

Year 11 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 Year 11 Parent(s)/Carer(s),

As we approach the Autumn Half term, I want to commend Year 11 for their dedication and participation in various school activities, as well as their ongoing academic journey. The Year 11 academic year is a pivotal time in their education, and it's inspiring to witness their commitment to excellence.

I will shortly release the December Mock Timetable and Supervision Arrangements. This will be an opportunity for students to showcase all their hard work to date in interventions and their Friday Mocks. At this point, we would like to inform you that specific academic targets for Year 11 students were set during the Achievement and Review Day (ARD). These targets are established with the highest aspirations for your child's academic progress and success. We encourage students to approach these targets with determination and a growth mindset. In our PSHEC curriculum, Year 11 students have been engaging in discussions on a range of crucial topics. In the first half of the term, we explored issues such as Child Sexual Exploitation, Long-term Commitments (including the concept of marriage), Sexual Harassment, and Sexual Violence.

Year 11 has actively participated in various school activities this term. They've had the opportunity to attend careers talks to gain insights into their future educational and professional paths. We celebrated Black History Month, focusing on the accomplishments of black women across different fields, fostering awareness and appreciation for diversity and inclusion. On 16th October, Year 11 celebrated the Feast Day of St Ursula in a special Mass, St Ursula was the inspiration and role model for our founder St Angela Merici.

Furthermore, Year 11 had a really positive Sixth Form Open evening, and we are looking forward to welcoming students back to UHS in Sept 2024 for Year 12. A reminder that full details of how to apply for Ursuline Sixth are available on our [website](#), alongside our [Sixth Form Course Guide](#) and [sixth form prospectus](#), to enable your daughter to make an informed choice. Year 11 students also played a significant role as guides during the main school Open Evening, providing valuable support to Year 5 and 6 students and their parents and guardians who visited the school.

Throughout the year, we uphold the school ethos and virtues as guiding principles for our students. In Autumn, we focus on the virtue of Discernment, encouraging students to make thoughtful choices, demonstrate good judgment, and act responsibly in their academic and personal lives. This virtue serves as a foundation for our students as they navigate through their studies and beyond. In the upcoming terms, Year 11 will continue to engage with our school ethos and virtues. In Spring, we will explore the virtue of Hopeful, emphasizing optimism, resilience, and the belief in one's potential. In the Summer term, our focus will shift to the virtue of Courageous, empowering our students to take bold steps and face challenges with confidence.

We have plenty 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. Finally, I'd like to thank you for your continued support and partnership in your child's education. Together, we can ensure that Year 11 will have a successful and enriching academic year. Students return to school on Wednesday 1st November. Wishing you a restful and enjoyable Autumn Half term.

Yours faithfully, **Mr Mac Sweeney, Head of Year 11**

Students' Achievements

1 - Most Rewards:

1. Charlotte Webb- 16
2. Aoife Bradley – 15
Ruby Hagerty – 15
Christina Stephani– 15
Katarina Zahra- 15

Congratulations to 11U who are currently leading the way with 244 Reward Points

2 – Highest Attendance:

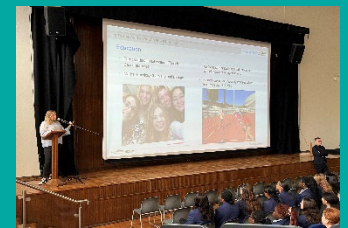
There are currently 91 students in Year 11 who have 100% attendance. Please do keep up the good work!

Congratulations to 11c who lead the way with 98.44%!

3 –Success:

We currently have a number of Y11 students on a residential trip to Dallas Texas, I look forward to including photos in my next Newsletter.

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



Careers Day 2023

Autumn A Highlights

- **Black History Month**
- **Sixth Form Open Evening**
- **Open Evening** – This is always one of the best events of the school year. It was brilliant to see so many Year 11s volunteering as tour / subject guides.



**Black History Month:
Jemima singing!**



**Sixth Form Open
Evening**

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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!'
- **9th November:** Insieme Day
- **27th November:** Christmas Gift Appeal launch
- **30th November:** School Production 6-8pm, School Hall
- **1st December:** School Production 6-8pm, School Hall
- **1st December:** Christmas Tree Service, 2-3pm
- **8th December:** Year 9 & 10 Christmas Inter-house netball tournament
- **18th December:** Christmas Carol Service, 8.00pm, Sacred Heart Church
- **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.*

Wellbeing

Parental Workshops

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

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)