

Year 7 Update

Autumn Term A 2024

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Dear Parents / Carers,

I am delighted to share our first Year 7 newsletter of the academic year. We are very proud of the way the Year 7 cohort have settled into life at the Ursuline. The induction day in September was a great success. Students have given us lots of lovely feedback including "I have met some lovely new friends", "I feel very at home here". Other Year 7s said that they were "pleased to have had the opportunity to meet people in my form before we started" referring to the induction days we had. Such lovely words to hear, remembering that 'Insieme' is our Virtue for this term. Another student said "I enjoyed the first week as I had overcome the challenge of making new friends, and got to use my own stationery". They have settled in very well.

Lots of students have engaged with our extensive enrichment programme and are involved in the wider opportunities we have on offer. Even at this early stage of the year, our year group has demonstrated SERVIAM in all that they do. Also, our student consultative and council groups have come together as a collective student voice to discuss fantastic ideas and suggestions for the school. I am so pleased that so many students have signed up for Student Leadership opportunities this year.

The students have enjoyed taking part in our Black History Month celebrations, this year the theme was Black and Proud, on Tuesday this week the form groups have shared what they researched for South Africa (our allocated country), each form was allocated an area to research, which included geography, food, famous people, sports and music to name a few, it was lovely to see them share their finding in a special assembly.

The students took part in form retreats, the theme was This Little Light, please watch the lovely clip that Mr Cunliffe, our Chaplain, put together for us [This Little Light: Montage](#).

We look forward to the next half term, continuing to see the students settle into Ursuline life. Wishing you and your families a restful half-term holiday.

Yours sincerely,

Ms Hoyles
Head of Year 7

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

Autumn A Highlights

- Year 7 Induction Days
- Launch of our enrichment programme
- European Week of Languages
- House lunches
- Safer Travel Afternoon
- The Wimbledon Bookfest trip
- Black History Month Celebrations
- Film night
- Year 7 Merton Cross country
- The Feast of St Ursula

Year 7 on new tennis courts!



Year 7 Film Night



Students' Achievements

1 - Rewards: Year 7 Total Rewards : 2,102

The students with the most rewards are:

1. Ada 7M (24)
2. Macarena 7B (20)
3. Juliana 7B (19)
4. Alessandra 7B (18)
5. Liberty 7B (18)

The tutor group with the most rewards since September with 347 rewards overall is **7 Bernadette**, very closely followed by 7 Margaret with 343 and 7 Cathrine with 341.

2 – Attendance:

There are currently **136** students in Year 7 who have **100%** attendance!

I am so pleased with the attendance percentage, since September we are at 97.9% The tutor group with the best attendance so far is 7U with 98.9%, with 7T very close behind with 98.6% – really well done!

If your daughter participates in sport or other activities outside of school do encourage her to let me know – I would love to celebrate their efforts.

We encourage each student to get involved in enrichment activities, if your daughter has not yet signed up please look at the fantastic opportunities we have on offer here: [Serviam/Character Development/Enrichment - Ursuline High School](#)

Feast of St Ursula Mass



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

November

- **28th October- 1st November:** Half Term
- **4th November** – INSET day
- **5th November** – Start of Autumn B Term
- **6th November** – Commissioning Service 7-8pm
- **7th November** – Yr7 Borough Netball
- **11th November** – Remembrance Day
- **18th November** – Assessment week
- **25th November** – Assessment week
- **25th November-** Christmas Gift Appeal begins
- **28th November** – School Production: Shrek (6.30-9.00pm), School Hall; Ticketed Event (Tickets available from finance)
- **29th November** – School Production: Shrek (6.30-9.00pm), School Hall; (Tickets available from finance)
- **29th November** – Yr7 Christmas Fair selling to Yr8
- **29th November** – Yr7 Interhouse Christmas Netball Festival

December

- **2nd December** – Advent Service for Year 7
- **3rd December-** Benchball competition
- **6th December** – Christmas Tree Service
- **16th December** – Christmas Carol Service (6.00-7.00pm), Sacred Heart Church Edge Hill
- **20th December** – Christmas Assembly: Peace on Earth (9.50-10.20am), School Hall
- **20th December** – End of term at 12.50

Looking Ahead:

- **6th January** – Start of Spring A Term
- **6th February** – Mid-Year Serviam Assembly; Online.

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:

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

Upcoming Events For Secondary Parents
Autumn Term 2024
Supporting your teenager's mental health webinars

- 17TH OR 19TH SEPT** Mental Health During The Teenage Years: An Introduction And Overview
- 24TH OR 26TH SEPT** Getting Into School - Common Challenges & Supporting School Avoidance
- 14TH OR 18TH OCT** "I Wish I Looked Like Them" Helping Teens Navigate Body Image Issues
- 5TH OR 6TH NOV** Understanding and Supporting Teen Sleep & Self-Care
- 11TH NOV** Parenting A Teenager With Autism

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.

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](#)

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

Laptop / Social Media

Just a polite reminder that the school laptop is for school related work only, please remind your daughters that it is not for downloading or playing games on.

Age restrictions on WhatsApp in the UK is 13 years old. Snapchat's age requirement is 13 years old. Please support us with this.

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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: 02039083102

Karlin.Eloff@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk Pastoral Support Assistant – telephone: 0203908 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 0203908 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