater understanding of the bright woman she is and encourage her to achieve the bold future of her choice. Here we shine a light on just a few of our bright women from the class of 2025.

Gabriella, Class of 2025

La Sainte Union was the first school of choice for former Eleanor Palmer pupil Gabriella. Her favourite aspects of the school are the small class sizes and how the school welcomes everyone. Gabriella has high aspirations and attends a breadth of lunch and after school activities including choir, art club, puzzle club, creative writing club, drama club, equalities club and Minecraft club! She has also enjoyed the school's free Opportunity Centre when she signed up for trampolining in the October half term holiday. Gabriella is a high achiever and has had 100% attendance since year 1 and loves La Sainte Union's end of term reward trips. She dreams of becoming a doctor or a writer and believes LSU is equipping her with both the academic knowledge and the life skills required to help her achieve her ambitions. She would recommend La Sainte Union to others, regardless of their faith or background.

Kyla, Class of 2025

Kyla was a former pupil of St. Patrick's Catholic Primary School in Kentish Town. At Summer School, she enjoyed tennis and trampolining and the opportunity to meet her new classmates in a relaxed environment. Her favourite subjects are RE, English and science. In science she loves the exciting experiments, in RE, the big discussions, and putting pen to paper of her grand ideas in English. She also never skips drama club and landed one of the coveted cheerleader roles in the whole school production of Bring It On. In the future Kyla would love to write and star in her own musical and believes the school has helped her increase in confidence. She is also interested in interior design and would like to set up her own fashion line. She



is looking forward to going on the university visits she has seen older students attend when she is in key stage 4. She says La Sainte Union has a warm atmosphere, many opportunities and nice teachers.

Iris, Class of 2025

Iris travels from Redbridge to attend La Sainte Union School but she wouldn't have it any other way. Formerly an Our Lady of Lourdes pupil, she believes the transition process has gone really well and has made her feel very comfortable at the school. Iris is a fantastic all rounder. She is interested in how things work in science and studies ballet and track outside of school. She has enjoyed trying new methods in maths and says that the school has taught her flexibility and independence skills through the summative assessments. She credits the school with a fascinating workshop on communication skills which taught her how to listen effectively. In the future she would like to become a family rights lawyer so she can help people and put some of those vital skills to good use. She says she feels more confident in an all girls school and describes La Sainte Union as a school like no other where she has a bright future ahead.



A PRODIGIOUS EDUCATION

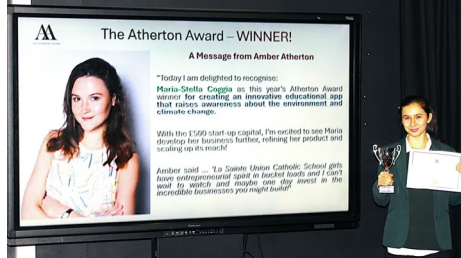
La Sainte Union provides a prodigious education delivered by passionate, dynamic, forward-thinking staff who inspire our students to achieve beyond their own expectations. In December 2024, Ofsted confirmed this with a 'Good' judgement of the school. With a new framework that included 52 aspects under the combined five categories, this was no mean feat. Inspectors said "The school has high expectations. Pupils are keen to do well and they are ambitious for their futures. Their successes are reflected in the outcomes they achieve."

Girls in STEM

In October, our innovative approach to STEM education was featured in the Ham and High, with industry partnership projects highlighted as the key strength.

In January, Maria Stella was the 2025 Atherton Award winner! She impressed with her entrepreneurial spirit and standout coding skills, creating an educational app on climate awareness. She'll receive £500 for further training – we're incredibly proud of her and excited for what she does next!

In February, students participated in an amazing Oxford University project to increase their interest in Material Sciences and to enable them to undertake scientific investigations beyond the curriculum. Our young scientist made a great start at the launch event at Ironmongers' Hall! Meanwhile in STEM Club at school, students worked on self-initiated projects and put their methods to the test, collecting



data and refining their investigations.

