

Year 7 Update

Summer A Term 2025

Virtues: Summer Term:
Joyful

See page 2 for a snapshot of upcoming events.

See page 3 who to contact.



Dear Parents / Carers,

Year 7 has had another fantastic half-term in the classroom and beyond!

I was so proud to receive news that Elizabeth (7F) has been awarded a Jack Petchey Achievement Award, we nominated Elizabeth as she has gone above and beyond to achieve. Jack Petchey says, "The Achievement Awards are primarily about recognising those to put in the effort and do their best". There will be an awards ceremony in Autumn, and in the meantime, Elizabeth has won £300 for school, she has decided that she would like the money to go to the PE department, to be spent promoting women in football. Continuing with the sporting theme, we had 23 students sign up for the Harlequins Rugby Academy sessions. I went to watch a session; it looked very fast moving!! (photo below). Coco (7U) tells me the sessions 'are fun, I have learnt the proper rules of touch rugby and met new people in our year group and other years too'.

We also had a number of year 7s who took part in the London Mini Marathon, they did so well. Ella-Rose (7A), Elena (7F), Erhumwusee (7M), Sara (7T), Isla (7T), Ava (7U) and Erin (7U) all took part. Elena (7F) who came 4th in our wave described the day as being 'very exciting, lots of good runners who pushed me to achieve the best I could'. And Sara (7T) told me the day was 'hard work, hot, but fun!' and Erhumwusee (7M) described meeting Joe Wicks as 'fun and exciting'. (photo below)

Two weeks ago, we had three Ursuline Community Student Leaders visit Merton's Civic Centre, this was part of a government initiative to canvas the views of young people, well done to Joella (7F), Amanda (7M) and Iga (7M). I asked Iga about the event, she said 'they listened to my thoughts about improvements needed in our local area, having my voice heard made me proud, to think my views will have an impact on others'.

I am delighted to announce that our next school production will be Hairspray and further details regarding how students can be involved will be released in due course.

On 15th May, Students and staff gathered in the chapel for 'Our Lady of the Roses' service, a fitting service honouring Our Lady through prayer, music, and reflections.

We have spent a lot of time preparing the students for the upcoming end of year exams. Thank you for those of you who attended the Revision Evening meeting, your presence and questions were much appreciated. The students may well be anxious about the assessments and will need support both inside of school and at home. Please use the tips we have put together, a copy of the PowerPoint you can find here: [Year 7 End of Year Exam 2025 Revision Evening](#).

Just a reminder that if you have a subject related question, please contact the relevant teacher, the link to their email address is on page 3 of this newsletter, under 'staff directory'. And if you have a pastoral concern, please contact your daughter's form tutor, myself or Ms Eloff, again contact details are on page 3. We know they are going to be tired after the assessments, but we do not finish school until 18th July, so we need to ensure that there is not a decline in attendance, and we all need to 'dig deep' to get us to the end of a very busy year.

Wishing you all a good half term and we look forward to seeing the students back on Monday 2nd June.

Yours faithfully,
Ms Hoyles
Head of Year 7.

Summer A Highlights

- Start of many new clubs and experiences including rugby and cricket
- London Mini Marathon
- Tennis competitions
- Athletics Competitions
- Gardening club
- Visit to Merton Civic Centre
- 28 students with 100% attendance
- 67 students with 99%+ attendance
- 7 Catherine's assembly
- 11,361 rewards been given

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



Harlequins Rugby Club



Erhumwusee (7M) with Joe Wicks

Students' Achievements

Year 7 Total Rewards: 11,361

Tutor group with highest rewards : 7F with 2,047

Most Rewards in year 7 : Aoife 7T 158

Highest rewards in 7A - Laura : 100, Andrea : 98, Diane : 93, Larissa : 79, Anne : 78

Highest rewards in 7B - Alessandra : 128, Lila May : 114, Iris : 106, Pru : 98, Hope : 93

Highest rewards in 7C - Martinis : 121, Sophie : 117, Amanda : 115, Natalia : 102, Isabella : 96

Highest rewards in 7F - Isabella : 152, Macie-Blu : 129, Taleah : 120, Delia : 118, Valeria : 99

Highest rewards in 7M - Erjumwusee : 116, Karolina : 106, Kathleen : 103, Maya : 103, Leona 103

Highest rewards in 7T – Aofie : 158, Michalina : 134, Perla : 133, Poppy : 120, Zuzanna : 117

Highest rewards in 7U – Emma : 151, Mia : 140, Rosie : 85, Augustine : 82, Benedita : 60

2 – Attendance:

There are currently **28** students in Year 7 who have **100%** attendance!

67 students have an attendance of 99% or higher

144 students have an attendance of 96% or higher

The tutor group with the best attendance since September is 7 Teresa with 98.1%, well done! followed by 7 Bernadette with 96.6%

Our school target is 96%

Our overall attendance is 96.5%. **Please note our term dates before booking holidays. Dates for 2025-26 are [here](#).**

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Make sure to check out our Summer Term >>> **Enrichment Programme** <<<



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

Other important dates to note:

June

- 2nd – Summer B Term Begins
- 2nd – Rounders trials (email sent on 14th May to students)
- 2nd – Year 7/8 Benchball Competition at UHS
- 5th – Parental Workshop KS3 – relationships and healthy lifestyles
- 9th – End of Year Exam Week
- 9th – British Nutrition Foundation Healthy Eating Week
- 11th – Year 7/8 Borough Cricket at Ricards
- 20th – Year 7/8 Borough Rounders at Morley Park
- 23rd – French play Onatti date to be confirmed
- 27th – Sports Day parents / carers welcome all day at Weir-Arches Athletics & Fitness Centre (Formally Kingsmeadow) Kingston KT1 3PB (email to follow)

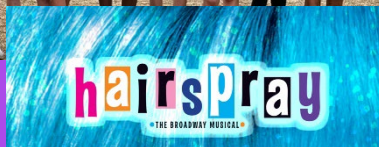
July

- 1st – Summer Concert in Main Hall 7.30-9.30pm
- 4th – Doughnut Day for UPA
- 4th – School Council
- 4th – Annual Sports Award Dinner 6-9pm
- 7th – Debates and celebration
- 9th – Parents' Evening for year 7 3.50-6.30pm
(where you will meet subject teachers and full reports will be distributed)
- 14th – FEST week – More details to come
- 18th – Mass of Gratitude in Main Hall
- 18th – End of term – Summer holidays

Some of the UHS London Mini Marathon Runners



*'Our Lady of the Roses'
Service*



*School production
announcement.
Hairspray The Musical!*

Laptops / Social media/ Values

Just another polite reminder about social media. We are still spending way too much time in school dealing with the fall out after students are inappropriately using social media outside of school.

Thank you to those parents / carers who are supporting us with this.

The age restriction on WhatsApp, Snapchat, TikTok in the UK is 13 years old.

Regarding behaviour and respect the message we are giving the students is to THINK before they act.

THINK

Before you speak

T – is it **True**?

H – is it **Helpful**?

I – is it **Inspiring**?

N – is it **Necessary**?

K – is it **Kind**?

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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