

Year 9 Update

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Spring Term B 2024

Dear Parents / Carers,

Year 9 have had another excellent half-term and we are am thrilled to share their many highlights and accomplishments.

All students continue to demonstrate their commitment to the school's ethos and live out the school's core values of generosity and kindness including their active participation in our Lenten Programme. Year 9 students have been participating in various activities in the last 4 weeks such as donating to Wimbledon Foodbank, recognised and gave thanks to those people in our school community who support and help us by writing messages to them, the opportunity to take part in the Sacrament of Reconciliation and led morning prayer in the Chapel, in which each Year 9 tutor group led prayer for their Year 8 counterparts. Students have ended Spring B with their Easter liturgies, in which they behaved with the upmost reverence and respect.

We were delighted to see so many students participating in Multicultural Evening and Cultural Day, where many cultures were celebrated through dance, singing and the sharing of delicious food. It was lovely to see so many Year 9s – and their families - celebrating their cultures together. We were also proud of the students who took part in the St Cecilia Concert - it is always a pleasure to hear and see students putting their gifts and talents to good use, and developing their skills in leadership, teamwork, resilience, and more.

Year 9 also took part in Employer taster day where they got the opportunity to hear from different types of workers and ask questions. The students feedback from this was excellent and said it made them feel more confident with their GCSE choices and learn more about different professions.

It was a pleasure to see so many of you at Year 9 Parents' Evening. Parents' Evenings, along with Academic Review Days, represent one of the best forms of dialogue between the school and parents regarding your child's progress, welfare, and behaviour, and for us are a real highlight each year. We look forward to seeing you again at future events.

We wish you and your families a healthy, happy, and blessed Easter, and look forward to welcoming students back on Monday 15th April. Thank you as always for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,
Miss Smith and Miss Guiheen
Heads of Year 9

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

Students' Achievements

1 - Most Rewards:

1. Orla Silke-Randall 9M - 67
2. Giorgia Mazzotta 9B – 64
3. Pola Miarowska 9M - 64

Congratulations to 9B - currently leading the way with 1451 rewards!

2 – Highest Attendance:

There are currently 18 students in Year 9 who have 100% attendance. Please do keep up the good work!

Congratulations to 9M who lead the way with 96.01% attendance!

3 – External Success:

- Congratulations to Sabia O'Duffy (9B) who obtained her purple belt in kung fu!
- Juliana, Eugenia, and Laura who performed at the Royal Albert Hall recently with Merton Music



Sabia



Juliana, Eugenia, and Laura

Spring B Highlights

- St Cecilia's Day Concert
- Multicultural evening
- Start of Ramadan
- Lenten reflections
- International Women's Day
- Science Week



Passion Service



St Cecilia's Concert



Multicultural Evening & Culture Day

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Upcoming Events

April

Friday 29th March – Friday 12th April- Easter Holidays
 15th April – Return to School: Start of Summer A Term
 16th April – Feast of St. Bernadette
 22nd April – Earth Day
 24th April – LAMDA Showcase
 29th April – Community Art Exhibition

May

2nd May – Harry Potter Day
 6th May – May bank holiday
 6th May – Mental Health Awareness Week
 14th May - Year 9 Parents' Revision Evening 6.00-6.30pm
 17th May - KS3 Music Showcase, St Angelas Centre
 21st May – World Day for Cultural Diversity
 22nd May- Sherlock Holmes Day event
 24th May – End of Summer A
 27th – 31st May – Half term

Looking Ahead

3rd June – Summer B starts
 5th June – World Environmental Day
 10th June – Year 9 end of year exam week
 28th June – Sports Day
 5th July – Sports Awards Dinner
 10th July – Year 9 celebration, 1.35-3.10pm
 11th July – Summer Concert, Hall
 15th – 17th July – PGL trip to Liddington
 19th July – End of term - End of Term - Summer Holidays

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

Year 9 Virtues

Spring Term: Discerning
Summer Term: United In Harmony



*Hamilton Production,
 Wimbledon Theatre*

Wellbeing

Parental Workshops

- **6TH June:** KS3 Relationships & Healthy Lifestyles Parental Workshop
- **19TH June:** Parent Workshop to support parents of SEND students

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 Premium and Free School Meals application)**

Additional Support



Young Merton

Young Minds

Off The Record

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MindEd

e-wellbeing

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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.

9 Angela	Ms Thomas	paula.thomas@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk
9 Bernadette	Ms Taylor	geraldine.taylor@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk
9 Catherine	Ms Kearney	seoighe.kearney@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk
9 Francis	Ms McNichol	georgia.mcnichol@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk
9 Margaret	Mr Tyler	jacob.tyler@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk
9 Teresa	Mr Preastuin	ronan.preastuin@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk
9 Ursula	Ms McColgan	caroline.mccolgan@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk

Heads of Year (Miss Guiheen / Miss Smith) or Mrs Eloff (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.

paige.smith@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk

erin.guiheen@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk

karlin.eloff@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

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,

Miss Guiheen and Miss Smith