In June, Year 7s designed an alien based on their knowledge of the properties of planets. We loved their amazing ideas and creativity! The following month, students enjoyed exploring wildlife, identifying habitats and learning about biodiversity at Hampstead Heath. Back at La Sainte Union, they surveyed the school grounds, mapped habitats and suggested ways to make LSU even more wildlife-friendly, such as wildflower areas, bird boxes and insect hotels. Meanwhile Year 8 had the opportunity to attend the Cracking Crick Show at The Francis Crick Institute. The show was delivered by leading science educators who are renowned for bringing science to life through big-scale, fun, and bizarre demonstrations.

Brilliant Club graduation

On Monday 18th May, a group of our scholars attended their graduation ceremony at the Guy's Campus of King's College London, where they received their certificates and enjoyed a tour of the campus.

These students deserve enormous congratulations for their dedication, resilience and academic ambition. As part of the programme, they completed a challenging university-style assignment, culminating in a 12,000-word essay on a topic currently being researched by a PhD student. Our Year 7 and 8 scholars became Disease Detectives, working with Chara Smitzi from University College London, while our Year 9 and 10 students explored Are Stem Cells the Future of Medical Research? with Alice Rossi from King's College London.

Special congratulations go to Kosy, who showed tremendous courage by becoming the first student in the school to deliver a speech at the graduation ceremony. She spoke confidently about malaria and the knowledge she had gained through the programme. Chioma also represented the school exceptionally well, delivering a thoughtful and articulate speech on stem cells and reflecting on the challenges she had overcome during the course.

The Brilliant Club offers students a unique insight into university study. Working in small groups with PhD tutors, participants explore a specialist research topic, develop their academic skills and complete a university-style essay that is assessed using university grading criteria. The programme concludes with a graduation ceremony at a leading university. This year's ceremony took place at King's College London.

Chioma's verdict on Brilliant Club

In the 12 weeks that I have spent my Thursday mornings in the Brilliant Club, I have learnt new pieces of information about my course that I would have never learnt without the Brilliant Club. With my PhD tutor from the Francis Crick Institute, Alice Rossi, I was taught about the topic of stem cell research. In my first tutorial, I was faced with the introduction of stem cells, and as someone who has never been keen on science, especially stem cells, I thought that by the end of the tutorial I'd leave the Brilliant Club and never look back. However, with Alice, she showed me how to understand the topic of stem cell biology and helped me to understand the topic to the maximum. By tutorial 3-4, I was enjoying the Brilliant Club and looked forward to every Thursday with Alice.

One of the most interesting topics I learnt in the Brilliant Club was about stem cells in medicine. I learnt about the butterfly syndrome and how stem cells have been used to cure it. In case you may not know what the butterfly syndrome is, it's when there's constant blistering caused by a mutation in a single gene, meaning the person with this diagnosis is going through constant pain. However, with Induced Pluripotent Stem Cells (iPSCs) a virus inserts a working version of the gene (also known as correction) and the corrected skin cells are differentiated from the iPSCs and were grafted onto the patient, and after the surgery, it was successful, curing the patient from the butterfly syndrome and them living a healthy life. This was the most interesting case study I learnt during the Brilliant Club and it enabled me to research more about these types of topics.

After completing the Brilliant Club course, it gave me a perspective of university life, and what type of work I would have to complete while studying in about 3 years time. I will attend university studying Law, and due to the Brilliant Club, I already know what level of coursework I will be faced with. The Brilliant Club has taught me scientific information that I can carry with me in my biology lessons and later in my life. My tutor was always available to help me whenever I needed it. Not only did she help me answer my questions, but she provided me with extra information so I could ensure my answers were adapted and let me reach my full potential. If I could give a piece of advice to the next scholars attending the Brilliant Club programme, it would be to take the opportunity and enjoy it as much as possible, because with the Brilliant Club you learn new things that you can carry with you into your future and possible everyday life.

Kosy's speech at the graduation

Through all our hard work, the countless essays, the sleepless nights.

Perseverance is not about never stumbling. It's about refusing to stay down when you do. It's the quiet courage to keep showing up, even when the results aren't immediate.

Imagine a young runner at the starting line of a marathon. They trained for months, but halfway through the race, her legs ache, her breath is short, and the finish line feels impossibly far away. She could stop. She could walk away. But instead, she takes one more step... and then another... until she crosses that line. That moment – the choice to keep going when it's hardest – is the essence of perseverance.

