

Year 11 Update

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Autumn Term A 2024

Make sure to check out our Autumn Term >>> Enrichment programme! <<<

Dear Year 11 Parent(s)/Carer(s),

As we approach the Autumn Half term, I want to commend Year 11 for their dedication and participation in various school activities, as well as their ongoing academic journey. The Year 11 academic year is a pivotal time in their education, and it's inspiring to witness their commitment to excellence.

I will shortly release the December Mock Timetable and Supervision Arrangements. This will be an opportunity for students to showcase all their hard work to date in interventions and their Friday Mocks. At this point, we would like to inform you that specific academic targets for Year 11 students were set during the Achievement and Review Day (ARD). These targets are established with the highest aspirations for your child's academic progress and success. We encourage students to approach these targets with determination and a growth mindset. In our PSHEC curriculum, Year 11 students have been engaging in discussions on a range of crucial topics. In the first half of the term, we explored issues such as Child Sexual Exploitation, Long-term Commitments (including the concept of marriage), Vaping, Sexual Harassment, and Sexual Violence.

Year 11 has actively participated in various school activities this term. They've had the opportunity to attend careers talks to gain insights into their future educational and professional paths. We celebrated Black History Month, focusing on the accomplishments of black women across different fields, fostering awareness and appreciation for diversity and inclusion. Recently, Y11F and 11U led assemblies on hope and on resilience, well done to those students.

Furthermore, Year 11 had a really positive Sixth Form Open evening, and we are looking forward to welcoming students back to UHS in Sept 2025 for Year 12. A reminder that full details of how to apply for Ursuline Sixth are available on our [website](#), alongside our [Sixth Form Course Guide](#) and [sixth form prospectus](#), to enable your daughter to make an informed choice. Year 11 students also played a significant role as guides during the main school Open Evening, providing valuable support to Year 5 and 6 students and their parents and guardians who visited the school.

Throughout the year, we uphold the school ethos and virtues as guiding principles for our students. In Autumn, we focus on the virtue of Discernment, encouraging students to make thoughtful choices, demonstrate good judgment, and act responsibly in their academic and personal lives. This virtue serves as a foundation for our students as they navigate through their studies and beyond. In the upcoming terms, Year 11 will continue to engage with our school ethos and virtues. In Spring, we will explore the virtue of Hopeful, emphasizing optimism, resilience, and the belief in one's potential. In the Summer term, our focus will shift to the virtue of Courageous, empowering our students to take bold steps and face challenges with confidence.

Finally, I'd like to thank you for your continued support and partnership in your child's education. Together, we can ensure that Year 11 will have a successful and enriching academic year. Students return to school on Wednesday 1st November. Wishing you a restful and enjoyable Autumn Half term.

Yours faithfully, **Mr Mac Sweeney, Head of Year 11**

Students' Achievements

1 - Most Rewards:

Simran Sharma 18
Hannah M 13
Melory St 10

Congratulations to 11F who are currently leading the way with 176 Reward Points

2 – Highest Attendance:

Congratulations to 11T who lead the way with 96.73%!

3 –Success:

We currently have a number of Y11 students on a residential trip to Dallas Texas, I look forward to including photos in my next Newsletter.



Royal Holloway University Trip

There have also been some fantastic sports achievements this half term, you can find these on our [school twitter!](#)

Autumn A Highlights

- **Black History Month**
- **Sixth Form Open Evening**
- **Open Evening** – This is always one of the best events of the school year. It was brilliant to see so many Year 11s volunteering as tour / subject guides.



Black History Month



Sixth Form Open Evening

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Upcoming Events

Year 11

Autumn B:

- **28th October- 1st November:** Half Term
- **4th November:** Inset Day
- **4th November:** Mock orals
- **5th November:** Official Start of Autumn B Term
- **11th November:** Remembrance Day
- **12th November:** Bath University Trip
- **25th November:** Christmas Gift Appeal begins
- **28th November:** School Production: Shrek (6.30-9.00pm), School Hall; Ticketed Event
- **29th November:** School Production: Shrek (6.30-9.00pm), School Hall; Ticketed Event

December 2024

- **2nd December:** Year 11 Mock exams (until 18th Dec)
- **6th December:** Christmas Tree Service
- **8th November:** Doughnut Day
- **8th December:** Year 9 & 10 Christmas Inter-house netball tournament
- **16th December:** Christmas Carol Service (6.00-7.00pm), Sacred Heart Church Edge Hill
- **20th December:** Christmas Assembly: Peace on Earth and Last Day of Term, school closes at 12.50pm
- **6th January:** Start of Spring A Term

Looking Ahead:

- **10th January:** Brown Envelope Day
- **22nd January:** Year 11 Parents' Evening
- **23rd January:** KS4 Drug Parental Workshop
- **6th February:** Mid-Year Serviam Assembly; Online.
- **4th - 12th April:** Ski Trip; Passo Tonale, Italy

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

Wellbeing

Parental Workshops

- Please see the below flyer for details of webinars / workshops provided by the NHS Education Wellbeing Service.

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

Education Wellbeing Service

Upcoming Events For Secondary Parents Autumn Term 2023
Supporting your teenager's mental health webinars

- 26TH OR 28TH SEPT** Mental Health During The Teenage Years - An Introduction And Overview
For all secondary & college parents
- 12TH OR 18TH OCT** Getting Into School - Common Challenges & Supporting School Avoidance
For all secondary & college parents
- 16TH OR 17TH NOV** "I Wish I Looked Like Them" - Helping Teens Navigate Body Image Issues
For all secondary & college parents
- 4TH OR 7TH DEC** Understanding and Supporting Teen Sleep & Self-Care
For all secondary & college parents

We also provide free 1:1 early support programmes for young people to support with their anxiety or low mood. Speak to your school to find out more.

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

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>