

Year 11 Update

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Spring B Term 2024

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

As we enter the vibrant season of spring, I want to take a moment to reflect on the incredible journey of our Year 11 students and the exciting milestones that lie ahead. With only a short number of weeks left until the culmination of their GCSE journey. Despite the inevitable stresses of exams, our Year 11 students have much to look forward to in the coming weeks. They will soon experience the bittersweet joy of their last day 'clap out' (date to be confirmed), marking the end of a significant chapter in their academic lives. Following this, we eagerly anticipate celebrating their achievements at the Year 11 celebration when the GCSEs draw to a close.

I want to take this opportunity to applaud the unwavering dedication and hard work of our students, particularly those who have been diligently completing their NEAs and those who recently delivered their Drama practical's. Credit is also due to our PE students who successfully completed their practicals in the last week of term. Furthermore, I must commend all Year 11s who participated in the St Cecilia's Concert. Your singing and musical performances were truly outstanding, and special recognition goes to those who showcased their talents through solos.

Looking ahead to the Summer Term, our Year 11 students will have the opportunity to delve into important topics during PSHE lessons. They will learn about Personal Finances, Consent, and Alcohol and Substance Misuse, equipping them with essential life skills as they transition into adulthood. I am also delighted to share that we recently celebrated Multicultural Evening on March 20th, where we were treated to a variety of fascinating cultural performances. The colours of the globe were further showcased on Multicultural Day, Thursday 21st March, as our students embraced the diversity of our school community with enthusiasm and joy.

Throughout this term, the theme for Year 11 has been hope, and I am inspired by the resilience and determination demonstrated by our students. As they continue to work hard, I have no doubt that their efforts will be rewarded when they receive their results in August. As we approach the Easter Break, I wish each and every one of you a restful and joyous holiday season filled with love, laughter, and rejuvenation.

Warm regards,

Mr C. Mac Sweeney, Head of Year 11

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

Students' Achievements

1 - Most Rewards:

1. Aoife B 11M
2. Emilia L 11M
3. Miechrist K P 11U

Congratulations to 11U who earned the most rewards in Spring B, and now hold the outright lead 351.

2 – Highest Attendance:

Congratulations to 11C who lead the way with the highest attendance 96.3%! Well done also to 11B in second place.

3 –Success:

Well done to who has made progress in their most recent EMBs, your hard work is really paying off. Keep up the good work.



St Cecilia Concert



Passion Service



Multicultural Evening & Culture Day

Spring B Highlights

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



GCSE Rock Climbing Moderation Practical



Economics Guest Speaker: Damien Pudner from the Institute of International Monetary Research

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Upcoming Events

Spring B:

April

Friday 29th March – Friday 12th April- Easter Holidays
15th April – Return to School: Start of Summer A Term
16th April – Feast of St. Bernadette
22nd April – Earth Day

May

6th May – May Bank Holiday
6th May – Mental Health Awareness Week
9th May – 19th June :Year 11 GCSE Exams



Looking Ahead

- 22nd August – GCSE Results Day

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

Year 11 Virtues

Spring Term: Hopeful

Summer Term: Courageous



Good luck with your revision!

Wellbeing

Parental Workshops

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

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)

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

Education Wellbeing Service

Upcoming Events For Parents & Carers
Spring/Summer Term 2024
Supporting your teenager's mental health webinars

- 15TH OR 24TH JAN** Understanding & Supporting Your Teen With Autism Spectrum Condition
For all secondary & college parents/ carers
- 6TH OR 7TH FEB** Social Media & Gaming- What Parents Need To Know
For all secondary & college parents/ carers
- 26TH OR 27TH FEB** Managing Exam & Assignment Stress
For parents/ carers of Young People in Years 11-13 & college
- 11TH OR 13TH MAR** Parenting Teenagers With Characteristics of ADHD
For all secondary & college parents/ carers
- 24TH OR 25TH APRIL** Managing Exam & Assignment Stress
For parents/ carers of Young People in Years 7-10
- 14TH OR 16TH MAY** Supporting Your Teenager With Emotional Difficulties & Self Harm
For all secondary & college parents/ carers

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.

[Click here](#)

We also provide free 1:1 early help support programmes for young people to support with anxiety or low mood. Speak to your school to find out more.

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Dear parent(s)/carer(s),

Parent Communications:

At the Ursuline parental communication is really important to us. We have listed below a reminder of the correct person you should contact for a particular enquiry:

Form tutors – general enquires about the Ursuline, friendship issues, organisation, homework, clubs/enrichment, uniform, equipment, travelling to/from school, trips/calendar events.

11 Angela	Mr Odhiambo	sulumenty.odhiambo@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk
11 Bernadette	Ms Collier	lucy.collier@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk
11 Catherine	Mr Noone	joshua.noone@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk
11 Francis	Mr Carton	niall.carton@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk
11 Margaret	Ms Nichols/Ms Harriot	emma.nichols@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk jenny.harriott@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk
11 Teresa	Ms Gallacher/Mr Lester	keryn.gallacher@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk john.lester@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk
11 Ursula	Ms Alvarez	mercedes.alvarez@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk

Head of Year (Mr Mac Sweeney) or Pastoral support assistant (Ms Brown)

Mental health, bullying, safeguarding, online safety, absence request forms, request for your daughter to receive school counselling/educational well-being practitioner, financial support.

cillian.macsweeney@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk

sylvia.brown@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk

Ms Young – Attendance and punctuality/lateness. All absences and lates must be reported via email or Weduc, or phone no later than 8.45am. Bernadette.young@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk 0203908 3144

IT Issues

ITHelpdesk@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk – for IT/Weduc/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](#)

Kindest regards,

Mr Mac Sweeney