This term, as part of the Brilliant Club's Disease Detectives programme, we became investigators – not of crimes, but of illnesses. Our mission? To understand how diseases spread, and how science can stop them. One of the most fascinating topics we explored was



Anopheles mosquitoes. We discovered that:

- Female mosquitoes are the ones that bite – and carry them.
- In doing so, they can pass on dangerous diseases such as malaria, dengue fever, and Zika virus.

Before this project, I thought mosquitoes were just annoying. Now, I understand they are one of the most dangerous animals in the world – not because of their size, but because of the diseases they carry. Learning about them has made me realise how important science is in protecting communities, especially in countries where these diseases are common.

None of this learning would have been possible without our amazing PhD tutor. She didn't just teach us facts – she taught us how to think like scientists, to ask questions, and to never stop being curious. Thank you Chara, for your patience, your passion, and for making every session exciting. You've inspired us to see science not just as a subject, but to change the world.

So next time you hear that mosquito buzz, remember – there's a whole world of science behind it. And maybe, just maybe, one of us here today will be the next Disease Detective to solve the mystery of the next big health challenge.

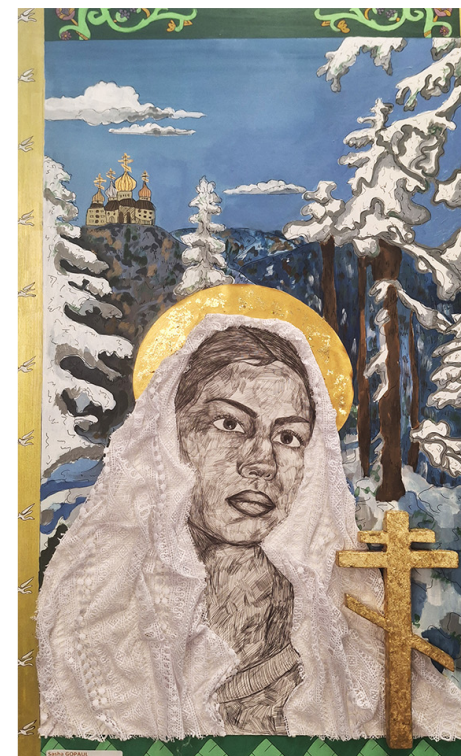
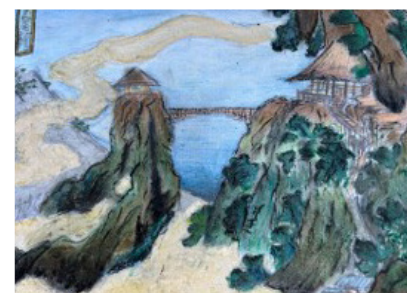
CONFIDENCE THROUGH LITERACY

In January, we congratulated Holybel who gained third place at the Jack Petchey Foundation Speak Out Challenge! Tanisha also delivered a stellar speech at the competition.

In March, Chimamanda was published in the Young Writers Annual Showcase collection. She was picked out as one of the best authors who had submitted over the year!

In the Summer term Year 8 performed original poems on the theme of human rights to teachers, poets, and Lauderdale House directors as the culmination of a five-week project with the organisation. The students demonstrated great confidence and eloquence and we now look forward to seeing the published anthology!

Plus a big thank you to Pan Macmillan for their generous donation of books in the Spring term in celebration of the National Year of Reading!



ART SPOTLIGHT

During Open Evening in October, year 9 and 10 students made clay doorways inspired by our historic school building, inspired by the work of artist Lucy Jones.

In November, Year 10 art students visited the National Gallery to look at Impressionist and Post Impressionist landscapes by artists like Cézanne, Monet and Van Gogh.

In January, Year 9 kicked off a project with WAC Arts' Emma Jacobs and by June they had created an interactive installation piece entitled Cardboard Collective and developed and explored ideas on the theme of People, Places and Purpose. Their work featured in the WAC Arts Schools Festival and the Central Saint Martins' Schools Biennale this summer.

In February, Year 9 students had the chance to try out GCSE Art. At the taster sessions, they all worked very hard and were willing to take risks with new materials and ideas. In the same month, Ygs worked on expressive mark making and responding to nature –they had less than half an hour to create these mixed media landscapes, inspired by the work of Matisse, Derain, Van Gogh and Cézanne! We were also proud of their Japanese Landscape project work at this time.

