

Year 11 Update

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Autumn B Term 2023

Dear Year 11 Parent(s)/Carer(s),

This half term has been dominated by the mock GCSEs and I'm delighted to share that the maturity, dedication and focus of the year 11s has been exceptional. Students have been punctual and well prepared to sit the exams and have kept their anxieties at bay after being well rehearsed from their Friday mocks. PSHEC lessons have supported their wellbeing and time management in preparation for revision, and Interventions have been well attended to support revision.

Some Year 11 students recently attended a captivating performance at the Old Vic Theatre, offering an enriching experience and fostering a deeper appreciation for the arts. Additionally, they participated in an informative Apprenticeship Assembly to gain valuable insights into post-GCSE pathways. Furthermore, some Year 11s had the exciting opportunity to visit the University of Bath. These experiences contribute to their academic growth and well-rounded development, empowering them to make informed decisions about their future careers.

Our recent SEND Coffee Morning for Year 11 was a warm and supportive gathering, providing a platform for open discussions and sharing of insights. Parents, carers, and our dedicated SEND team came together to discuss strategies, resources, and upcoming events tailored to meet the unique needs of our students.

During the Mocks, the GCSE PE and Art Practical Mock exams marked a significant milestone for Year 11. In addition, Year 11 students successfully participated in the production of "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang," showcasing their creativity and teamwork. This memorable artistic endeavour highlighted the importance of the arts in our school community. We extend our gratitude to parents and guardians for supporting our students. Stay tuned for more details on upcoming artistic achievements!

Throughout the academic year, our school ethos and virtues guide our students. In Autumn, the focus was on Discernment, fostering thoughtful choices and responsible actions in both academic and personal pursuits. This virtue laid a solid foundation for our students as they progressed through their studies. In the upcoming Spring term, we shift our focus to the virtue of Hopeful, highlighting the importance of optimism, resilience, and belief in one's potential. This theme will empower Year 11 students to face challenges with confidence and embrace a positive outlook. In the Summer term, our attention will turn to the virtue of Courageous, encouraging bold steps and fortitude in overcoming obstacles.

Next term we look forward to Brown Envelope Day where students will be receiving their Mock results and full reports. Results, Reports, and 6th form Applications will be the focus for discussion at Parents Evening, to ensure all students are as best prepared and supported as possible.

Finally, I'd like to thank you for your continued support and partnership in your child's education. Wishing you a Happy Christmas.

Yours faithfully,
Mr Mac Sweeney, Head of Year 11

There have also been some other great achievements this half term, you can find these on our [Twitter](#), [P.E Dept Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#)!

Students' Achievements

1 - Most Rewards:

1. Sienna 11U, Enna 11U and Mesgana 11U
2. Mariana 11B and Miechrist 11U

Congratulations to 11U who are currently leading the way with 313 Reward Points.

2 – Highest Attendance:

There are currently 42 students in Year 11 who have 100% attendance. Please do keep up the good work!

Congratulations to 11C who lead the way with 97.2%!

3 – Success:

Congratulations to Ema K who earned a spot on the UK Gymnastics Elite Squad. Also, well done to Larissa M, Ellen W and Olivia B who 'ran over' the best Ricard's Lodge had to offer in their recent PE Rugby Practical.



Merton Borough U16 Basketball Winners



Congratulations Wimbledon Bookfest Winners: Laura 11M, Lizzie 11F and Lydia 11C

Autumn B Highlights

- Chitty Chitty Bang Bang
- Trip to University of Bath
- CAFOD Mufti Day in aid of the Palestinian/Israeli conflict
- Wimbledon Bookfest Winners



Year 11 GCSE PE Mock Practicals



Bath University Trip



Chitty Chitty Bang Bang Production

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Virtues: Autumn Term: Discernment, Spring Term: Hopeful, Summer Term: Courageous

Upcoming Events

Spring A:

