

Year 7 Update

Autumn B Term 2023

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Dear Parents / Carers,

What a busy and fulfilling half term it has been. There have been a number of highlights, but I would like to speak about the ones which have touched me the most.

Firstly, the Commissioning Service; after completing the transition from primary school to secondary, every year 7 student has been presented with their Serviam badge, which they are wearing on their blazers with pride. It has been a long journey for them, they have overcome a lot of change, but they have shown reliance throughout. They are certainly living out our core value of 'Serviam', this is reflected in the number of activities they have logged on their Serviam Passport.

Secondly, Chitty Chitty Bang Bang! 63 of our year 7s were in the choir, their contribution was magical, voices spectacular and behaviour exemplary. I was so proud of them all, a great reminder of why we teach!

Thirdly, the Christmas Fair; the tutors and their tutees spent a lot of time organising their stalls and preparing to sell to the year 8s. Lots of fun was had! Year 7 suggested many charities they wanted to donate to, but we could only choose one, so to maintain democracy, we went hi-tech and put all the suggestions into a random word generator and the Wimbledon Guild was selected. It is a community charity in Merton, offering practical help and support to local residents, if you would like to find out more then please click [here](#). A massive £897.36 was raised, thank you, we will send this off to them before the end of term.

Lastly, the virtue we focused on this term was 'Insieme', next term we will focus on 'Loving'. Every week in assembly we celebrate successes and attendance. Well done to all the students, particularly those with the highest number of rewards, and congratulations to all 75 students who have 100% attendance.

Thank you for your continued support, and kind messages. We wish you and your families a joyous Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

Yours sincerely,

Ms Hoyles
Head of Year 7

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 - Rewards: Year 7 Total Rewards : 4,793

The students with the most rewards are:

1. Maxine 7U
2. Joan 7U
3. Lilian 7U
4. Iryna 7U
5. Ava 7C

The tutor group with the most rewards since September with 1069 rewards overall is 7 Ursula well done!

2 – Attendance:

There are currently 75 students in Year 7 who have 100% attendance!

The tutor group with the best attendance so far is 7U with 98.5%, with 7A very close behind with 98.3%— really well done!

3 – Sporting Success:

7th Nov – Netball, won silver and bronze at Merton Championships (team below)



15th Nov – U13 footballers reached the quarter finals of the Utilita Cup

21st Nov – Netball V The Hall School 7-3 win

24th Nov – Football win against The Hall School

4th Dec – The Groove Golf simulator

6th Dec - Football – Town Cup – lost 4-2 played very well, player of the match Clara 7A

Outside of school – well done to Ava 7C who has been selected London Hockey's U13 team.

If your daughter participates in sport or other activities outside of school do encourage her to let me know – I would love to celebrate their efforts.

Autumn B Highlights

UPA's Film night
Commissioning Service
Students leading prayer services in the chapel
Student leader's trip to the Garden Museum
Gardening club have been busy planting
School Production Chitty Chitty Bang Bang!
Christmas Tree Service
Christmas lunch – a full roast dinner together
Catholic Children's Society Gift Appeal
CAFOD non-uniform day
Christmas Fair
LAMDA showcases
Christmas Carol Service
Party for retired members of the parish.



Commissioning Service



Christmas Fair

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Virtues: Autumn Term: Insieme, Spring Term: Loving, Summer Term: Joyful

Upcoming Events:

January 2024

- 8th – Spring A Term starts
- 8th – Launch of 24 books for 2024
- 11th – Indoor athletics competition at Wimbledon College 3.30-5pm
- 15th – Launch of NHS competition - employable skills
- 16th – Launch of NHS competition - employable skills
- 18th – Drug workshop online
- 18th – The Snow Queen English trip for 7 Blackman and 7 Eliot
- 22nd – Assessment week
- 25th – St Angela House lunch in main hall
- 26th – Ethos day
- 26th – Mass of St. Angela at Sacred Heart – Parents welcome
- 30th – Year 7 learning Conference period 2
- 30th – Merton Borough badminton competition at Ricards Lodge 3.30-5.30pm

February 2024

- LGBTQI History Month
- 2nd – Interhouse Cross Country Wimbledon Common 2-4pm
- 2nd – Feast of St. Blaise Blessing of the Throats (choir)
- 5th – Children's Mental Health Week
- 7th – Mid-year Serviam Celebration online
- 8th – International Day of Women and Girls in Science
- 8th – Merton Borough Basketball at Harris Academy Morden 3.30-5pm
- 8th – Parental Webinar social media 6-7pm
- 9th – Second deposit of £75 due for PGL Liddington
- 9th – Last Day of Term
- 19th – Start of Spring B Term
- 20th – Lenten Reflection for parents in the chapel 6-7pm

Looking Ahead

- 13th March – St. Cecilia Day Concert 7.30-9pm
- 20th March – Multicultural Evening 6-8.30pm
- 27th March – Academic Review Day 1.35-3.10pm
- 28th March – Academic Review Day all day
- 28th March – End of Spring B Term
- 15th April – Summer A Term starts
- 30th April – Year 7 parents' revision evening 6-6.30pm
- 20th May – Year 7 end of year exam week
- 4th July – Year 7 Parents' evening
- 8th July – Year 7 celebration 1.35-3.10pm
- 15th – 17th July – PGL trip to Liddington

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

Wellbeing

Free Parental Workshops

South West London and St George's Mental Health NHS trust are running a number of free wellbeing workshops for parents / carers of secondary school aged children.

Click here for more information and to book: [Secondary Parents - NHS Wellbeing Workshops | Eventbrite](#)

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

Social media

We have had to deal with a lot of social media issues in year 7 during the autumn term, this is a polite reminder that social media is not allowed in year 7. WhatsApp has been the main cause of problems, the minimum age of use for WhatsApp in the UK is 16 years old. All other social media including Snapchat, TikTok, Instagram, Facebook, and X (Twitter) has a minimum age of 13 (with many experts believing the age limit needs to be raised to 16+). Please support us with this. Below is a link to our online safety policy.

[UHS online safety policy](#)

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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.

7 Angela	Mr Davies	gareth.davies@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk
7 Bernadette	Ms Sung	eun.sung@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk
7 Catherine	Ms Grandin	katharine.grandin@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk
7 Francis	Ms Park	naen.park@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk
7 Margaret	Ms Gregory	gabriela.gregory@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk
7 Teresa	Ms Gordon	marlyn.gordon@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk
7 Ursula	Dr Sr Elizabeth Mudzimu	elizabeth.mudzimu@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.

Rachel.Hoyles@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk Head of Year

Christopher.Dunne@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk Assistant Head of Year, Transitions Co-ordinator

Magdalena.Sawicka@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk Pastoral Support Assistant: 0203 908 3105

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](#)

Yours sincerely,

Ms Hoyles