In April, Year 10 DT students went on a trip to the V&A Museum. They took part in a print workshop and designed a poster on an issue that was important to them. They also explored the museum's collection in the furniture and jewellery galleries which will help them with their project research.

Thank you to all the friends and family who attended our art exhibition at the end of Summer term, especially during the heatwave! Guests were treated to refreshments and a variety of interesting artwork from our GCSE and A Level students.



MUSICAL EXCELLENCE



In October, our music department was awarded a Certificate of Recognition from Music Mark for their ambitious and high-quality music provision! Thank you to Camden Music Service for their support. Recent additions to our offer include the steel pan band and performances at venues such as the Jazz Cafe.

In January, the second LaSWAP LIVE event took place. Students from across the four schools of the sixth form consortium came together to play and listen to live music. Huge thanks to Arrow & the LaSWAP Collective for organising, and to staff who supported on the evening!

On 24 March, students impressed friends and family with a range of solos and ensembles, featuring the music of Blondie, Radiohead, Stevie Wonder, Rihanna and Adele, amongst many others, at a wonderful evening of music at the GCSE music showcase.

"La Sainte Union continues to strengthen its reputation for excellence in the arts, with this year's GCSE Music Showcase offering an inspiring demonstration of the school's ambitious, inclusive, & high-quality music provision." The Ham & High on our Music Showcase.



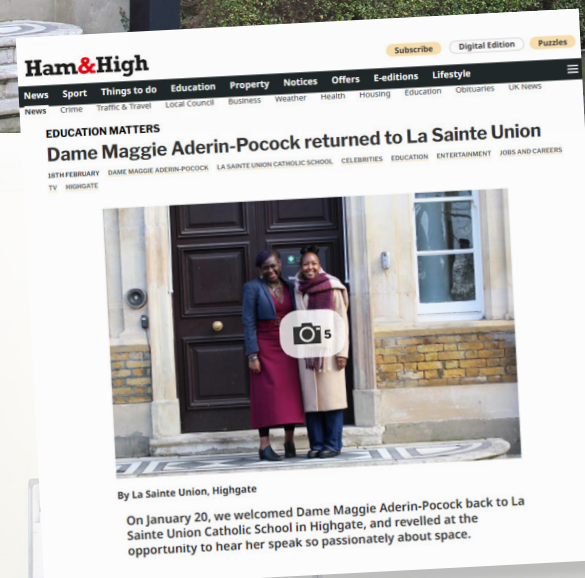
ALUMNI INSPIRATION

Space scientist Dame Maggie Aderin-Pocock's return to La Sainte Union

"It wasn't until Maggie attended this secondary school that she flourished, getting the grades to go to university and begin her science career."

We were delighted to see alumna and space scientist Dame Maggie Aderin-Pocock return to the school on 20th January. It was a real privilege to host Dame Maggie, alongside Angellica Bell and the team from The One Show. The students involved in the filming were a true credit to the school. They conducted themselves impeccably and asked thoughtful, insightful questions throughout their time with Dame Maggie. They also gained a valuable behind-the-scenes insight into the filming process, including the time and dedication required and how this translates into the final edit.

Dame Maggie truly embodies the spirit of a Bright Woman with a Bold Future, and we hope her visit has inspired our students to recognise the many exciting possibilities that lie ahead.



OUTSTANDING ENRICHMENT

Five Year 9 La Sainte Union students participated in the North London Student Sustainability Conference hosted by North London Waste Authority at Edmonton Eco Park House on 20 November. Six secondary schools from North London Boroughs participated in the event.

Each school team researched topics including e-waste, single use plastics and textile wastage, using provided information sheets. The students exchanged ideas in their groups, and then had an open discussion with other school teams to make decisions on how to reduce the impact of problem wastage in North London.

After having the discussion, Deputy Mayor of Environment and Energy, Mete Coban gave us a speech to encourage our sustainable activity.

At the end of the conference there was an award ceremony and we are pleased to announce, Chimamanda won the best speaker award! A special shout out to Xyrah who stepped up on the day to be the leader of the Councillors.

