

Year 7 Update

Autumn Term B 2024

See page 2 for a snapshot of upcoming events.

See page 3 who to contact.



Dear Parents / Carers,

What a busy and fulfilling half term it has been. There have been a number of highlights, but I would like to speak about the ones which have touched me the most.

Firstly, the Commissioning Service; after completing the transition from primary school to secondary, every Year 7 student has been presented with their Serviam badge, which they are wearing on their blazers with pride. It has been a long journey for them, they have overcome a lot of change, but they have shown reliance throughout. They are certainly living out our core value of 'Serviam', this is reflected in the number of activities they have logged on their Serviam Passport, to date we have 1,143 entries and students have logged 2679 hours – amazing!

Secondly, Shrek! 55 of our Year 7s are in the choir, their contribution was magical, voices spectacular and behaviour exemplary. I was so proud of them all, a great reminder of why we teach!

Thirdly, the Christmas Fair; the tutors and their tutees spent a lot of time organising their stalls and preparing to sell to the Year 8s. Lots of fun was had! A massive £1157.05 was raised, thank you, a big well done to 7B who raised £270.54, we have split the money between Great Ormond Street Hospital, the Down's Syndrome Association, and the NSPCC.

Lastly, the virtue we focused on this term was 'Insieme', next term we will focus on 'Loving'. Every week in assembly we celebrate successes and attendance. Well done to all the students, particularly those with the highest number of rewards, and congratulations to all 79 students who have 100% attendance.

Please can I politely remind you of who to contact when, all the contact details are on the last page of this newsletter.

Thank you for your continued support, and kind messages. We wish you and your families a joyous Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

Yours sincerely,

Ms Hoyles

Head of Year 7

Autumn B Highlights

- Commissioning Service
- Student leaders Erin (7B) and Lily-Rose (7F) trip to the Garden Museum
- Christmas Fair
- School Production 'Shrek'
- Christmas lunch – a full roast dinner together
- Catholic Children's Society Gift Appeal
- CAFOD non-uniform day



Yr 7 Commissioning Service



Yr 7 Christmas Fair

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

Students' Achievements

1 - Rewards: Year 7 Total Rewards: 4,833

The students with the most rewards (at time of writing) are:

1. Aoife (7T) - 59
2. Michalina (7T) - 51
3. Emma (7U) - 50
4. Delia (7F) - 46
5. Macie-Blu (7F) - 46

The tutor group with the most rewards since September with 777 rewards overall is 7 **Bernadette**, very closely followed by 7 Margaret with 767 and 7 Catherine with 759.

2 – Attendance:

There are currently **79** students in Year 7 who have **100%** attendance!

I am so pleased with the attendance percentage, since September we are at 97.4%. The tutor group with the best attendance so far is 7T with 98.4%, closely followed by 7B with 98% – really well done!

Sporting achievement:

Well done to the year 7 Netball Team, who came second in the Borough Competition.



The Basketball team (below) did very well to get into the final of the Merton competition – well done !



Other achievements:

We are delighted that Amabel (7C), after a recent audition, has gained a place in the National Youth Choir – congratulations Amabel! Macie-Blu (7F) came first a karate competition for her karate club – well done!

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Virtues: Spring Term: Loving, Summer Term: Joyful

January

6th – Start of Spring A Term
6th – Mass in Chapel – Feast Of The Epiphany
8th – 7A leading morning prayers for 8A
9th – 7B leading morning prayers for 8B
10th – 7C leading morning prayers for 8C
10th – UPA Doughnut Day
15th – 7M leading morning prayers for 8M
16th – 7T leading morning prayers for 8T
16th – Merton Indoor Athletics Competition
20th – Year 7 Assessment Week
22nd – 7F leading morning prayers for 8F
24th – Year 7 Ethos Day
24th – School Council Meeting
24th – Year 7 Mass of St. Angela (12:50 - 1:25pm),
Sacred Heart Church

February

3rd – LGBT History Month
5th – 19.00-19.30 Webinar – Social Media & Gaming
6th – Merton Borough Basketball Competition
7th – Chaplaincy Team Retreat
7th – UPA Doughnut Day
7th – Inter House Cross Country
11th – Women in Science Day
12th – Mid Year Celebration Assembly
13th – Academic Review Day (P5 & 6)
14th – Academic Review Day (All Day)
14th – Last Day of Spring A Term
17th-21st – Half-Term
24th – INSET Day
25th – Start of Spring B Term

Looking Ahead

12th March – St. Cecilia Day Concert, 7.30-9.30pm
19th 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



Christmas Jumper Day

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 below for more information/to book:

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

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

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](#)

Laptop / Social media

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.

Age restrictions on WhatsApp in the UK is 13 years old. Snapchat's age requirement is 13 years old. Please support us with this, we are dealing with a lot of issues.

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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 will find useful.

Form tutors – general enquires about the Ursuline, friendship issues, organisation, homework, clubs/enrichment, uniform, equipment, travelling to/from school, punctuality, trips/calendar events.

7 Angela	Ms Thomas	Paula.Thomas@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk
7 Bernadette	Ms Taylor	geraldine.taylor@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk
7 Catherine	Ms Grandin	Katharine.Grandin@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk
7 Francis	Ms Kearney	Seoighe.Kearney@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk
7 Margaret	Ms Gregory	Gabriela.Gregory@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk
7 Teresa	Ms Gordon	Marlyn.Gordon@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk
7 Ursula	Dr Kosmider	Rowena.Kosmider@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk

Head of Year or 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/free school meals.

Rachel.hoyles@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk Head of Year – telephone: 0203 908 3102

Karlin.Eloff@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk Pastoral Support Assistant – telephone: 0203 908 3105

Ms Young – Attendance and punctuality/lateness. All absences and lates must be reported via email, or phone no later than 8.45am. Bernadette.young@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk 0203 908 3144

Subject teachers should be contacted for any subject specific enquiries.

All staff contact details can be found on the [Ursuline directory](#) on our website.

Yours sincerely,

Ms Hoyles