January 2024

- **8th January** – Start of Spring A Term
- **12th January** – Brown Envelope Day (Mock Results)
- **15th January** – Y10/11 Maths visiting speaker in hall
- **16th January** – Martin Luther King Day
- **23rd January** – Year 11 & 12 Mass of St Angela at Sacred Heart Church, 11:15am
- **25th January** – Year 11 Parents' Evening; Assembly Hall & Old Gym.
- **27th January** – Feast of St Angela
- **27th January** – Holocaust Memorial Day

February 2024

- **1st February** – LGBT+ month
- **3rd February** – Y11 English trip to GCSE Poetry Live
- **5th February** – Mid-Year Serviam Assembly; Online.
- **5th February** – National Apprenticeship week, Assemblies for Year 11.
- **8th February:** Careers Drop in:
- Work Experience & Apprenticeships– LRC
- **9th February** – Last Day of Term
- **19th February** – Start of Spring B Term

**Please note this is not a complete event list and is intended to provide a snapshot only. Events may be subject to change.*



Year 11 Mocks - A huge well done to Year 11 for completing their mocks with focus and dedication.

Wellbeing

Parental Workshops

- Please see the below flyer for details of webinars / workshops provided by the NHS Education Wellbeing Service.

NHS South West London and St George's Mental Health NHS Trust

Education Wellbeing Service

Upcoming Events For Parents & Carers Spring/Summer Term 2024
Supporting your teenager's mental health webinars

- 15TH OR 24TH JAN** Understanding & Supporting Your Teen With Autism Spectrum Condition
For all secondary & college parents/ carers
- 6TH OR 7TH FEB** Social Media & Gaming- What Parents Need To Know
For all secondary & college parents/ carers
- 26TH OR 27TH FEB** Managing Exam & Assignment Stress
For parents/ carers of Young People in Years 11-13 & college
- 11TH OR 13TH MAR** Parenting Teenagers With Characteristics of ADHD
For all secondary & college parents/ carers
- 24TH OR 25TH APRIL** Managing Exam & Assignment Stress
For parents/ carers of Young People in Years 7-10
- 14TH OR 16TH MAY** Supporting Your Teenager With Emotional Difficulties & Self Harm
For all secondary & college parents/ carers

To view further event details and descriptions, and to book on to any of the webinars, please scan the QR Code or follow the link to our Eventbrite collection.

[Click here](#)

Cost of living crisis: please use the link to check if you qualify for the governments Free School Meals scheme:

<https://self.merton.gov.uk/service/Pupil Premium and Free School Meals application>

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Dear parent(s)/carer(s),

Parent Communications:

At the Ursuline parental communication is really important to us. We have listed below a reminder of the correct person you should contact for a particular enquiry:

Form tutors – general enquires about the Ursuline, friendship issues, organisation, homework, clubs/enrichment, uniform, equipment, travelling to/from school, trips/calendar events.

11 Angela	Mr Odhiambo	sulumenty.odhiambo@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk
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11 Catherine	Mr Noone	joshua.noone@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk
11 Francis	Mr Carton	niall.carton@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk
11 Margaret	Ms Nichols/Ms Harriot	emma.nichols@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk jenny.harriott@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk
11 Teresa	Ms Gallacher/Mr Lester	keryn.gallacher@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk john.lester@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk
11 Ursula	Ms Alvarez	mercedes.alvarez@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk

Head of Year (Mr Mac Sweeney) or Pastoral support assistant (Ms Brown)

Mental health, bullying, safeguarding, online safety, absence request forms, request for your daughter to receive school counselling/educational well-being practitioner, financial support.

cillian.macsweeney@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk

sylvia.brown@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk

Ms Young – Attendance and punctuality/lateness. All absences and lates must be reported via email or Weduc, or phone no later than 8.45am. Bernadette.young@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk 0203908 3144

IT Issues

ITHelpdesk@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk – for IT/Weduc/Arbor/laptop related enquires.

Subject specific enquiry – please contact the subject teacher, all staff contact details can be found on our Ursuline directory below.

[Staff Contact Details - Ursuline High School](#)

Kindest regards,

Mr Mac Sweeney