It was a great event to help generate an action plan and to suggest young people's ideas on waste impact to the people in charge.

In December, GCSE Business Studies students received a lecture from Jasmine Ahmed. She shared her career journey and challenged the students to create a product that would fill a gap in the market with a USP (unique selling point). Each group then showcased their ideas and received insightful feedback from the entrepreneur.

In February, Year 9s had a powerful and inspiring visit to Belsize Square Synagogue – exploring Jewish faith, history, Holocaust remembrance, and stories of courage. They reflected on hope and compassion through a symbolic leaves project. We're so proud of their empathy and maturity. The school library also marked Holocaust Memorial Day 2026 with a special display. In the same month, we enjoyed hosting a group of staff and students from Taiwan. It was a brilliant cultural exchange. The overseas students joined us in the classroom, including in this interactive science lesson, while teachers discussed the differences between the education systems of their countries.

In March, Year 7 took part in a sustainable fashion workshop led by Gen Earth. They learnt about the waste produced in the fast fashion business and considered ways to reduce the amount of textiles that ends up in landfill. They designed solutions and then presented them to the rest of the class.

In April, Year 9 students took part in an engaging workshop with The Economist Educational Foundation and PA Consulting, exploring social media use, real-world data and global approaches to online safety through discussion and debate. A great opportunity for the girls!

In May, two bioengineering undergraduates from Imperial College London delivered engaging demonstrations to

Our outstanding enrichment programme encompasses educational visits in the UK and abroad, clubs and activities, workshops and events, leadership roles and philanthropy to enhance learning, nurture passions and promote cultural capital.



KS4, bringing science learning to life. The students also asked them about their experiences of studying at one of the UK's most prestigious universities. That same month our students took part in the Camden Youth MP elections, voting alongside peers from across the borough. Special shoutout to Negin in Year 10 who ran an inspiring, thoughtful campaign to represent young people's voices.

In July, students from years 9 and 10 visited the British Museum to explore the subject of visualising faith – a cross-curricular study of art and belief.

EXCEPTIONAL PASTORAL CARE

In March, we loved meeting our new Year 7 families at the Class of 2026 Welcome Event! Students and parents enjoyed bespoke workshops and we shared details of further transition events coming up, a part of a comprehensive programme designed to support pupils as they move from primary to secondary.

September saw a fantastic first week filled with energy, enthusiasm, and new experiences for our Year 7s. From getting to know classmates and teachers to finding their way around, they have made a wonderful start with support from our smooth-running transition programme. We were impressed with the cohort's positive attitude, curiosity, and kindness!

AWARD WINNING CAREERS

La Sainte Union's award winning careers programme, led by a dedicated careers leader, addresses the individual needs of every student, enabling them to make bold, informed choices about their future. Through strong partnerships with local, national and global organisations, our students are connected with employers from across a variety of sectors, enabling them to learn about and develop the skills they need to enter their desired careers successfully.

In March, over a 100 La Sainte Union students received their Level 2 and 3 Health and Social Care results, a key part of our vocational provision. The qualifications will help them towards a range of inspiring careers, including midwifery, nursing, speech and language therapy, radiography, mental health nursing and many other health professions.

At the end of May, Year 8s took part in interactive workshops on topics such as budgeting, income tax and cost of living as part of our popular Learn to Earn Careers Day. They also applied mathematical thinking in real-world contexts, which helped them recognise the value of the skills they develop in school. The Event was featured in the Ham & High.

RIGHTS RESPECTING

In November, the Ham & High featured our new official UNICEF Rights Respecting Schools Steering Group, led by the same passionate students who drove the previous year's Gender Empowerment project.

The following month, the group attended a special session in the Houses of Parliament. The "Closing the political confidence gap" event hosted by Kirsty Blackman MP, explored how schools and politicians can work together to ensure girls feel confident engaging in politics.

In April, the UNICEF Rights Respecting School Steering Group interviewed Carmen Gómez from the Women & Politics Society at King's College London. She shared her journey as an immigrant woman, the power of transferable skills, and how theatre shaped her voice – leading to a diplomatic internship. At the end of the month, the group received a set of new, shiny badges! These badges celebrate the group's ongoing commitment to championing children's rights and promoting respect across our school community.

