

Year 10 Update

Autumn B Term 2023

See page 2 for a snapshot of upcoming events.

See page 3 for staff contact details.



Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

As we approach the end of the Autumn Term, I am pleased to say that Year 10 students have continued their excellent start to the year. In particular, I have been pleased to note the excellent feedback from staff in relation to the oracy assessments and the resilience of students in adapting to this alternative method of assessment this Half Term.

Year 10 students' engagement with extra-curricular, student leadership and enrichment programmes has continued to be a real positive, and I am particularly pleased to be able to share that we have six students progressing to the next stage of the Wimbledon Ball Girls training / selection process down at the AELTC (Karolina, June, Aitana, Chelsea, Martha, and Erin). We wish these six students the very best of luck. Congratulations, too, to all Year 10 students who took part in the school's production of 'Chitty Chitty Bang Bang' – I was lucky enough to watch a section of one of the performances and was blown away by their talent. I look forward to the carol service at Sacred Heart church on Monday 18 December.

As ever, we strongly encourage that all students engage with at least one extra-curricular, student leadership or enrichment programme offered by the school. There is lots on offer for Year 10s to get involved with, so please do encourage your daughter to sign up if she has not already done so; or to let us know if there is something she would be interested in if it is not currently offered. We understand that many students partake in a lot of extra-curricular activities outside of school and are always keen to hear about their participation and achievements in these.

We have recently noticed an increase in sanctions for homework and lack of equipment. Please support us in ensuring that your daughter(s) has the equipment she needs for school, and that you regularly check her homework planner, and that homework is being completed. Students should be receiving homework across a range of subjects each day, all of which should be recorded in their planners. Similarly, we note that attendance across the cohort has dropped significantly in the last few weeks. We understand that illness is more prevalent this time of year but ask for your continued support in ensuring that students attend school when they are able, and that they return as promptly as possible after a period of illness.

Wishing you and your families a very merry Christmas, and a joyous New Year!

Yours faithfully,
Mr Roberts
Head of Year 10

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



**Merton Borough U16
Basketball Winners**

Students' Achievements

1 - Most Rewards:

1. Michaela B R (10C) –	31
2. Eowyn F (10C) –	29
3. Mollie S (10B) –	28
4. Eva D G C (10C) –	27
Ella K (10F) –	27

Congratulations to **10C** who are currently leading the way with 516 Reward Points.

2 – Highest Attendance:

There are currently **43 students** in Year 10 who have 100% attendance. Please do keep up the good work!

Congratulations to **10B** who lead the way with 96.59%!

3 – External Success:

Congratulations to **Isabella T (10A)**, who has recently been elected as Chair of the Merton Youth Parliament. She is also a member of the London Youth Assembly and the National Youth Combined Authority.



Congratulations to **Naomi M (10B)**, who – as part of the Merton Borough netball team – was recognised as part of the Borough's 'Team of the Year' at the recent London Youth Games Ceremony. This was in recognition of the team's successes, including finishing as silver medalists in the London finals earlier this year. Merton itself was celebrated as the most improved Borough at the awards.

Congratulations to **Mr Ching (10T) and Silvia G (10T)**, who each individually ran 100km across September to raise money for Great Ormond Street Hospital. A huge achievement!

Autumn B Highlights

- School production – 'Chitty Chitty Bang Bang'
- School Carol Service
- Wimbledon Bookfest Winners
- Wimbledon Ball Girls Trials



Chitty Chitty Bang Bang



**Congratulations Wimbledon Bookfest Winners:
Simran 10U, Jada 10A**



Wimbledon Ball Girl Trials

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Virtues: Autumn Term: Attentiveness, Spring Term: Leading for Justice, Summer Term: Acting with Truth

Upcoming Events

Spring A Term:

January 2024

- **8th January:** Start of Spring A Term
- **18th January:** Year 10 & 11 Drama Trip, 'Everyone's Talking About Jamie', Peacock Theatre.
- **25th January:** Jack Petchey 'Speak Out!' Challenge.

February 2024

- **6th February:** Mid-Year Serviam Assembly; Online.
- **9th February** – Last Day of Term
- **19th February** – Start of Spring B Term
- **W/C 19th February:** Year 10 French Exchange (hosting).
- **20th March:** Multicultural Evening
- **6th - 13th April:** Ski Trip

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

PSHEC – Upcoming Topics (Spring A):

- Protected Characteristics – emphasis on Race and LGBTQI+
- Mental Health and Wellbeing
- Drugs and Alcohol
- Prevent Duty – Terrorism; Radicalisation

In Autumn B, Year 10 have studied topics such as stalking, racism and its various forms, sexual consent (including the impact of drugs and alcohol), domestic abuse (including bullying and coercion).

Wellbeing

Parental Workshops

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

NHS 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.

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. I have listed below a reminder of the correct person you should contact for a particular enquiry, which I hope you will find useful.

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

10 Angela	Ms Keay	poppy.keay@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk
10 Bernadette	Ms Guillet-Siad	melanie.guillet@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk
10 Catherine	Ms Ciechanowska	agnieszka.ciechanowska@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk
10 Francis	Ms Grant	naen.park@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk
10 Margaret	Ms O'Neill	rachel.oneill@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk
10 Teresa	Mr Ching	jason.ching@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk
10 Ursula	Ms Sidaway	sereha.sidaway@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk

Head of Year, Assistant Head of Year, or Pastoral Support Assistant – Mental health, bullying, safeguarding, online safety, absence request forms, request for your daughter to receive school counselling/educational well-being practitioner, financial support/free school meals.

James.Roberts@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk Head of Year

Sylvia.Brown@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk Pastoral Support Assistant

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 0203 908 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](#)

Yours sincerely,

Mr Roberts