

Year 11 Update

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Spring A Term 2024

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

I am pleased to reflect on the remarkable achievements and progress made by our Year 11 students this half term, showcasing the dedication and resilience of our students. First and foremost, I want to extend my heartfelt congratulations to all our Year 11 students on their outstanding performance during the mock GCSE exams. The maturity, dedication, and focus demonstrated by our students were truly exceptional. Many students received outstanding results, setting a promising precedent for their upcoming GCSE exams.

In addition to academic achievements, students continue to demonstrate their commitment to SERVIAM. They have also actively engaged in a variety of enriching experiences and opportunities. Recently, they had the privilege of attending a captivating performance at the Old Vic Theatre, which undoubtedly fostered a deeper appreciation for the arts. Furthermore, our students learned about Apprenticeship Week, gaining valuable insights into post-GCSE pathways. We also had a visit from Chloe Isherwood from the National Citizen Service Trust. The NCS offers incredible opportunities for personal development and social engagement, and I encourage our students to consider signing up for the Summer program. In PSHE lessons, students have been focusing on developing a sense of self and learning about where to access reliable information when making informed health decisions. Lastly, we celebrated the Feast of St Angela, with a Mass at Sacred Heart Church.

Preparation for the upcoming GCSE exams remains a top priority, with students working diligently in lessons, attending interventions, and sitting their Friday Mocks. I commend their commitment to academic success and encourage them to maintain their momentum as they approach the finish line. Our recent Parents Evening provided a valuable opportunity for parents and guardians to meet with their daughters' teachers and discuss their progress.

As we continue our journey through the academic year, let us uphold the virtue of Hopeful, embracing optimism, resilience, and belief in our students' potential. In closing, I want to express my gratitude to our Year 11 parents and guardians for your unwavering support, encouragement, and partnership in your child's education – I thank you wholeheartedly for your involvement.

I am confident that our students will achieve their goals and realise their full potential. Let us continue to work together towards a bright and successful future for our Year 11 students.

Wishing you and your families a restful and happy half-term and a joyous start to Lent.

Warm regards,

Mr. Mac Sweeney Head of Year 11

There have also been some fantastic sports achievements this half term, you can find these on our [school twitter!](#)

Students' Achievements

1 - Most Rewards:

1. Antonina A 11M
2. Natalia B 11U
3. Sylvanna EC 11C

Congratulations to 11C who earned the most rewards in Spring A. 11U still lead the way overall with 380 rewards.

2 – Highest Attendance:

Congratulations to 11C who lead the way with the highest attendance 96.9%! Well done also to 11B in second place.

3 –Success:

Well done to all Food Tech students on their fantastic cooking and baking skills displayed for their GCSE practical this week.



Year 11 Brown Envelope Day

Spring A Highlights

- St Angela Merici Feast Day and Mass at Sacred Heart Church
- Parents' Evening
- Outstanding Attainers Programme



Feast of St Angela Mass



Outstanding Attainers Programme

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Upcoming Events

Spring B:

February

- 13th February – Shrove Tuesday
- 14th February - 28th March – Lent
- 14th February – Ash Wednesday
- 19th February – Start of Spring B Term
- 20th February – Lenten Reflection for parents in the Chapel 6-7pm

March

- 4th March – English Language Day
- 4th – 8th March – Lent Week of Giving
- 8th March – International Women's Day
- 13th March – St Cecilia Concert, 7.30-9.00pm
- 18th March – Lent Week of Reconciliation
- 20th March – Multicultural Evening, 6-8.30pm
- 21st March – Culture Day
- 21st March – Elimination of Racial Discrimination Day
- 24th March – World Poetry Day
- 26th March – Feast of St Margaret Clitherow
- 26th March – Passion Service for Year 11, P2, School Hall
- 28th March – End of Spring B Term
- 29th March - Friday 12th April – Easter Holidays
- 15th April – Summer A Term Starts

Looking Ahead

- May/June – Year 11 GCSE Exams

**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 Virtues

Spring Term: Hopeful

Summer Term: Courageous



Wellbeing

Parental Workshops

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

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](https://self.merton.gov.uk/service/Pupil%20Premium%20and%20Free%20School%20Meals%20application)

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](#)

We also provide free 1:1 early help support programmes for young people to support with anxiety or low mood. Speak to your school to find out more.

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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
11 Bernadette	Ms Collier	lucy.collier@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk
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/progresso/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