In the Summer term the whole school community marked International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia, Interphobia, and Transphobia with a charity bake sale, anti-bullying bracelet making and an informative display in the library.



CELEBRATION & COMMUNITY

As well as lessons and workshops on this year's theme of Standing Firm in Power and Pride, we have also put together an impressive book selection in our library for Black History Month in October.

At the end of the Autumn term, we welcomed past and present students and their families to celebrate the numerous successes of the 2024-25 academic year at our annual Awards Ceremony. There was also music, performances and some festive treats! It was great to catch up with our alumni and we hope they keep in touch.

In the Summer term, Year 10 students took part in the First Give project. They secured over £600 for the Brandon Centre, the Amy Winehouse Foundation and the Passage, created awareness posters to highlight the work of these organisations, and in the process learned more about the importance of social action.

LIFE AT SIXTH FORM

In November, one of our former LaSWAP students, Isobel Dobbie, dazzled audiences with an outstanding performance on University Challenge. Representing her university with composure, intellect, and lightning-fast recall, she played a pivotal role in securing a commanding victory for her team!

That same month, the Health & Social Care students were on a work placement at the Royal Free Hospital as part of their unit 6. It was rewarding to see them put into practice what they have learnt in the classroom and working well with patients of different ages and a variety of health conditions.

In July, Year 11s across the LaSWAP schools took part in LaSWAP Taster Day to get an idea of the courses and combinations offered at the consortium.

RESULTS SUCCESS

Students and staff at La Sainte Union celebrated an impressive set of GCSE results in August.

Students achieved strong outcomes in a broad range of subjects, with particularly notable success in English, Religious Education, the sciences, humanities, languages and the creative arts. The results reflect not only academic excellence but also the strength of character shown by a cohort whose secondary education began during one of the most challenging periods in recent history.

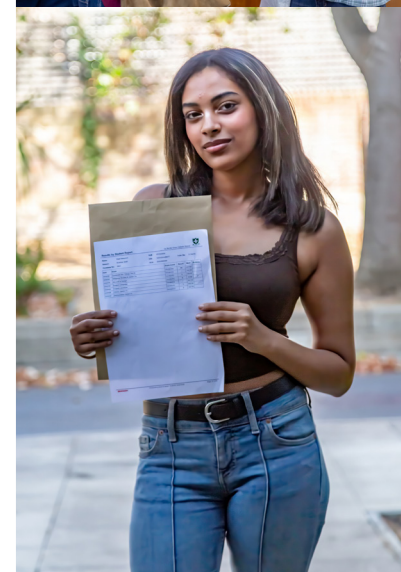
For these students, GCSE success has been the culmination of a remarkable journey. Their transition from primary school to secondary school coincided with the Covid-19 pandemic, bringing unprecedented disruption to learning, social development and school life. Despite these challenges, they have demonstrated resilience, adaptability and determination, overcoming obstacles and embracing opportunities throughout their five years at La Sainte Union.

Today's results are a powerful reflection of the school's vision, "Bright Women, Bold Futures."

In English Literature, an outstanding 84.6% of students achieved grades 9-5, with 92.3% securing grades 9-4. English Language also saw strong success, with 76.8% achieving grades 9-5 and 87% achieving grades 9-4.

Students performed particularly well in the separate sciences. In Chemistry, an exceptional 100% of students achieved grades 9-5 and grades 9-4, while Biology and Physics both recorded 100% pass rates, with 95.2% of students achieving grades 9-5 in each subject. These results underline the strength of La Sainte Union's STEM provision and students' commitment to academic excellence.

Religious Education continued to be a standout subject, with 77.3% of students achieving grades 9-5 and more than 50% achieving grades



7-9. History students secured an excellent 84% at grades 9-5 and 96% at grades 9-4, while Geography students also achieved strong outcomes across the grade range.

Modern Foreign Languages delivered impressive results, with 85% of students achieving grades 9-5 and 90% achieving grades 9-4 in French. Spanish students also performed strongly, with 76.9% achieving grades 9-5, reflecting students' confidence as linguists and global citizens.

