

Year 11 Update

Spring Term B 2023



Dear Parents/Carers,

GCSE exams season is approaching, and Year 11 have handled this with determination, they have been so focused and attentive to their studies this half term. Attendance to intervention has continued to remain high, as support from all subject areas has increased to enable Year 11 to have the best opportunity to succeed over the next few months. We have had a busy term, with students working hard and gaining value from each day. We took the opportunity of the recent teacher strikes to have the Year 11s in school to focus on Maths and Science revision, which was greatly appreciated by the students. The English Language walking, talking mock day also took place, to model and guide students through an exam paper, which was a great success. Careers interviews and work experience preparations have continued shaping the further opportunities that await our young people.

Students have completed controlled assessments across a variety of subjects and have finished course content, ready to focus in on significant specialised revision. Drama students have completed their exam piece on dialogues and monologues. Art students have been working on their portfolios and are now diligently forming their exam prep work for their approaching practical assessment, where they will complete a final piece of art based on their interpretation of the theme 'Lock'. Students have taken great advantage of the last 2 days of term to prepare for exams, whilst the rest of the school participated in their Academic Review Days (ARDs). We have looked at healthy diet, exercise, mental health & wellbeing, revision timetables, as well as engaging in prayer during their retreat time, as part of our 2-day programme- a much needed rest period for Year 11 during this stressful time.

Also, further to the information shared with parents recently, students have also been introduced to National Citizens Service (NCS) which will enable to students to have the opportunity to experience something truly rewarding over their summer holiday. Year 11 have also participated in Multicultural Evening and the St Cecilia's concert, which many of you attended, embracing our diversity and Catholic ethos. We have also celebrated the start of Lent and Ramadan, fundraising for Wimbledon Foodbank as part of our Lenten giving, as well as taking part in the "digital detox" on 17th March. And of course, preparations are well underway for leavers hoodies, yearbooks, and our end of year celebrations next term. As we now approach the 'home straight' we are supporting and encouraging all students to have a safe, structured, and revision filled Easter break. I wish you and your families a healthy, happy, and blessed Easter, and look forward to welcoming students back on Monday 17th April- where we will be approaching our schools' 132nd birthday.

Yours faithfully **Ms Torode, Head of Year 11**

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

Spring B Highlights

- St Cecilia's Concert
- Multicultural evening
- The start of Lent and Ramadan
- GCSE PE and Drama moderations



GCSE Rock Climbing Moderation

Students' Achievements

1 - Most Rewards this half term:

- Sophia M (11T)
- Sammie H (11U)

Congratulations to **11C** who have received the most as a form this half term.

2- Highest Attendance:

Congratulations to **11U** who lead the way with **96.6%**

If your daughter participates in sport or other activities outside of school do encourage her to let me know – I'd love to celebrate their efforts.



Year 11 Retreat- Engaging in a variety of wellbeing activities and enjoying smoothies thanks to Ms Atasoy!

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Upcoming Events:

April

- 17th April – Return to school:
- Start of Summer A Term
- 21st April – Maths Mock
- 24th April – English Language Day / MFL oral exams start
- Friday – Biology Mock



Looking Ahead

- 1st May – Closed for May Day
- 3rd May – Polish Constitutional Day
- 8th May – Bank Holiday for King Charles III Coronation
- 15th May – 30th June – Year 11 GCSE Exam

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

Wellbeing

The rising cost of living is well documented. The pressures on parents and families are at an all time high.

We urge all parents who have experienced any change of circumstance to check if they qualify for extra help from the government through the Free School Meals scheme. If your daughter qualifies then she will receive daily credit to her account for use in the school canteen.

In order to check if you qualify you must fill in an online application at:

[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



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[Off The Record](#)
[Kooth](#)
[MindEd](#)
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Year 11 Example Art Coursework Pieces

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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.

- 11 Angela – rayife.atasoy@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk
- 11 Bernadette – anna.jackson@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk
- 11 Catherine – rosamund.hawkins@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk
- 11 Francis – rachel.williams@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk
- 11 Margaret – melanie.guillet@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk
- 11 Teresa – nerys.aberdeen@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk
- 11 Ursula – carys.surbey@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk

Head of Year (Ms Torode) or Ms Brown (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.

Ms Young and Ms Brown – 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](#)

Kind regards,

Ms Torode