

Year 9 Update

See page 2 for a snapshot of upcoming events!



Autumn Term A 2023

Make sure to check out our Autumn Term >>> Enrichment programme! <<<

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the first Year 9 newsletter of the year!

It has been a brilliant start to the year, and we are so impressed with how quickly the year group has settled in and matured – in and out of the classroom. They continue to beat most of the school with rewards and we hope to take our rightful place as winners in Autumn B. This demonstrates their unwavering commitment to their studies.

The year group was incredibly lucky to watch the Globe Theatre players during this half term. They saw a live reenactment of Romeo and Juliet which the whole year group enjoyed. Many teachers commented on their incredible behaviour and attentiveness.

Even at this early stage of the year, our year group has demonstrated SERVIAM in all that they do. Year 9 was greatly represented as tour guides for our open evening. They were incredibly enthusiastic to show many nervous Year 5 and 6s around our school. A big well done to Sophia P and Constance T for their great efforts on open evening with parents emailing Mr Kelly about their politeness and etiquette.

9 Francis was given the opportunity to present an assembly to the year group on their form group saint, St Francis. A big well done to Eliza G, Agathe L and Liath P who led the assembly very maturely and created a very informative PowerPoint. On 17th October, Year 9 celebrated the Feast Day of St Ursula in a special Mass with Year 10, St Ursula was the inspiration and role model for our founder St Angela Merici.

We have lots to look forward to in the Autumn B term including the school's production of 'Chitty Chitty Bang Bang' and the Christmas Carol Service at Sacred Heart Church. We look forward to welcoming the students back to school on Wednesday 1st November for Autumn B. Please see overleaf for a list of upcoming events and parent workshops.

Wishing you and your families a restful half term holiday.

Yours faithfully,

Miss Smith and Miss Guiheen, Heads of Year 9

Students' Achievements

Year 8 Total Rewards: 2722

1 - Most Rewards:

1. Rachel Ganguly 9F
2. Olivia Grejner 9M
3. Orla Silke-Randal 9M

Congratulations to 9M who achieved the most rewards this year with **550**.

2 – Highest Attendance:

There have been **100** students in Year 9 who have **100%** attendance for the year. Well done!

Congratulations to 9B who have had the best attendance this year with **97.39%**.

3 – External Success:

Well done to **Honor, Eugenia and Abbie K** (9U) who received Jack Petchy awards!

If your daughter participates in sport or other activities outside of school do encourage her to let us know.

Autumn A Highlights

- Open evening
- St Francis Assembly
- Academic Review Days
- Black History Month
- World Mental Health Day
- The Feast of St Ursula Mass



Black History Month



Year 9 & 11 Mass of St Ursula

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Upcoming Events

October:

30/10/23 – Inset Day

31/10/23 – Inset Day

November:

- 09/11/23 – Insieme Day
- 10/11/23 – Remembrance Service
- 11/11/23 – Remembrance Day
- 13/11/23 – Anti-Bullying Week
- 27/11/23 – Christmas Gift Appeal launch
- 30/11/23 – School Production 6-8pm, School Hall

December:

- 01/12/23 – School Production 6-8pm, School Hall
- 01/12/23 – Christmas Tree Service, 2-3pm
- 05/12/23 – Maths Trip
- 08/12/23 – Christmas Fair (Year 9 Selling to Year 8)
- 15/12/23 – Christmas Fair (Year 8 Selling to Year 9)
- 18/12/23 – Christmas Carol Service at Sacred Heart Church, 8-9pm
- 22/12/23 – Christmas Mass
- 22/12/23 – Christmas Assembly and Last Day of Term (School Day ends: 12.40pm)
- 25/12/22 – 07/01/24 – Christmas Holidays

Looking Ahead:

- 08/01/24: Start of Spring A Term

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

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 Secondary Parents Autumn Term 2023
Supporting your teenager's mental health webinars

- 26TH OR 28TH SEPT** Mental Health During The Teenage Years - An Introduction And Overview
For all secondary & college parents
- 12TH OR 18TH OCT** Getting Into School - Common Challenges & Supporting School Avoidance
For all secondary & college parents
- 16TH OR 17TH NOV** "I Wish I Looked Like Them" - Helping Teens Navigate Body Image Issues
For all secondary & college parents
- 4TH OR 7TH DEC** Understanding and Supporting Teen Sleep & Self-Care
For all secondary & college parents

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

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>