

# Year 7 Update

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for a  
snapshot  
of upcoming  
events!



**Autumn A Term 2023**

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

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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 [school twitter!](#)*

## Students' Achievements

**Year 7 Total Rewards: 2655**

### 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**



**Black History Month**

# Year 7 Update



## Upcoming Events:

### October

30<sup>th</sup> October: Inset Day

31<sup>st</sup> October: Inset Day

### November

1<sup>st</sup> November: Start of Autumn B Term

3<sup>rd</sup> November: UPA Film Night 6.30-9.15pm

6<sup>th</sup> November Onatti plays: French event

8<sup>th</sup> November: Commissioning Service 7pm

9<sup>th</sup> November: Insieme Day

16<sup>th</sup> November: STEM Energy Quest

27<sup>th</sup> November: Christmas Gift Appeal launch

30<sup>th</sup> November: School Production 6-8pm, School Hall

### December

1<sup>st</sup> December: School Production 6-8pm

1<sup>st</sup> December: Year 7 Christmas Fair

1<sup>st</sup> December: Christmas Tree Service, 2-3pm

18<sup>th</sup> December: Jump Rope for Heart in PE lessons all week

18<sup>th</sup> December: Carol Service at Sacred Heart Church, 8-9pm

19<sup>th</sup> December: Indoor Athletics Trials 3.20-4.45pm

22<sup>nd</sup> December: End of term at 12.40pm

### January

8<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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](https://self.merton.gov.uk/service/Pupil%20Premium%20and%20Free%20School%20Meals%20application)

### Useful Wellbeing Events:

**Education Wellbeing Service**  
Upcoming Events For Parents & Carers  
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/ carers

**12TH OR 18TH OCT** Getting Into School - Common Challenges & Supporting School Avoidance  
For all secondary & college parents/ carers

**16TH OR 17TH NOV** "I Wish I Looked Like Them" - Helping Teens Navigate Body Image Issues  
For all secondary & college parents/ carers

**4TH OR 7TH DEC** Understanding and Supporting Teen Sleep & Self-Care  
For all secondary & college parents/ carers

[Click here](#)

To view further event details and descriptions, and to book on to any of the webinars, please scan the QR Code or follow the link to our Eventbrite collection.

View our range of early support programmes for young people to support with their anxiety or low mood. Speak to your school to find out more.