

# Year 10 Update

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## Autumn Term B 2024

*If your daughter participates in sport or other activities outside of school do encourage her to let us know! We would love to celebrate their efforts.*

### Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

As we approach the end of the Autumn Term, I am pleased to say that Year 10 students have continued their excellent start to the year. In particular, I have been pleased to note the excellent feedback from staff in relation to the oracy assessments and the resilience of students in adapting to starting their GCSE schemes of learning.

Year 10 students' engagement with extra-curricular, student leadership and enrichment programmes has continued to be a real positive, and I am particularly pleased to be able to share that we have two students in the prestigious National Youth Choir. We are incredibly proud of Elena HT 10B and Bella P 10F! We wish these two students the very best of luck. Recently, Halili W (10B), Katie S (10U), Oliwia G (10A), & Eliza G (10C) won in the Young Writers Wimbledon Bookfest competition and have their short story/poem published in the Wimbledon BookFest's Anthology of Stories and Poems – a great achievement- well done! Congratulations, too, to all Year 10 students who took part in the school's production of 'Shrek' – I was lucky enough to watch a section of one of the performances and was blown away by their talent. The year 10s played a crucial role within the play and contributed to its great success!

As ever, we strongly encourage that all students engage with at least one extra-curricular, student leadership or enrichment programme offered by the school. There is lots on offer for Year 10s to get involved with, so please do encourage your daughter to sign up if she has not already done so; or to let us know if there is something she would be interested in if it is not currently offered. We understand that many students partake in a lot of extra-curricular activities outside of school and are always keen to hear about their participation and achievements in these.

We have recently noticed an increase in sanctions for homework, organisation and lack of equipment. Please support us in ensuring that your daughter(s) has the equipment she needs for school, and that you regularly check her homework planner, and that homework is being completed. Students should be receiving homework across a range of subjects each day, all of which should be recorded in their planners. Similarly, we note that attendance across the cohort has dropped significantly in the last few weeks. We understand that illness is more prevalent this time of year but ask for your continued support in ensuring that students attend school when they are able, and that they return as promptly as possible after a period of illness.

Wishing you and your families a very merry Christmas, and a joyous New Year!

Yours faithfully,

Miss Smith and Miss Guiheen, Heads of Year 10

## Students' Achievements

### 1 - Most Rewards:

1. Rosa V (10F) – 20
2. Kinga K (10B) – 17
3. Tilly N (10C) – 17

Congratulations to **10F** who are currently leading the way with **336** Reward Points. Year 10 have received a total of **1788** rewards this half-term

### 2 – Highest Attendance:

There are currently **51** students in Year 10 who have **100%** attendance. Please do keep up the good work!

Congratulations to **10U** who lead the way with **96.4%**!

### 3 – External Success:

- Congratulations to Chae Won for winning 2024 Ocean Awareness Contest. You can see her artwork here: <https://bowseat.org/gallery/high-on-kalopsia-delusion-that-things-are-better-than-they-are/>
- A big well done to Isabel 10M for winning first place in Merton's CodeQuest 24!

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

## Autumn B Highlights

- Chinese Club with Kings
- School Production: Shrek
- Christmas Tree Service
- Buying from the Year 9 Christmas Fair
- Shrek the Musical
- Catholic Children's Society Gift Appeal
- CAFOD non-uniform day
- Advent Programme
- Christmas lunch – a full roast dinner together.



Christmas Tree Service



Othello Memory Boxes

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Virtues: Spring Term: Leading for Justice, Summer Term: Acting with Truth

## Upcoming Events

### January

- 6<sup>th</sup> – Start of Spring A Term
- 6<sup>th</sup> – Mass in Chapel – Feast Of The Epiphany
- 10<sup>th</sup> – UPA Doughnut Day
- 16<sup>th</sup> – Merton Indoor Athletics Competition
- 24<sup>th</sup> – School Council Meeting
- 29<sup>th</sup> – Year 10 Mass of St. Angela (1:40 - 2:40pm), Sacred Heart Church

### February

- 3<sup>rd</sup> – LGBT History Month
- 5<sup>th</sup> - Webinar – Social Media & Gaming, 7.00-7.30pm
- 6<sup>th</sup> – Merton Borough Basketball Competition
- 7<sup>th</sup> – Chaplaincy Team Retreat
- 7<sup>th</sup> - UPA Doughnut Day
- 7<sup>th</sup> – Inter House Cross Country
- 11<sup>th</sup> – Women in Science Day
- 13<sup>th</sup> – Academic Review Day (P5 & 6)
- 14<sup>th</sup> – Academic Review Day (All Day)
- 14<sup>th</sup> – Last Day of Spring A Term
- 17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> – Half-Term
- 24<sup>th</sup> – INSET Day
- 25<sup>th</sup> – Start of Spring B Term

### Looking Ahead

- 12<sup>th</sup> March – St. Cecilia Day Concert 7.30-9.30pm
  - 19<sup>th</sup> March – Multicultural Evening, 6.00-8.30pm
- \*Please note this is not a complete event list and is intended to provide a snapshot only. Events may be subject to change.*



**School Production: Shrek – Great to have so many Year 10's featured and playing key roles! Well done everyone!**

## Wellbeing

### Free Parental Workshops

South West London and St George's Mental Health NHS trust are running a number of free wellbeing workshops for parents / carers of secondary school aged children.

Click here for more information and to book:

### [Secondary/College Parents - Wellbeing Workshops | Eventbrite](#)

Education Wellbeing Service

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

### Education Wellbeing Service

Upcoming Events For Secondary Parents Spring/Summer Term 2025  
Supporting your teenager's mental health webinars

- 4TH OR 6TH FEB: Social Media & Gaming: What Parents Need to Know
- 24TH FEB: Managing Exam & Assignment Stress For Parents Of Young People In Years 11-13
- 26TH OR 27TH MAR: Exam And Assignment Stress Management For Parents Of Young People In Years 7-10
- 24TH OR 30TH APR: Parenting Teenagers: Conflict And Communication
- 7TH OR 9TH MAY: Supporting Your Teenager With Emotional Difficulties And Self-Harm

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.

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](#)

## Laptops & Social media/gaming

Just a polite reminder that school laptops are for school related work only. Please remind your daughters that they are not for accessing social media, gaming or web browsing non school-related content.

