

Year 9 Update

See page 2 for
a snapshot
of upcoming
events!



Summer Term A 2025

There have also been some other great achievements...
Check out our [Instagram!](#)

Dear Parents / Carers,

The last few weeks have shown hope, joy, and celebration, and a reminder to us of all the importance of optimism – looking forward to what lies ahead. The same is true of the Summer B half term, with many events planned to mark the end of the school year and celebrate the brilliant achievements of students across the cohort.

Over the Easter break, several Year 9 students joined in the annual ski trip. All the students demonstrated maturity and had a great time whilst challenging themselves. I am also delighted to see that throughout Spring A, there has been an increased uptake in extra-curricular activities from the year group, with students attending a variety of sports including cricket, Tennis, Rugby and other clubs. This is an important part of life at Ursuline High School, and it would be great to see as many as possible get involved as we move into the final half-term.

Thank you all for your attendance to Parents evening this, hopefully this gave you the time to meet with your daughters' subject teachers allow focus for their End of Year Exams and insight into their GCSE option choices.

Students have been working hard to revise for their end of Year exams and their diligence and motivation will no doubt pay off.

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. 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.

The Summer B Term is packed full of events for students in Year 9 to look forward to, including Sports Day, Year 9 Serviam Assembly, Year 9 Celebration, Year 9 Debates, Sports Awards Dinner, and UHS Fest Week (dates for all these events can be found on page 2).

During Fest Week, many students in Year 9 will be attending residential trips including Italy, Germany and New York, while those not on residential trips will be taking part in several engaging activities in and out of school including a visit to the Tower of London and London Maritime Museum. The term will conclude with our end-of-year liturgy on Friday 18th July.

I would like to continue to highlight the importance of attendance as we all know that there is significant correlation between attendance, academic progress and health and wellbeing. Please do everything you can to support your daughter's attendance and let us know if there is anything we can do to help at school.

I look forward to welcoming students back on Monday 2nd of June. Have a wonderful half term!

Yours faithfully,
Ms Torode
Head of Year 9

Mini London Marathon



Students' Achievements

1 - Most Rewards:

- Abigail C
- Saffiyah C

Congratulations to **9 Catherine** – who continue to lead the way with **1860 Reward Points!**

2 – Highest Attendance:

15 students have **100%** attendance.

27 students have **99%** attendance

111 students are meeting the school target of **96%**

We need to keep this up and ensure 96% of students have 96% attendance!

Congratulations to **9 Francis** who lead the way with **95.8%** attendance

3 – External Successes:

- Congratulations to **Eva W** who has been selected to row in the National Championships
- Congratulations to **Anastasia C** who performed at the Reigate and Redhill Music competition
- Well done for the continued success of Olivia M's incredible fundraising for GOSH
- Well done to **Mekhayla M** who competed as part of Team England at the 2025 International Cheerleading Union World Championships.
- Congratulations to **Catarina B**, 'The Legend Path' - her poem was shortlisted for Bookfest!
- Well done to **Sara C** and **Evie M** who completed the London Mini Marathon

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

Summer A Highlights

- Merton Schools' Borough Athletics Competition
- Parents Evening
- Ascension Day Mass
- Surrey Cup Final
- Mental Health Awareness Week
- KS3 Music Showcase
- World Day for Cultural Diversity



Employer Taster Day



'Our Lady of the Roses' Service

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Make sure to check out our Summer Term
>>> [Enrichment Programme](#) <<<

Upcoming Events: Summer B

2nd June– Summer B Term Begins
5th June- Parental Workshop KS3-
Relationships and healthy lifestyles in USFC
27th June – Sports Day parents / carers
welcome all day at Weir-Arches Athletics &
Fitness Centre (Formally Kingsmeadow)
Kingston KT1 3PB (email to follow)
30th June until- 13th July- Wimbledon Championships
30th June – Student Leadership Celebration in the School Hall
1st July – Summer Concert, Hall
4th July – Sports Awards Dinner
9th July – Yr9 Debates
9th July – Yr9 celebration, 1.35-3.10pm
14th -17th July – UHS Fest Week
18th July – End of term - Summer Holidays

**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
announcement.
Hairspray The Musical!**

Wellbeing

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

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*



Ski Trip



Borough Athletics

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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Health and well-being Services Directory and Resource Library

Health and Wellbeing

The teenage years can bring about many well-being and mental health challenges for teens and their families. At the Ursuline High School, we fulfil our school values through our outstanding pastoral care. We understand that young women need to have the best view of themselves and the world around them to succeed.

We really do care for each one of our students and we ensure that their individual needs are known and met. Students have a variety of support available that they can access in school to support them, with any worries or anxieties students may have about school or outside of school.

Our focus on well-being is further supported by being part of the South-west London Mental Health Trailblazer. This partnership provides mental health support teams that work with students and their parents with the aim of ensuring they are well equipped to have healthy and honest conversations about emotional well-being – as well as connecting them to local services. This has enabled us to develop the services we have on offer at the Ursuline including a clinical psychologist, nurse and educational well-being practitioners.

If you or your daughter have a concern, then in the first instance please speak with your daughter's form tutor or pastoral support assistant. See the Year 9 list [here](#).

Safeguarding

At the Ursuline High School, the well-being and the safety of young people in our care is paramount. We recognize our duty to ensure arrangements are in place for safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. If you have a concern regarding a student please [contact the Safeguarding team](#).

Parent/Carer Support Services Directory

Explore our [Directory](#) for a list of charities and other parenting experts sharing practical strategies, and powerful insights that can help to inform your conversations at home.

Online Safety, Smart Devices and Social Media

Our [extensive online safety library](#) hosts our Smart Devices & Social Media Statement and other recommended resources related specifically to online safety. From social media and gaming to online challenges and conversation starters, our library is expansive.

Girls' only Education

The [On educating Girls': Creating a World of Possibilities' podcast](#) produced by the International Coalition of Girls' Schools (ICGS) is a robust global conversation among experts who are passionate about the education and healthy development of girls. Tune in for practical strategies, and powerful insights that can reshape your conversations at home.