

Year 7 Update

See page 2 for a snapshot of upcoming events!



Spring A Term 2024

Dear Parents / Carers,

We are delighted to update you on the Year 7 highlights and accomplishments for this half-term, along with the last few days of Autumn B. Students have proudly lived out Serviam through various acts of kindness. Thank you to Helen (7M), Lilian (7U), Georgiana (7M) and Lena (7M) for helping at the tea party at the end of last term for the elderly in our community. We also celebrated money raised for charity with the Jump Rope for Heart skipping competition, a lot of money was raised, well done to Amelia (7M), Lola (7F), Isla R (7F) and Ava (7C) who raised over £400 between them. There has been a lot to celebrate in this short half term:

In PSHEC we have been focussing on forming and maintaining respectful relationships, one session required the students to work in teams to build freestanding towers out of paper and tape, some of which were just short of a meter tall!

60 students went to see The Snow Queen at the Polka Theatre Wimbledon. The production was excellent, and the wintry weather at the time helped them prepare for the show!

Our year 7 athletics team (photo below) secured a convincing win at the Merton Indoor Athletics competition, finishing on 151 points, 23 points ahead of the team who came second. The Ursuline team will now go on to represent Merton at the London Youth Games later this term.

Sophia (7U) and Beatriz (7A) were selected to run for Merton at the Surrey Schools Cross Country Championships, where they were lucky to meet Sir Mo Farah (photo below). Sophia, Beatriz and Serene (7M) have now been nominated to take part in a mini-marathon – good luck!

More sporting news with lots of the year 7 students enjoying a new partnership with Kingston Lions Basketball, who have been offering lessons to our students.

On a different note, we had a very reflective day at the end of January with the year 7 Ethos Day, thinking about what it means to be part of a Catholic community, an Ursuline school and what is important to us. We finished the day, all together, to celebrate the Feast of St Angela, with a Mass at Sacred Heart Church. Thank you to the year 7 choir who sang beautifully.

We were also delighted to have successfully bid for funding for 16 students for a 6-week beginner's trampolining course run by London Trampoline Academy, I went to the first session, and there was a lot of bouncing and jumping happening!

We have lots to look forward to in the Spring B half-term, please see 'Upcoming Events' on the next page. Congratulations to Year 7 on another excellent half-term, we are nearly halfway through year 7 – it has gone so quickly!

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

Yours faithfully,

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

Year 7 Total Rewards: 6186

Most Rewards:

Maxine 7U -64

Iryna 7T - 57

Ava 7C - 57

Holly 7U - 55

Lilian 7U - 54

The tutor group with the most rewards is 7Ursula with 1,345 – well done!

2 – Attendance:

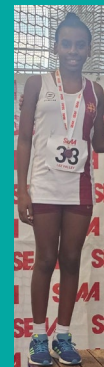
There are currently **48** students in Year 7 who have **100%** attendance!

The tutor group with the best attendance since September is 7U with 97.9%, followed closely by 7A – 97.6% and 7M with 97.2%

3 – External Success and News:



Alice (7F) had the privilege of attending Holy Mass on the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord at St. Peter's Basilica. The occasion was even more special because the Pope was at Mass.



We were delighted to hear that Serene (7M) won her first medal after being scouted for South London Harriers. Competing at the Southern England Athletics Association with a personal best of 2.33.76 she came third in the 800m – well done Serene.

Spring A Highlights

- Teamwork in PSHEC lessons
- Trip to the Snow Queen at Polka Theatre
- Winning team at Merton Athletics competition
- Cross Country runners representing Merton
- New basketball and trampolining opportunities
- Joint tutor group lunches
- Ethos day
- Whole year Mass for St Angela at Sacred Heart Church
- 7Angela leading on assembly for the year group



Indoor Athletics Team



Ava (7U) and Bea (7A) meeting Sir Mo Farah

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Upcoming Events:

February 2024

- 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, Chapel, 6.00-7.00pm
- 27th February – Trip for 3 classes to the Hindu Temple

March 2024

- 4th March – Fairtrade fortnight
- 7th March – World Book Day – events happening in the LRC run by KS5 students
- 8th March – International Women’s Day – celebrating women in literature
- 11th March – Science Week
- 13th March – St. Cecilia Concert 7.30-9pm
- 14th March – International Day of Mathematics
- 20th March – Multicultural Evening 6-8.30pm
- 21st March – Cultural Day
- 27th March – Academic Review Day 1.35-3.10pm
- 28th March – Academic Review Day all day
- 28th March – End of Spring B term

Looking Ahead

- 15th April – Summer A term starts
- 30th April – Year 7 parents’ revision evening 6-6.30pm in the Hall
- 6th May – May bank holiday
- 20th May – Year 7 end of year exam week
- 21st May – World Day for Cultural Diversity
- 24th May – End of Summer A
- 27th – 31st May – Half term
- 3rd June – Summer B starts
- 4th July – Year 7 Parents’ evening
- 8th July – Year 7 celebration 1.35-3.10pm
- 15th – 17th July – PGL trip to Liddington
- 19th July – End of 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 7 Virtues

- Spring Term: Loving
- Summer Term: Joyful

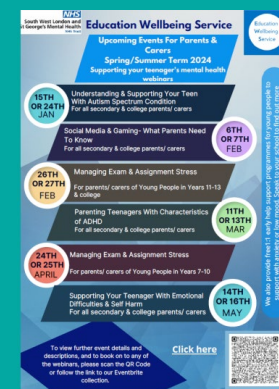


Wellbeing

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](#)



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>

Additional Support

- [Young Merton](#)
- [Young Minds](#)
- [Off The Record](#)
- [Kooth](#)
- [MindEd](#)
- [e-wellbeing](#)

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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
7 Bernadette	Ms Sung	Eun.Sung
7 Catherine	Ms Grandin	Katharine. Grandin
7 Francis	Ms Park	NaEn.Park
7 Margaret	Ms Gregory	gabriela.gregory
7 Teresa	Ms Gordon	Marlyn.Gordon
7 Ursula	Dr Sr Elizabeth Mudzimu	Elizabeth.Mudzimu

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 7

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

Magdalena.Sawicka@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk Pastoral Support Assistant 0203908 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

Subject teachers should be contacted for any subject specific enquiries.

All staff contact details can be found on the [Ursuline directory](#) on our website.

Yours faithfully,

Ms Hoyles