

Year 10 Update

See page 2 for a snapshot of upcoming events!



Summer B Term 2023

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

Dear Parents / Carers,

Year 10 has had another outstanding half-term at Ursuline High school, developing their Summer Virtue of Acting with Truth and Serviam. On June 6th, each Year 10 form presented a summary of their acts of Serviam to the year group and the impact that this has had on the wider community. Year 10 have contributed so much to their communities by participating in fundraisers, donating to charities and food banks, and volunteering their time and skills as part of their commitment to the Duke of Edinburgh Award.

Year 10 should also be congratulated for their resilience and perseverance in completing their end of year exams which were designed to replicate the formal public examinations that the year group will sit next year. It was most certainly a challenging time for the students, but they embraced the opportunity, and can now use the experience and feedback to address their gaps and misconceptions before the beginning of Year 11. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for attending Year 10 Parents Evening on July 12th and for your support during exam season and know that the conversations that were had can only help to improve attitudes and outcomes for Year 10 as they move onto Year 11 and their GCSE exams.

This half-term has also included several enriching events for the students: Thirty-two Taiwanese students visited Ursuline High School for two weeks at the start of July, and several Year 10 students were buddied with our visitors and proudly represented the school as cultural ambassadors. Some Year 10 students were also involved in hosting our friends from the Ursuline Academy Dallas, continuing, and strengthening our longstanding relationship. Simon Foster from Imperial College lead a science talk at King's College about solar irradiance and climate change, which a group of Year 10s were able to attend and participate in.

Congratulations goes to Isabella E (Commended), Lizzie F (Good Try), Lydia D (Highly Commended), Sylvana E-C (Highly Commended), Sinead OC (Runner Up) and Laura J (Joint Winer) whose recent Wimbledon Bookfest entries were awarded by the judges. Well done! Our recent Serviam and Celebration assemblies provided a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the excellent work and effort shown by Year 10 this year, and I would like to take this moment to again congratulate all our prize winners – some of which are listed in the coming pages. A particular mention to Sarena S (10A) who received our Serviam Award this year and Eleanor M-C (10M) who received our Student of the Year Award. Lastly, the students went head-to-head in our annual debating competition, passionately arguing for their motion: The standard of public speaking was incredibly high, and all participants should be celebrated for their robust research and charismatic delivery of their speeches. Congratulations goes to the winning house 10 Teresa, with their proposed motion that peer pressure is never beneficial.

July 30th saw the return of our annual Sports Day. The competition was fierce, and a considerable number of house points were won across all forms. A special congratulations to 10 Catherine, the winning form on the day. As part of Fest Week Year 10 students are participating in several extra-curricular activities centered around the theme of Stewardship. Students will have an opportunity to learn about the world of Fast Fashion, upcycle t-shirts and tote bags and visit the Victoria and Albert Museum. It has been an honour working with your daughters this year. I will miss them, however I know that Mr MacSweeney, as Head of Year 11, will confidently and expertly lead the year group through their GCSE exams. Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to say farewell to Ms Waters and thank her for her dedication, leadership, and unwavering support throughout my time at the Ursuline. I look forward to working under the Headship of Mr Kelly and supporting him as he leads the school, sustaining and building upon Ms Waters' legacy. I wish you and your families a restful, happy, and healthy summer break, and we look forward to welcoming students back on Tuesday 5th September 2023.

Yours faithfully,
Ms Kearney Head of Year 10

Summer B Highlights

- Dallas Cultural Exchange Program
- Taiwanese Cultural Exchange Visit
- Sports Day
- Year 10 Parents Evening
- Chaplaincy retreat
- Jewish Synagogue Trip
- Year 10 Celebration
- Serviam Assembly
- End of Year Exams
- Model United Nations

Students' Achievements

1 - Most Rewards:

1. Olivia B (10B)
2. Maya C (10T)
3. Emilia L (10M)

Congratulations to 10M who are currently leading the way with 1146 Reward Points. Year 10 have received a total of 935 rewards this half-term.

2 – Highest Attendance:

There are currently 6 students in Year 10 who have 100% attendance. Please do keep up the good work!

Congratulations to 10C who lead the way with 96.5%!

3 – External Success:

- Congratulations to our Wimbledon Ball Girls; Larissa M 10F, Gabriella K 10F, Lana A 10T, Marina M 10F and Ellen W 10B.
- Congratulations to Ema K 10C, who was selected on to the British Gymnastics Performance Pathway.



