Year 7 Update

See page 2 for a snapshot of upcoming events!



Autumn A Term 2023

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

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

We are delighted to share our first Year 7 newsletter of the academic year.

We are very proud of the way the Year 7 cohort have settled into life at the Ursuline. The induction day in September was a great success. Students have given us lots of lovely feedback including "The icebreakers were the thing I found helped me to settle in school as I didn't know anyone and "playing the games made me realise that we are one big family, in this together". Such lovely words to hear, remembering that 'Insieme' is our Virtue for this term. Another student shared "I enjoyed the first day because I got to make new friends, meet my teacher, find my way around and get to know the school better. I hope the Year 7 students next year have a great time too!"

Students are managing their timetables, lessons, and homework with maturity. Also, every student has engaged with our extensive enrichment programme and is involved in the wider opportunities we have to offer. Even at this early stage of the year, our year group has demonstrated SERVIAM in all that they do. In addition, our student consultative and council groups have come together as a collective student voice to discuss fantastic ideas and suggestions for the school. We have more Student Leadership opportunities than ever, with 118 Year 7s are taking part in these.

The year group has enjoyed taking part in our Black History Month celebrations, joining thousands of other students around the country in the 'Great Big Live Assembly' online, with the theme of 'Celebrating our Sisters'. Additionally, some Year 7s got to meet the singer Adenike, a semi-finalist in The Voice. There have been lots of competitions happening too. On 16th October, Year 7 celebrated the Feast Day of St Ursula in a special Mass with Year 8, St Ursula was the inspiration and role model for our founder St Angela Merici, and so it was a very poignant event.

It has been lovely to see other year groups leading on morning prayers, for example 8 Angela delivered prayers in the chapel to 7 Angela, all forms have experienced this – our turn next!

We look forward to the next half term continuing to see the students settle into Ursuline life. Students return to school on Wednesday November 1st. Please see overleaf for a list of upcoming events including our Commissioning Service on Wednesday 8th November.

Wishing you and your families a restful half term holiday. Yours faithfully,

Ms Hoyles and Mr Dunne Head of Year 7 and Assistant Head of Year 7 There have also been some fantastic sports achievements this half term, you can find these on our <u>school twitter</u>!

<u>Students'</u> <u>Achievements</u> <u>Year 7 Total Rewards: 2655</u>

1 - Most Rewards:

- 1. Maxine D
- 2. Sophie K
- 3. Abigail MA
- 4. Ava W
- 5. Hind K

7C– Most rewards since September!

2 – Highest Attendance:

There are currently **133** students in Year 7 who have **100%** attendance. Please do keep up the good work! **7A** – 99.7%– best tutor group attendance overall! Well done!

3 – Other Success:

7F won the European Week of Languages competition. Sophie A – came first at Merton borough cross country.

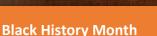
If your daughter participates in sport or other activities outside of school do encourage her to let us know – we would love to celebrate their efforts.

Autumn A Highlights

- Year 7 Induction Days
- World Afro Day
- European Week of Languages
- House lunches
- Safer Travel Afternoon
- International Literacy Day
- Launch of our Careers Programme
- Ursuline Jubilee Mass
- The Wimbledon Bookfest trip
- Black History Month Celebration
- Social Media Parental Workshop
- Feast Day of St Ursula Mass



Year 7: Safer Travel Afternoon B



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Upcoming Events:

<u>October</u>

30th October: Inset Day 31st October: Inset Day

November

1st November: Start of Autumn B Term
3rd November: UPA Film Night 6.30-9.15pm
6th November Onatti plays: French event
8th November: Commissioning Service 7pm
9th November: Insieme Day
16th November: STEM Energy Quest
27th November: Christmas Gift Appeal launch
30th November: School Production 6-8pm, School Hall

<u>December</u>

1st December: School Production 6-8pm
1st December: Year 7 Christmas Fair
1st December: Christmas Tree Service, 2-3pm
18th December: Jump Rope for Heart in PE lessons all week
18th December: Carol Service at Sacred Heart Church, 8-9pm
19th December: Indoor Athletics Trials 3.20-4.45pm
22nd December: End of term at 12.40pm

<u>January</u>

8th January: Spring A Term starts.

*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

 Monday 6th November: Students with SEND 6-6.30pm

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

