

Year 10 Update

See page 2 for a snapshot of upcoming events!



Autumn Term A 2023

Make sure to check out our Autumn Term >>> Enrichment programme! <<<

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s)

As we approach the end of Autumn A, I am pleased to say that Year 10 have had a fantastic start to the year. Year 10 marks the beginning of your daughter's KS4 journey and is an important step in their education. It has been great to see and hear that students have been engaging well with their option and core subjects, and that they have adapted so well to this transition.

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 has been positive engagement from Year 10 so far, and I hope that this will continue as we move into Autumn B. In particular, I was delighted to note two things: firstly, the number of students in Year 10 who signed up for the Student Leadership and School Council Programmes; and secondly, students' keen engagement with the Wimbledon Ball Girls' Programme. I wish your daughters every success with the latter, and hope that we will have at least a few Year 10 students representing the Ursuline at the Championships this year.

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.

Students really enjoyed our Black History Month celebrations, the theme this year focusing on celebrating the achievements of black women across a range of different fields: the arts, sports, literature, etc. Student feedback has been overwhelmingly positive, and Year 10 have engaged particularly well in lessons across all subjects. Year 10 had the opportunity to attend a careers' talk on 18th October, where they gained insights into their future educational and professional paths, and on 17th October, they celebrated the Feast Day of St Ursula in a special Mass with Year 9, St Ursula was the inspiration and role model for our founder St Angela Merici.

We have lots to look forward to in the Autumn B term including the school's production of 'Chitty Chitty Bang Bang' and the Christmas Carol Service at Sacred Heart Church. I know that lots of Year 10 students are / will be involved in both, and I cannot wait to see the fruits of their hard work and dedication.

KS4 Target Grades have now been released for Year 10 and are available to view on your daughter(s)' report. There are two separate grades: the FFT Target, which is the minimum grade your daughter is expected to achieve at GCSE, and the Year 10 Target which is the grade she is expected to maintain throughout Year 10 on flightpath towards achieving her GCSE Target Grade. Students return to school on Wednesday November 1st. Wishing you a very happy half term.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Roberts, Head of Year 10

Autumn A Highlights

- **Black History Month**
- **World Mental Health Day**
- **Open Evening** – This is always one of the best events of the school year. It was brilliant to see so many Year 10s volunteering as tour / subject guides.

Students' Achievements

1 - Most Rewards:

1. Eowyn F (10C) – 19
2. Sophie H (10M) – 17
Grace M (10B) – 17
Hannah M (10M) – 17

Congratulations to 10M who are currently leading the way with 323 Reward Points

2 – Highest Attendance:

There are currently 96 students in Year 10 who have 100% attendance. Please do keep up the good work!

Congratulations to 10T who lead the way with 97.28%!

3 – External Success:

Congratulations to the seven students in Year 10 who recently took part in Edge Hill Players' Production of 'Oliver!' – an amazing production! Bravo!

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

Year 10 Virtues:

Autumn Term: Attentiveness

Spring Term: Leading for Justice

Summer Term: Acting with Truth

There have also been some fantastic sports achievements this half term, you can find these on our [school twitter!](#)



Black History Month



Careers Day 2023

Year 10 Update



Upcoming Events

Autumn B:

- **30th October:** Inset Day
- **31st October:** Inset Day
- **1st November:** Start of Autumn B Term
- **30th November – 1st December:** School production 'Chitty Chitty Bang Bang!'
- **1st December:** Christmas Tree Service, 2-3pm
- **8th December:** Year 9 & 10 Christmas Inter-house netball tournament.
- **9th November:** Insieme Day
- **18th December:** Christmas Carol Service, Sacred Heart Church 8-9pm
- **22nd December:** Christmas Assembly and Last Day of Term, school closes at 12.40pm
- **8th January:** Start of Spring A Term

Looking Ahead:

- **18th January:** Year 10 & 11 Drama Trip, 'Everyone's Talking About Jamie', Peacock Theatre.
- **25th January:** Jack Petchey 'Speak Out!' Challenge.
- **6th February:** Mid-Year Serviam Assembly; Online.
- **W/C 19th February:** Year 10 French Exchange (hosting).
- **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 (Autumn B):

- Protected Characteristics
- Consent
- Drugs and Alcohol
- Year 10 Careers

In Autumn A, Year 10 have studied topics such as healthy vs. unhealthy relationships, Equalities, Black History Month and Life Cycles.

Wellbeing

Parental Workshops

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

NHS South West London and St George's Mental Health NHS Trust

Education Wellbeing Service

Upcoming Events For Secondary Parents Autumn Term 2023
Supporting your teenager's mental health webinars

- 26TH OR 28TH SEPT** Mental Health During The Teenage Years - An Introduction And Overview
For all secondary & college parents
- 12TH OR 18TH OCT** Getting Into School - Common Challenges & Supporting School Avoidance
For all secondary & college parents
- 16TH OR 17TH NOV** "I Wish I Looked Like Them" - Helping Teens Navigate Body Image Issues
For all secondary & college parents
- 4TH OR 7TH DEC** Understanding and Supporting Teen Sleep & Self-Care
For all secondary & college parents

We also provide free 1:1 early support programmes for young people to support with their 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](https://self.merton.gov.uk/service/Pupil%20Premium%20and%20Free%20School%20Meals%20application)