Taiwanese Cultural Exchange Visit – students with their Ursuline Buddies



Ms Waters' Celebration Mass - at Sacred Heart Church

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

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Upcoming Events:

September

- **Tues 5th Sept** – School returns for Year 11
- **Mon 11th Sept** – Mass of the Holy Spirit, 10.55am, in the school hall (parents welcome)
- **Tues 12th Sept** – 11 Angela Form Retreat
- **Weds 13th Sept** – 11 Bernadette Form Retreat
- **Thurs 14th Sept** – 11 Catherine Form Retreat
- **Fri 15th Sept** – 11 Francis form Retreat
- **Mon 18th Sept** – 11 Margaret Form Retreat
- **Tues 19th Sept** – 11 Teresa Form Retreat
- **Weds 20th Sept** – 11 Ursula Form Retreat

October

- **Tues 3rd Oct** – Year 11 Information Evening, 6.00-6.30pm, in the school hall
- **Fri 6th Oct** – Year 11 Maths Mock
- **Thurs 12th Oct** – Sixth Form Open Evening, 5.30-7.30pm at UHS

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



Congratulations to 10 Catherine on their Sports Day victory! Lifting the trophy.. again!

Year 10 Virtue: Summer Term Acting with Truth

You are truthful with yourself and with others. You are reliable because you keep the promises you make. You have integrity, your words match your actions and you do not try to be like someone you are not: you are your true self.

"Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices."
Colossians 3:9

Wellbeing

Parental Workshops

Autumn A

28th Sept: Parent Webinar on how to support teenage mental health

19th Oct: KS4/5 Parental Workshop on Online Safety, Social Media, CSE & Grooming

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



[Young Merton](#)

[Young Minds](#)

[Off The Record](#)

[Kooth](#)

[MindEd](#)

[e-wellbeing](#)

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Celebration Assembly Winners



Above Photo:
Serviam Award: Sarena S (10A),
Student of the Year: Eleanor M-C (10M)



Left Photo: Head of Year Awards: Passion for Challenge to Success: Davina G-V (10T), Achievement in Challenge to Success: Eva S (10C), Resilience through Difficult Challenge: Emily B (10T), Passion for Reading: Matilda H (10A), Achievement for Reading: Susan O (10C), Most Rewards: Olivia B (10B).



Left Photo: Year 9 Virtue Awards: Leading in Justice: Sasha T, Acting with Truth: Eliza F, Discernment: Laila S. 100% Attendance and Punctuality: Sienna M, Jack Petchy Award: Ezile D.



Above, Left Photo: Passion Awards: P.E: Larissa M (10F), German: Rebecca F (10M), Spanish: Sophie S (10F), French: Rut M-J (10U), Computer Science: Isabella B (10F), Drama: Emma H (10T), Food and Nutrition: Mariannae R-A (10B), Business Studies: Willow U (10T), Health and Social Care: Sienna M (10U), Art: Alicja W (10M), Music: Athenais M (10B), Geography: Emilia L (10M), History: Alice B (10C), Religion: Martha K (10B), Science: Mariana B (10T), Maths: Jennah R-L (10M), English: Laura J (10M), Sociology: Keira U (10B)



Above, Right Photo: Achievement Awards: P.E: Ellen W (10B), German: Emilia L (10B), Spanish: Emily D (10B), French: Raemielle F (10U), Computer Science: Grace I (10A), Drama: Erin H: (10M), Food and Nutrition: Natalia B (10F), Business Studies: Lucy D (10F), Health and Social Care: Berta K (10M), Art: Olachi M (10T), Music: Rosie K (10F), Geography, Niamh B (10A), History: Olivia B (10T), Religion: Royanne D-L (10T), Science: Sinead O-C (10T), Maths: Eleanor M-C (10M), English: Lydia D (10C), Sociology: Isla C (10B).

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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.

10 Angela – sulumentary.odhiambo@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk

10 Bernadette – lucy.collier@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk

10 Catherine – joshua.noone@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk

10 Francis – niall.carton@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk

10 Margaret – zoe.antell@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk

10 Teresa – ellen.byrne@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk

10 Ursula – mercedes.alvarez@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk

Head of Year (Ms Kearney) 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.

seoighe.kearney@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk

sylvia.brown@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk

Ms Young and Ms Brown – Attendance and punctuality/lateness (please report student absence before 9.30am).

ITHelpdesk@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk – for IT/Weduc/Arbor/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 Kearney