The arts and creative subjects were another source of celebration, showcasing the breadth of talent across the year group. In Music, 80% of students achieved grades 9-5, alongside a 100% pass rate, demonstrating exceptional commitment, creativity and performance skills. Drama students achieved 75% at grades 9-5 and 91.7% at grades 9-4, reflecting their confidence, collaboration and artistic expression.

Art students produced ambitious and highly creative portfolios, achieving 61.5% at grades 9-5 and 84.6% at grades 9-4. Meanwhile, Design Technology achieved a remarkable 100% at grades 9-5 and 9-4, highlighting students' innovation, technical expertise and problem-solving abilities.

These outcomes reflect La Sainte Union's commitment to developing the whole student, nurturing creativity alongside academic achievement and ensuring that every young woman is equipped with the knowledge, skills and confidence to pursue her chosen pathway.

Highlights from the Class of 2026 include:

- Almost 90% of students achieved five or more GCSE pass grades
- 84.6% of students achieved grades 9-5 in English Literature
- 100% of students achieved grades 9-5 in Chemistry
- Outstanding performances in Religious Education, where almost one-third of students achieved grades 8 or 9
- Exceptional success in History, with 40% of students achieving grades 8 or 9
- Strong attainment in the separate sciences, with more than half

of students gaining grades 7-9 in Biology, Chemistry and Physics

- 100% pass rates in the separate sciences, Design Technology and Music

Mrs S. Fegan, Headteacher, said:

"We are incredibly proud of our students and all they have achieved. These results are a testament to their perseverance, ambition and commitment throughout their GCSE studies.

This is a particularly special cohort. Their early secondary education was shaped by the challenges of the Covid-19 pandemic, yet they have responded with remarkable resilience, maturity and determination. They have embraced every opportunity available to them and today's results are richly deserved.

I am particularly delighted to see such strong outcomes across the creative, performing and technical subjects. Art, Drama, Music and Design Technology play a vital role in developing confidence, creativity, innovation and leadership. The success of our students in these areas demonstrates that they are not only successful learners but creative thinkers who are ready to make a meaningful contribution to society.

The excellent outcomes across such a broad range of subjects reflect not only the hard work of our students but also the unwavering support of our dedicated staff, families, governors and wider school community.

Our Bright Women have shown courage in the face of challenge, ambition in their studies and kindness in their support of one another. We are delighted to see so many students securing the grades they need for their chosen next steps and look forward to watching them continue to flourish at LaSWAP in the years ahead.

Today is a day of celebration, and we congratulate every student on their individual achievements."



Students at La Sainte Union Sixth Form celebrated an excellent set of A Level and vocational results this summer, securing places at some of the country's most prestigious universities and progressing to a wide range of exciting degree courses.

As part of the LaSWAP Sixth Form Consortium, La Sainte Union students have once again demonstrated exceptional academic achievement, resilience and ambition. Their successes reflect not only their hard work and dedication, but also the outstanding support provided by staff, families and the wider school community.

Among this year's highest achievers is Rosa, who achieved A*A*A in History, English Literature and Classics and will be taking up a place at the University of Cambridge to study Classics. Eric secured A*A*A in Physics, Mathematics and Geography and will progress to the University of Liverpool to study Town and Regional Planning.

Rosa says: *"I'm absolutely delighted with my results. Studying at La Sainte Union and LaSWAP has given me so many opportunities to develop my confidence and pursue subjects I love. I'm really excited to be taking the next step and studying Classics at Cambridge."* Eric adds: *"I'm very pleased. I could have applied to Cambridge but I chose Liverpool because of the course they offer. The support from my teachers has been incredible throughout sixth form and I'm looking forward to starting university and exploring a subject that combines so many of my interests."*

Creative and linguistic excellence was also evident, with Annabelle achieving A*A*A in Art, Spanish and Biology before heading to Newcastle University to study Modern Languages. Maya gained AAA and will study German and Italian at the University of Birmingham.

Other notable university destinations include Loughborough University, Manchester, Warwick, Durham, Leeds, City St George's, and Liverpool, reflecting the breadth of opportunities secured by this year's cohort.

We are particularly proud of students progressing through our vocational pathways. Outstanding Health and Social Care and Business results have enabled students to access highly competitive courses, including Nursing at King's College London, University of Birmingham and University of Liverpool, as well as courses at UCL and the University of Southampton.

