

Year 8 Update

See page 2 for a snapshot of upcoming events!



Summer B Term 2023

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

Dear Parents / Carers,

As we approach the end of the school year, we wanted to take this opportunity to commend Year 8 for their outstanding contribution to the school this year. They have demonstrated the school's core values and have had Serviam at the heart of everything they have done, living out the Year 8 virtues of compassion, faith filled and listening throughout the year.

Students have so much to celebrate and have been a credit as a year group; they should be very proud of how hard they have worked. Well done to everyone who achieved prizes at our celebration assembly, including achievement and passion for their subjects.

A particular mention to Eugenia K who won our Serviam award this year and Honor D-M who achieved our Student of the Year award.

It was great to see so many students showcasing their skills in the Year 8 debates. They engaged thoughtfully and articulately, expressing their ideas with clarity and confidence, while also listening to the perspectives of others which fostered a culture of open mindedness and respectful dialogue about various topics. Congratulations goes to the winning house 8 Catherine, who proposed the motion that there should be a 4-day working week. Year 8 had an amazing time at Sports Day, we are very proud of their support and teamwork that they gave one another. Students displayed enthusiasm and team spirit, encouraging everyone to do their very best. A big congratulations to 8 Ursula who were our Year 8 Sports Day winners for the second year in a row!

Students worked incredibly hard for their end of year exams. Students have received their results including actionable feedback and parents will receive a complete report on Wednesday 19th July. It is important to address the targets and feedback given to help students close gaps in their learning and continue to work to the highest standard in Year 9. Do take some time out with your daughter to talk through their report and feedback with them.

As part of Fest week students are encountering a variety of memorable experiences- such as Grosvenor Hall! Participating in a range of activities such as archery, problem solving and leap of faith, developing their confidence, resilience, and team building. Students at school are also enjoying a great week and students will be enjoying the alternative sports day on 20th July –participating in activities such as cycling, rounders, dance, and Gaelic football. We will conclude the week with our End of Year mass on Friday.

Overall, it has been a privilege to witness the growth, resilience, and enthusiasm of Year 8. Students have exceeded our expectations and their accomplishments deserve recognition and celebration. We very much look forward to continuing their journey with them as their Year 9 Heads of Year. We would like to take this opportunity to say farewell to Ms Waters and thank her for her dedication, leadership, and unwavering support throughout our time at the Ursuline. We look forward to working under the Headship of Mr Kelly and supporting him as he leads the school, sustaining and building upon Ms Waters' legacy.

Wishing you and your families a restful, happy, and healthy summer break, and we look forward to welcoming students back on Wednesday 6th September 2023.

Yours faithfully,
Miss Guiheen & Ms Smith
Heads of Year 8

Students' Achievements

Year 8 Total Rewards: 15461

1 - Most Rewards:

1. Bethany Mitchell 8A
2. Georgia Howe 8T
3. Angelina Bosauder 8A

Congratulations to 8A who achieved the most rewards this year with 2791.

2 – Highest Attendance:

There have been 15 students in Year 8 who have 100% attendance for the year. Well done!

Congratulations to 8M who have had the best attendance this year with 96.2%.

3 – External Success:

Well done to Caitríona W (8C) who received a distinction in her Grade 4 Ballet exam!

Well done to Honor D-M and Lottie A-L who achieved Highly Commended in the Wimbledon Bookfest Competition!

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

Summer B Highlights

- Sports Day
- Serviam Assembly
- Debates
- Year 8 Celebration
- Year 8 Residential
- Fest Week



Rounders Champions



Ms Waters Celebration Mass

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Upcoming Events:

September

- **Weds 6th Sept** – School returns for Year 9
- **Mon 11th Sept** – Mass of the Holy Spirit
9.40-11.45am in the school hall (parents welcome)
- **Thurs 14th Sept** – Year 9 Information Evening
6.00-7.00pm, in the school hall

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



Congratulations to 8 Ursula on their Sports Day Victory!

Year 8 Virtue: Summer Term

Faith-filled

Faith helps us grow in friendship with Jesus and his friendship helps us become the best we can be by becoming more like him. Growing in friendship with Jesus means learning to trust him and knowing that he is always with us. Faith is always open to new things because if you have faith you are a trusting person.

"Jesus said, "Do not be afraid, only believe." Mark 5:36

Wellbeing

Parental Workshops

Autumn A

28th Sept: Parent Webinar on how to support teenage mental health

11th Oct: KS3 Parental Workshop on Online Safety & Social Media

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%20Premium%20and%20Free%20School%20Meals%20application)

Additional Support



[Young Merton](#)

[Young Minds](#)

[Off The Record](#)

[Kooth](#)

[MindEd](#)

[e-wellbeing](#)

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Celebration Assembly Winners



Student of the Year: Honor D-M, **Serviam Award:** Eugenia K

Top, Right Photo: Head of Year Awards: Passion for Challenge to Success: Sabia O'D, Achievement in Challenge to Success: Caitlin B, Resilience through Difficult Challenge: Sofia I, Passion for Reading: Liliana G, Most Rewards: Georgia H.



Above, Left Photo: Living out the virtue "Listening": Dorota P, Living out the virtue "Compassionate": Mary M, Living out the virtue "Faith-Filled": Ellie H.

Above Right Photo: Achievement Awards: English: Erin Mc, Maths: Frances A-L, Science: Katie S, R.E: Hanna B, History: Zoej V, Geography: Agathe L, D&T: Giorgia M, Spanish: Wynther A, Art: Alissia M-S, Food Technology: Caitriona W, Music: Paola M-G, Drama: Louise L-D, Computer Science: Chae W-Y, French: Constance J, P.E: Karla K, German: Caley C.

(Not pictured) **Passion Awards:** English: Bethany M, Maths: Amelie A, Science: Sofia M, RE: Gabriella N, History: Carolina T-P, Geography: Olivia R, D&T: Layla B-S, Spanish: Chloe F, Art: Letizia M, Food Technology: Lucy D, Music: Laura N, Drama: Maya B, Computer Science: Isabel M-R-C-B, French: Emily B, P.E: Renata K, German: Alice H.

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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 find helpful

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

- 8 Angela – paula.thomas@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk
- 8 Bernadette – geraldine.taylor@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk
- 8 Catherine – gareth.davies@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk
- 8 Francis – georgia.mcnichol@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk
- 8 Margaret – jacob.tyler@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk
- 8 Teresa – ronan.preastuin@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk
- 8 Ursula – caroline.mccolgan@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk

Heads of Year (Miss Guiheen / Miss Smith) or Mrs McCourt (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
- sarah.maccourt@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk

Ms Young and Mrs McCourt – Attendance and punctuality/lateness (please report student absence before 9.30am).

ITHelpdesk@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk – for IT/Weduc/progresso/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](#)

Kindest regards,

Miss Guiheen / Miss Smith