

# Year 9 Update



## Summer B Term 2024

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,

This half-term has brought with it much cause for celebration: sporting achievements (both in and out of school); displays of academic brilliance; outstanding commitment to Serviam and living out the school's values; a host of exciting end-of-year events; and much, much more. Firstly, the professionalism with which students in Year 9 conducted themselves during exam week must be commended. This is excellent practice for the public examinations that they will face in the coming years, and I am sure they will rise with equal valiance to these challenges when they come. They have done so well, and we are very proud of their achievements. Please do take some time out to go through their report and actionable feedback.

Many students in the year group have taken up opportunities to represent the school at conferences and inter-school events this half-term, including Mr Kelly's Commissioning Service which Lottie AL (9U) sang beautifully and Annabelle ER (9F) and Honor DM (9U) were reverent altar servers. Our recent Serviam and Celebration assemblies provided a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the excellent work and effort shown by Year 9 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 Ellie H (9F) who won our Serviam award this year and Bella P (9F) who achieved our Student of the Year award. Congratulations to 9 Ursula who were again victorious at Sports Day, winning the trophy for the third consecutive year. Will anybody ever beat them? Thank you to all students who behaved amazingly throughout the whole of sports day. They showed great levels of support to each other and other year groups.

Congratulations to Alicja G (9F) for her commendation for the Wimbledon Young Writers Competition for outstanding work. Katie S (9U) and Oliwia G (9B) were commended with highly outstanding work. The top prize goes to Eliza G (9C) who won runners up for Key Stage 3 poetry. The Year 9 Debates on 14 July were much enjoyed by all in attendance – with the following subjects debated: 'Influencers have too much power?' and 'The legal voting age should be lowered to 16 in the UK.'. Congratulations to the winning Houses, with 9 Bernadette receiving the highest overall score from the judges, opposing the motion that the legal voting age should be lowered to 16 in the UK.

This week, students in Year 9 are enjoying Fest Week. Some students have had the great opportunity to go to Madrid, Blakenberge, Iceland and Rhineland for the week. The rest of the year group either participated in the David Attenborough programme with myself (Miss Smith) or went to the foodie programme in Central London. On Tuesday the year group enjoyed an alternative sports day with rock climbing, trampolining and cricket. It was a great day had by all. On Thursday, the trip enjoyed creating their documentaries and interacting with exotic animals. It has been a truly great year. I am proud of how much they have all matured, personally, and academically, since being form tutors in year 7, Heads of Year in Year 8 and Year 9 and we are thrilled to continue to be their Heads of Year next year.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to say congratulations to Mr Kelly for completion of his first. I wish you, the students, and your families a wonderful summer holiday; and I look forward to welcoming students back for Year 10 on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

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

## Students' Achievements

### 1 – Celebration Award Winners:

- Serviam Award: Ellie Henderson 9F
- Achievement Award: Bella Peacock 9F
- Year 9 Virtue Awards:
  - Victoria Damoo 9A – Integrity
  - Maya Baboo 9C – Discerning
  - Georgia Howe 9T – United in Harmony

### 2 - Most Rewards:

1. Orla Silke-Randall 9M – 88
2. Aurelia Stone 9M – 82
3. Pola Miarowski 9M – 76

Congratulations to 9M - currently leading the way with **1781 Reward Points!**

### 3 – Highest Attendance:

There are currently 9 students in Year 9 who have **100%** attendance. A fantastic achievement!

### 4 – External Successes:

- Karla Kozina 9T – part of the JPL Warriors Representative Team was selected to attend Arsenal Emirates Stadium as part of the bespoke talent event.

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

## Summer B Highlights

- **Sports Day** – 9 Ursula were victorious again; with 9 Catherine in second. (see winners' photo on next page).
- **Mr Kelly's Commissioning Mass** – Thank you to the Year 9 students who represented the year group at Mr Kelly's mass on Monday 8 July.



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## Upcoming Events:

### September / October

- **Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Sept** – School returns for Year 10
- **Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Sept** – Year 10 photos P1&2 in the LRC
- **Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Sept** – Mass of the Holy Spirit, 11.05-11.50am, in the school hall (parents welcome)
- **Tues 24<sup>th</sup> Sept** – Year 10 Information Evening, 6.00-7.00pm, in the school hall
- **Weds 25<sup>th</sup> Sept** – Main school Open Evening, 6.00-8.30pm
- **Weds 9<sup>th</sup> Oct** – Sixth Form Open Evening, 5.00-7.30pm
- **Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> Oct** – Academic Review Day (from 1.35pm)
- **Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Oct** – Academic Review Day (All Day)

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



**GO URSULA – Form winners of this year's sports day!**

## 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

#### KS4 Online Parental Workshop:

#### Media & Safety (Grooming):

Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> Oct, 6.00pm

**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/PupilPremiumandFreeSchoolMealsapplication)

### Additional Support



[Young Merton](#)

[Young Minds](#)

[Off The Record](#)

[Kooth](#)

[MindEd](#)

[e-wellbeing](#)

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## Celebration Assembly Winners



**Achievement Award:  
Bella P (9F)**



**Serviam Award: Ellie H (9F)**



**Virtue Award: United in Harmony:**  
Georgia H (9T), Discerning: Maya B (9C)  
& Integrity: Victoria D (9A).



**Passion Subject Awards**



**Achievement Subject Awards**



**Passion for Challenge to Success:** Carolina T-P,  
**Achievement in Challenge to Success:**  
Isabella B-E, **Passion for Reading:** Liliana G,  
**Most Rewards:** Aurelia S (9M), **Resistance through Difficult challenge:** Mollie B-B (9M),  
**100% Attendance and Punctuality:** Tara E (9B) & Georgia (9B).



Lucelle E's amazing performance of 'Think of me'. Well done.

**Congratulations to all our awardees.**

A full list is available on the website [here](#).



Fantastic rendition of 'I will always love you' by Lottie Z-L. Well done!

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Dear parent(s)/carer(s),

The below details are correct for the current academic year. The Year 10 team will be shared with parents in the Autumn A Information evening and in the Year 10 Curriculum Guide.

## 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             | <a href="mailto:paula.thomas@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk">paula.thomas@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk</a>   |
| 9 Bernadette | Ms Taylor             | <a href="mailto:geraldine.taylor@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk">geraldine.taylor@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk</a>   |
| 9 Catherine  | Ms Kearney            | <a href="mailto:seoighe.kearney@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk">seoighe.kearney@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk</a>   |
| 9 Francis    | Ms McNichol           | <a href="mailto:georgia.mcnichol@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk">georgia.mcnichol@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk</a>   |
| 9 Margaret   | Mr Tyler              | <a href="mailto:jacob.tyler@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk">jacob.tyler@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk</a>   |
| 9 Teresa     | Mr Noone<br>Mr Carton | <a href="mailto:joshua.noone@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk">joshua.noone@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk</a><br><a href="mailto:niall.carton@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk">niall.carton@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk</a> |
| 9 Ursula     | Ms McColgan           | <a href="mailto:caroline.mccolgan@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk">caroline.mccolgan@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk</a>   |

## **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](mailto:paige.smith@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk)

[erin.guiheen@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk](mailto:erin.guiheen@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk)

[karlin.eloff@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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