

Year 9 Update

See page 2 for
a snapshot
of upcoming
events!



Summer Term A 2024

There have also been some other great achievements...
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Dear Parents / Carers,

Celebrated over the last seven weeks, Easter is the most important season in the Church's year. It is a season of hope, joy, and celebration, and a reminder to us of all the importance of optimism – looking forward to what lies ahead. The same is true of the Summer B half term, the last half-term of the academic year, with many events planned to mark the end of the school year and celebrate the brilliant achievements of students across the cohort.

Over the Easter break, several Year 9 students joined in the annual ski trip in Austria. We both had the amazing opportunity to join our students on the trip. All the students, Year 9 especially were incredibly mature and really pushed themselves – a truly memorable experience. I am also delighted to see that throughout Spring A, there has been an increased uptake in extra-curricular activities from the year group, with students attending a variety of sports and other clubs. This constitutes an important part of life at Ursuline High School, and it would be great to see as many as possible get involved as we move into the final half-term.

The Summer B Term is packed full of events for students in Year 9 to look forward to, including Sports Day, Year 9 Serviam Assembly, Year 9 Celebration, Year 9 Debates, Sports Celebration Dinner, and UHS Fest Week (dates for all these events can be found on page 2). Auditions are also about to start for 'Shrek the musical' next year's school production, which is very exciting, students can refer to the email sent by Ms Surbey for further details.

During Fest Week, many students in Year 9 will be attending residential trips in Europe including France, Spain, and Germany, while those not on residential trips will be taking part in several engaging activities in and out of school including a visit to the London Zoo, Natural History Museum and London Aquarium. Our theme is about conservation; students will produce a documentary about several animals to raise awareness about conserving their habitats. Part of this is us booking for exotic animals to come into the school. Students will learn about what their animals' natural habitats are and how we can help them thrive. The term will conclude with our end-of-year liturgy on Friday 19th July.

I would like to remind you that Year 9 Exam Week will take place 10-15th June. I know that students have been working hard both in and outside of lessons to prepare for these, and I know that they will rise valiantly to the challenge and demonstrate how much they have learnt this year. Our mantra is simple: if students do their best, their best is good enough, and the results will take care of themselves. Thank you to those parents who attended our recent Revision Meeting. For those that didn't make it, a copy of the slides can be found on our website. I look forward to welcoming students back on Monday 3rd of June. Have a wonderful half term!

Yours faithfully,
Miss Smith and Miss Guiheen
Heads of Year 9

A few photos
from Ski Trip
during Easter
Holidays



Students' Achievements

1 - Most Rewards:

1. Orla S-R (9M) – 78
2. Pola M (9M) = 74
3. Aurelia S (9M) - 73

Congratulations to **9 Margaret** - currently leading the way with **1663 Reward Points**!

2 – Highest Attendance:

There are currently **15** students in Year 9 who have **100%** attendance. Please do keep up the good work!

Congratulations to **9 Margaret** who lead the way with **96.03%** attendance!

3 – External Successes:



- Congratulations to **Tilly N (9C)** who's cheerleading group came second in the world championships in Florida!

If your daughter participates in sport or other activities outside of school, please do encourage her to let us know.

Summer A Highlights

- Merton Schools' Athletics Competition
- Ascension Day Mass
- Competitive Tennis: Play Your Way to Wimbledon



Feast of the Ascension



Merton Schools' Athletics Team



Competitive Tennis: Play Your Way to Wimbledon

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Upcoming Events:

Summer B Term:

- 3rd June – School Returns
- 5th June – World Environmental Day
- 10th June – Year 9 End-of-Year Exam Week
- 28th June – Sports Day parents / carers welcome all day at Weir-Arches Athletics & Fitness Centre (Formally Kingsmeadow) Kingston KT1 3PB (email to follow)
- 3rd July – Year 9 Serviam Assembly; Hall
- 5th July – Sports Awards Dinner; Hall
- 9th July – Year 9 Debates; Hall
- 10th July – Year 9 Celebration; Hall
- 15th – 19th July – UHS Fest Week.
- 19th July – End of Term - Summer Holidays

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

Year 9 Virtue: Summer Term

United in Harmony

You accept someone as they are, you care for them, and care what happens to them and you want to share your life with them. You always think about another person rather than thinking about yourself. When you love you put into practice the “golden rule”, to treat others with the respect and kindness that you want for yourself.

“Live in harmony, united together, all of one heart and one will” St Angela Merici – Last Counsel/1

Wellbeing

Parental Workshops

Needs updating

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)

Additional Support



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[MindEd](#)
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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.

9 Angela	Ms Thomas	paula.thomas@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk
9 Bernadette	Ms Taylor	geraldine.taylor@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk
9 Catherine	Ms Kearney	seoighe.kearney@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk
9 Francis	Ms McNichol	georgia.mcnichol@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk
9 Margaret	Mr Tyler	jacob.tyler@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk
9 Teresa	Mr Noone Mr Carton	joshua.noone@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk niall.carton@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk
9 Ursula	Ms McColgan	caroline.mccolgan@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk

Heads of Year (Miss Guiheen / Miss Smith) or Mrs Eloff (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.

paige.smith@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk

erin.guiheen@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk

karlin.eloff@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

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,

Miss Guiheen and Miss Smith