La Sainte Union
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Carers,

The consultation documents are now live, and I am writing to share an update regarding the consultation process.

At the end of this letter, you will find the message issued by Camden Council, together with information on how to take part in the consultation. Before that, however, I would like to share some additional information which I hope will help you when considering your response.

Governors and Trustees have spent the last few months carefully exploring options that would secure a sustainable future for La Sainte Union while preserving the high-quality education, care and opportunities that our students deserve. The options they have been developing are reflected in **Options 1 and 2** within the consultation.

We believe that, taken together, these options provide a realistic and viable way forward for our school.

Option 1: Reducing the Published Admission Number (PAN) to 90

Why this works

Indicator	January 2026	September 2026	With a PAN of 90
Year 7 places available	120	120	90
Year 7 pupil numbers	25	52	52
Year 7 surplus capacity	79.2%	56%	31%

Our most recent data shows encouraging growth in pupil numbers:

- Current Year 7 admissions doubled compared with the previous year. The consultation report includes data from last year only.

- Current Year 8 now stands at 30 students, an increase on the figure of 25 reported in January 2026.
- We continue to operate as a two-form entry in both year groups, allowing capacity for further growth through in-year admissions.

We have undertaken detailed curriculum modelling and are confident that we can continue to offer the full breadth and quality of our curriculum with a PAN of 90. We recognise that this would also require additional financial savings, which we believe can be achieved through Option 2.

Option 2: Federation with another secondary school

Plans are progressing for a 'soft' federation with another Voluntary Aided secondary school. This would create opportunities for significant savings through shared staffing and services. Initial discussions are currently taking place at Trustee and Governor level.

Trustees and Governors have been clear that there are two non-negotiable priorities:

1. Preserving the unique identity of each school within any federation. For La Sainte Union, this means continuing to operate as a Catholic girls' school.
2. Creating a structure that is financially viable, demonstrates value for money and makes responsible use of public funds for the benefit of children and young people.

I am therefore continuing to work closely with Trustees and Governors to develop plans based on a combination of **Options 1 and 2.**

While the consultation includes a range of possible outcomes, I want to reassure you that Governors, Trustees and school leaders remain fully committed to securing a strong future for La Sainte Union. We believe there is a viable path forward and will continue to work tirelessly on behalf of our students, families and wider school community.

Camden Council have asked me to share the following message:

"As previously shared, on 12 October 2026, Camden Council published a report that recommended consulting on the future of four schools – including La Sainte Union. On 20 October 2026, Camden's Cabinet Members – the group of lead councillors – met and decided to go ahead with the consultations, as recommended in the report. Today (2 November 2026) the consultation opened.

Have your say and take part in the consultation by 9am on 14 December 2026

There are several ways to have your say:

- Anyone can complete the consultation online at https://consultations.wearecamden.org/schools/lasainteunion/

- Parents and carers can pick up and return a paper copy from the school.

- Anyone who needs a paper copy of the consultation booklet, or versions in EasyRead or other languages, can email lasainteunionconsultation@camden.gov.uk

There will also be online and in-person sessions for parents and carers only to find out more and have your say. We will share more information about how to sign up to these sessions very soon.

You will be consulted on different options and invited to share or identify additional options:

- Offering fewer places by reducing the school's Published Admission Number (PAN).
- Federating La Sainte Union with another secondary school, which means sharing a governing body with at least one other school.
- Closing the school's provision for Years 7 to 11 only AND keeping and reconfiguring post-16 provision (Years 12 to 13/14).
- Full closure of the school Years 7 to 13/14.

Before you respond to the consultation, please read the consultation pack which explains the school data and each of the options in more detail.

During the consultation, the council will gather evidence about the impacts of each option. This evidence will be outlined in a report and used to inform the council's proposed next steps, which Cabinet members will decide on in February 2027.

For more information, visit camden.gov.uk/SchoolConsultations

You can send questions to lasainteunionconsultation@camden.gov.uk

I know that this is an unsettling time for you and we will continue to keep the school community updated. It's important to remember that no decisions have been made yet. If decisions are made in coming months that affect the future of the school, parents and carers will be provided with information and advice as soon as it is available."

The face-to-face consultation meeting is planned to take place **on 17th November from 4.00pm to 6.00pm at the school**. There are also plans for an online consultation meeting, and further details will be shared as soon as these are confirmed.

I know that this consultation may cause uncertainty for many families. Please be assured that we will continue to keep you informed throughout the process.

Thank you for your continued support of our wonderful school and of the young people we serve.

Best wishes

Mrs Fegan
Headteacher