

Year 7 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,

We cannot believe we are at the end of the academic year; Year 7s first year at the Ursuline is complete! You should all be very proud of what your daughters have achieved personally and academically. It was a pleasure to watch their recent Serviam assembly where students came together as a form to reflect on their participation this year to serve individuals in the community. The winning tutor group was 7F – their prayer involved the audience and was particularly thought-provoking – well done 7F! Congratulations also goes to Esme E and Evie T whose recent Wimbledon Bookfest story entries won Highly Commended by the judges.

Students have so much to celebrate and have been a credit as a year group. Well done to everyone who achieved prizes at our celebration assembly. A particular mention to Olivia M who won our Serviam award and Isabel B who won our Achievement award this year. All year 7 students were really committed to supporting and welcoming our year 6s during their recent induction day. Our year 7 tour guides did a fantastic job showing the students around and answering any questions the year 6s had, and many students offered up their time during the break and lunch to show year 6s around. All year 7 students were outstanding ambassadors representing the ethos and values of the school, and modelling Ursuline's high expectations. It's hard to believe it they were in this position just a year ago – they've matured so much in this time.

A number of year 7s also thoroughly enjoyed taking part in debates, demonstrating confidence, passion, and preparation with their arguments, congratulations to the winning House – 7 Margaret, as the opposition opposing the motion that zoos are a form of animal cruelty and should therefore be banned. Well done to all those involved in this! A particular highlight for this term for everyone was Sports Day. Mr Dunne and I are extremely proud of the dedication, effort, and teamwork that Year 7 students demonstrated throughout the day. Each form group was so committed to supporting one another, from creating banners to representing their tutor group, cheering students on, and celebrating each other. Also, we were very impressed with the cheerleading teams' choreography and the creativity that went into planning this – congratulations to 7C on taking home the winning title for this competition! And congratulations to 7M who were the overall winners of Sports Day!

We would like to take this opportunity to say farewell to Ms Waters and thank her for her dedication, leadership, and unwavering support throughout our time at the Ursuline. We 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. We are sad to say goodbye to the year group, it has been a privilege to be their first Ursuline Head of Years, but we are confident that they will continue to thrive and excel under the leadership of their new Head of Year, Ms Torode. We wish you and your families a restful, happy, and healthy summer break, and we look forward to welcoming students back on Wednesday 6th September 2023.

Yours faithfully,

Ms Pinto and Mr Dunne, Head of Year 7 & Assistant Head of Year 7

Students' Achievements

Year 7 Total Rewards: 12725

1 - Most Rewards:

Students with the top three rewards are:

- 1) Iliana T – 7T
- 2) Anna-Marie G – 7T
- 3) Elizabeth S – 7T

Overall, the tutor group with the most rewards (2,567) since September with is 7T!

2 – Highest Attendance:

There are currently **13** students in Year 7 who have **100%** attendance!

3 – External Success:

Maeve 7M – awarded 'Managers player of the Year for her football team!

Raihana (7U) - awarded a Highly Commended certificate for her NHS careers competition entry (she was in the top 10 for the London region).

Esme (7F) and Evie (7A) – achieved a 'highly commended' award on their Wimbledon Bookfest competition entry!

Lara A at her RAD Grade 4 exams below-wonderful to see!



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.

Summer B Highlights

- Debates
- Sports Day
- Serviam Assembly
- Celebration Assembly
- Parents evening
- Year 6 induction day
- Sports Dinner
- LAMDA Public Speaking Showcase

Sports Awards:
Year 7 Little Enthusiast - Rialle A!

Well done!



Ms Waters Celebration Mass

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Celebration Assembly Winners



Above, Left Photo: Serviam Award: Olivia M (7B), Achievement Award: Isabel B (7B).

Above, Right Photo: Head of Year Awards: Passion for Challenge to Success: Sapphire D, Achievement in Challenge to Success: Amarachi A, Resilience through Difficult Challenge: Amelia N, Passion for Reading: Lena S, Achievement in Reading: Grace G, Most Rewards: Evie G.



Top, Left Photo: Passion Awards: English: Amelie T, Maths: Abigail T, Science: Stephanie V, R.E: Leanne L, History: Isabella S, Geography Sophii S, D&T: Hannah W, Art: Daisy N, Art Textiles: Shary V-A, Music: Lara A, Drama: Alicja M, Computer Science: Raffaella C, French: Pietra T, P.E: Savannah L-T.

Top, Right Photo: Achievement Awards: English: Giada S, Maths: Amelie N, Science; Lucy S, R.E: Rita V, History: Esme E, Geography: Lois D, D&T: Diana B, Art: Sophie B, Art Textiles: Evie M, Music: Amelia Z, Drama: Leia M, Computer Science: Emilia W, French: Willow H, P.E: Rialle A.

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Upcoming Events:

September

- **Weds 6th Sept** – School returns for Year 8
- **Fri 8th Sept** – Mass of the Holy Spirit
9.40-11.10am, in the school hall (parents welcome)
- **Weds 13th Sept** – Year 8 Information Evening,
6.00-7.00pm, in the school hall

**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 7 Margaret on their Sports Day Victory!

Year 7 Virtue: Summer Term

Joyful

You are not afraid to show others that the simple things in life make you happy; like spending time with family and friends. You can recognise the difference between the temporary happiness that we get from focusing on ourselves and the joy we feel when we focus on others.

"Clap your hands, shout to God with cries of joy!" Psalms 47:1

Wellbeing

Parental Workshops

Autumn A

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

11th Oct: KS3 Parental Workshop on Online Safety & Social Media

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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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, behaviour/sanctions, clubs/enrichment, uniform, equipment, travelling to/from school, trips/calendar events.

- 7 Angela – naen.park@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk
- 7 Bernadette – lanu.carvajal@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk
- 7 Catherine – jacqueline.clark@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk
- 7 Francis – laura.mchale@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk
- 7 Margaret – gabriela.gregory@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk
- 7 Teresa – georgina.kent@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk
- 7 Ursula – katharine.grandin@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk

Head of Year (Miss Pinto), Assistant Head of Year (Mr Dunne) or Ms Sawicka (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.

- georgina.pinto@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk
- magdalena.sawicka@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk

Ms Young and Ms Sawicka – 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](#)

Kindest regards,

Miss Pinto