Notable vocational successes include:

Fayola (Triple Distinction*) progressing to King's College London to study Nursing with Registration as a Mental Health Nurse.

Glory (Distinction* Distinction) progressing to King's College London to study Nursing with Registration as a Children's Nurse.

Mariia (Distinction* Distinction) progressing to UCL to study Business and Health.

Toye (Distinction* Distinction) progressing to the University of Southampton to study Business Management.

Headteacher Mrs S. Fegan said:

"We are incredibly proud of our students and all they have achieved. Their results reflect years of hard work, determination and perseverance. We are delighted to see them progressing to such a wide range of ambitious destinations, including Cambridge, Durham, UCL, King's College London and many other outstanding universities. These achievements are a testament to the strength of our school community and the support provided by our dedicated staff and families. We wish every student continued success and happiness in the exciting journeys ahead."

Husna, who was the Chair of the LaSWAP student council is heading to Durham University to study Combined Honours in Social Sciences and says:

"I loved being a LaSWAP student at La Sainte Union. Today feels like the reward for months of hard work. I'm proud of my results and grateful for the support and opportunities I received from staff who always encouraged me to aim high. It's been hard work but it's also been a lot of fun!"

Congratulations to all our students on their achievements. We look forward to hearing about their future successes as they take the next step in their education and careers.

University Destinations 2026

University of Cambridge

UCL (University College London)

King's College London

Durham University

University of Warwick

University of Manchester

University of Birmingham

University of Leeds

Newcastle University

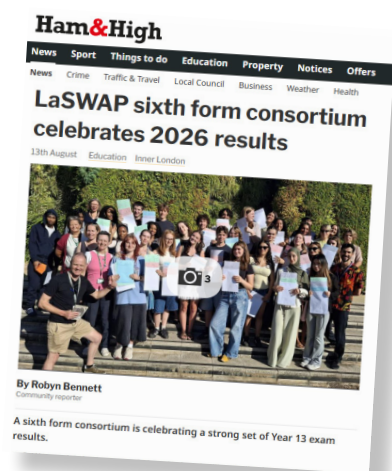
Loughborough University

University of Liverpool

University of Southampton

City St George's, University of London

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Here we shine a light on a few more of our bright women from the class of 2025.

Makda, Class of 2025

Makda attended Sacred Heart Primary School before enrolling at La Sainte Union in year 7. She found LSU's Transition days invaluable, saying they were a great way to make friends and to ask questions about the school and also attended the Summer School which, she says, was full of fun activities. A curious soul, Makda loves science as it expands her understanding of the world. She also enjoys PE where she has learned new football tactics and developed her teamworking skills. She believes students can be themselves at LSU and values the unique personalities of her classmates. She is looking forward to taking Business Studies at GCSE level and would love to set up her own real estate business in the future. She says the course will equip her with the finance and management skills she will need. She would recommend La Sainte Union for the supportive teachers, lovely community and strong careers department.



Ruby, Class of 2025

A former pupil of Primrose Hill Primary School, Ruby has found it really easy to

settle in at La Sainte Union School and said she made friends quickly. She enjoyed Summer School, especially the BMX bike riding and has gone on to show a passion for PE and drama since joining year 7. She credits LSU for improving her understanding of maths and teaching her teamworking skills, particularly during her dance lessons and thinks the school is preparing her well for the future, especially with tests that give her a taste of GCSE coursework. Ruby would like to follow a theological path and would love to pass on her knowledge of religion and philosophy to others. She describes her teachers as friendly and helpful and would recommend La Sainte Union to new students.

Sienna, Class of 2025

Former St. Michael's pupil Sienna has found La Sainte Union very welcoming. She attended the Summer School and enjoyed the trampolining and design technology workshops in particular. Sienna is scientifically minded and finds the subject enlightening. She loves the experiments and learning how to break down molecules. She is looking forward to taking triple science as one of her options subjects and dreams of becoming a scientist or an architect. She thinks the school has taught her communication and teamworking skills and has given her the knowledge required for her future. She says everyone fits in perfectly at La Sainte Union and no one gets left out. Would she recommend La Sainte Union? Definitely!





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