# Year 7 Update

## Summer B Term 2025

Check out our Sports Day video here.

Dear Parents / Carers,

As we come to the end of a very busy term, I would like to share what we have been up to. Last week several Year 7s enjoyed taking part in debates, demonstrating confidence and passion, debating topics including: Public transport should be free for all, schools should not have a uniform, and mobile phones should be banned for all under 15s.

Another recent highlight was Sports Day – congratulations to 7 Catherine who were the overall year 7 winners, and Teresa who were the overall House winners. We are extremely proud of the dedication, effort, and teamwork that Year 7 students demonstrated throughout the day. Each form group was so committed to supporting one another, from creating banners to representing their tutor group, cheering students on, and celebrating with each other.

Congratulations to Manuella (7C), Greta (7M) and Julie (7B) whose work was submitted to the Wimbledon Young Writers Competition, who received a certificate for this.

I was delighted to hear that some Year 7 students have been selected as winners in the national 'Step into the NHS Careers Competition'. Students worked hard to create job adverts relating to all areas of the NHS, and when I receive the names of the winners, I will share this news with them.

We cannot believe we are at the end of the academic year; Year 7s first year at the Ursuline is complete! You should all be very proud of what your daughters have achieved personally and academically, as Mr Kelly mentioned at Parents Evening, the exam results for year 7 have been exceptional. There is no coincidence between high attendance and academic achievement. I would like to thank you for your support with attendance over the year. We have worked hard to highlight the importance of a good attendance record. I am pleased that at the time of writing that year 7 are above the school's target of 96%, with a current attendance of 96.4%. Well done to 7T with the highest attendance of 97.9%, 7B with 96.7% and 7U with 96.3%. I would also like to highlight that 24 students have an attendance of 100%, and 15 students have a record of 100% attendance and punctuality, so a special mention should go to Angel 7A, Chezka 7A, Livia 7A, Ardyl 7A, Iris E 7B, Valentina 7B, Amanda 7C, Valeria 7F, Sarah 7T, Frean 7T, Clara 7T, Ashley 7U, Mia 7U, Emily 7U and Maeve 7U, well done to all of you.

It seems like a long time ago since the Year 7s were involved in the Commissioning Service in November, when they were presented with their Serviam badges. Since then, the students have really embraced 'Serviam' and I am delighted that year 7 have recorded 8,108 hours on their Serviam Passports, an average of 37.5 hours each, a true reflection of using their gifts and talents for others. These achievements, along with lots of others were recognised at the Year 7 Celebration afternoon, please see page 2 for more details. The school year has culminated with Fest Week where the students have been taking part in lots of enriching activities.

It is time for the Year 7 team to say goodbye to the year group, it has been a privilege to be their first Ursuline Head of Year, we are confident that they will continue to thrive and excel under the leadership of their new Head of Year, Ms Smith. We wish you and your families a restful, happy, and healthy summer break (don't forget to check out our <u>Summer Inspiration & Resources</u>) and we look forward to welcoming students back into Year 8 on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September.

Yours faithfully, Ms Hoyles, Head of Year 7.

## Summer B Highlights

- Dramatic Truth Ballet Theatre
- National Careers Challenge Finals
- Young Writer Awards
- Tennis Team Competition
- Borough Rounders
- Sports Day
- Celebration Afternoon
- Debates
- Summer Music Concert
- Student Leaders Celebrations
- Auditions for Hairspray!
- Cricket club
- St. Teresa have the most house points (see page 2)

There have also been some other great achievements this half term and Fest Week activities, you can find these on our **Instagram**!



Sports Awards Dinner: Well done to Isabella P who won the Little Enthusiast



See page 2 for snapshot of recent achievements/ upcoming events, page 3 for our wellbeing directory.



## **Students' Achievements**

Year 7 Total Rewards: 15,120

Tutor group with highest rewards: 7F with 2,603

Most Rewards in year 7: Aoife 7T 186

Highest rewards in 7A – Andrea: 113, Laura: 111, Diane: 106, Larissa: 91, Antonia: 88

**Highest rewards in 7B -** Alessandra : 155, Lila May : 130, Iris D : 124, Pru : 120, Hope : 105

**Highest rewards in 7C** - Martinis : 142, Amanda : 137, Sophie : 131, Natalia : 125. Isabella : 123

Highest rewards in 7F - Isabella : 175, Macie-Blu : 161, Taleah : 152, Delia : 144, Valeria : 125

**Highest rewards in 7M** - Erjumwusee : 132, Kathleen : 123, Karolina : 121, Maya : 120, Arya : 98

Highest rewards in 7T – Aofie : 186, Perla : 159, Michalina : 155, Poppy : 144, Zuzanna : 142

Highest rewards in 7U – Emma : 183, Mia : 179, Rosie : 116, Augustine : 109, Erin : 87

#### <u>2 – Attendance:</u>

There are currently **15** students in Year 7 who have **100%** attendance and punctuality.

24 students have an attendance of 100%

60 students have an attendance of 99% +

150 students have an attendance of 96% or higher

The tutor group with the best attendance since September is 7 Teresa with 97.9%, well done! followed by 7 Bernadette with 96.7%

Our school target is 96% Our overall attendance is 96.4%. Dates for 2025-26 are <u>here</u>.

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## **Upcoming Events**

- Mon 1<sup>st</sup>/Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept: INSET DAYS
- Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> Sept School returns for Year 8
- Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> Sept Mass of the Holy Spirit 12.00-12.50pm, school hall
- Weds 24th Sept Main school Open Evening, 6.00-8.30pm
- Tues 30<sup>th</sup> Sept- Year 8 Information Evening, 6.00-7.00pm, school hall
- Weds 8th Oct Ursuline and Wimbledon College Joint Sixth Form Open Evening, 4.30-7.00pm, held at Wimbledon College
- Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct Academic Review Day (from 1.35pm)
- Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Oct Academic Review Day (from 12.50pm)
  Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Oct Autumn B Ends
  Mon 27<sup>th</sup> Fri 31<sup>st</sup> Oct: Half Term

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



Going Forth Mass



**Student Leaders Celebration** 





Congratulations goes to 7 Catherine on their Sports Day victory. Well done!



Celebration Assembly Achievement Award Livia Serviam Award Erin

Congratulations! See full list of awards <u>here</u>.

## Achievements outside of school:

I was delighted to hear that Emnet (7B) was awarded a merit for her grade 3 ballet exam from the Royal Academy of Dance.



It is lovely to hear of students' achievements outside of school. Please continue to share this with the year 8 team.

## **Overall House Points**

Academic Year 2024/2025			
	Angela	<b>29190</b>	
	Bernadette	e <b>32690</b>	
House System	Catherine	32330	House
	Francis	32230	System
	Margaret	31990	A B C F M T
	Teresa	34130	
	Ursula	26240	

# Year 7 Update



### 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 8 list <u>here</u>.

#### 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 <u>contact the Safeguarding team</u>. Our webpage has details of who to contact during school and out of school hours.

### Parent/Carer Support Services Directory

Explore our <u>Directory</u> for a list of charities and other parenting experts sharing practical strategies, and powerful insights that can help to inform your conversations at home. On this page you will also find out <u>Summer Inspiration</u> <u>& Resources.</u>

### Online Safety, Smart Devises and Social Media

Our <u>extensive online safety library</u> 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 <u>On educating Girls': Creating a World of Possibilities' podcast</u> 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.