

Year 8 Update

Summer B Term 2025

Check out our Sports Day video [here](#).

See page 2 for upcoming events, page 3 for our wellbeing directory.



Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

As is always the case, the Summer B newsletter carries with it the opportunity to recognise so many achievements made by students throughout the year – particularly those made or completed in Summer B. I am extremely proud of Year 8!

Firstly, I would like to commend all students for their maturity in how they approached end of year exams. Having the exam week after half-term will have presented a challenge to many, especially in terms of balancing nerves and preparation with trying to enjoy the break, but students rose to the challenge brilliantly, and as a staff we were struck by the focus of the students during the week. The end results speak for themselves, and I was pleased to see the outstanding progress made by students – as reflected in their end of year reports.

Also, I would like to thank Year 8 students for the levels of enthusiasm demonstrated on Sports Day. Students (and staff) took full advantage of being sat nearest to the PA system and spent large parts of the morning singing and dancing along to the music and loudly cheering on their peers during the events. Congratulations to all students who took part in events, especially those who won a medal; and to 8 Catherine for their win! What a great day!

Congratulations to all students who have recently won awards for their achievements in school – both at the sports dinner on 4 July, and at the Year 8 celebration assembly on 7 July. It is always a pleasure to witness and hear about students' achievements, and important to celebrate them. A full list of winners can be found on the school's website. I would particularly like to congratulate Sophia A in 8U, who became only the second Year 8 in history to be awarded the school's 'Sportsperson of the Year' award last Friday – a huge achievement!

Last week I had the pleasure of being present during the Year 8 debates and seeing 3-4 students from each form demonstrating their talents in tackling difficult motion topics, including: whether or not young people's opinions are taken seriously enough in politics; whether or not social media platforms should be held legally accountable for harmful content shown to teenagers; whether or not we should move to a four-day working week; and whether or not Saturday lessons should be made compulsory for underachievers. The arguments put forward by students on both sides of each motion were simply outstanding, and the participation demonstrated by the whole year group through listening, asking questions and voting on the motions was equally impressive. Congratulations to 8Teresa, whom the judges selected as the overall winners.

This week students are enjoying Fest Week. Some have had the opportunity to travel abroad, and others are enjoying enriching activities closer to home. Whatever the activity, it is a wonderful end to the school year. Check out our Instagram for photos!

Finally, I would like to wish you and your families an enjoyable summer (don't forget to check out our [Summer Inspiration & Resources](#)). The students have worked incredibly hard this year and can look forward to a well-earned break. School resumes for Year 9 on Thursday 4 September – and I look forward to welcoming students back. God bless!

Mr Roberts, Head of Year 8.

Students' Achievements

Year 8 Total Rewards: 11,287

1 - Most Rewards in each Form:

• 8A – Flavia G & Elizabeth F	57
• 8B – Maddison H	68
• 8C – Hind K	85
• 8F – Lena AB	100
• 8M – Danica C	97
• 8T – Mienke E	125
• 8U – Laura A	87

Congratulations to 8T, leading the way with **2,271** Reward Points!

2 – Highest Attendance:

There are currently 23 students in Year 8 who have 100% attendance, and 46 who have 99% attendance or higher. 132 students in the year group have 96% or higher.

Congratulations to 8C, who lead the way on 97.3%

3 – Sporting Success:

- Congratulations to Serene in 8M, who recently won 'Silver' in the 800m at the London Youth Games on 21 June, representing Merton, and helping Team Merton to its overall 3rd place finish.

Please do let us know of any external successes ahead of our next newsletter. We would love to be able to celebrate them!

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

Summer B Highlights:

- Sports Day
- Sports Awards Dinner
- Year 8 Debates
- UHS Fest Week
- Student Leader Celebrations



Sports Awards Dinner



Student Leader Celebrations



Going Forth Mass

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Upcoming Events

- Mon 1st/Tues 2nd Sept: INSET DAYS
- Thurs 4th Sept – School returns for Year 9
- Thurs 4th Sept – Mass of the Holy Spirit 12.00-12.50am, school hall
- Weds 17th Sept– Year 9 Information Evening, 6.00-7.00pm, school hall
- Weds 24th Sept – Main school Open Evening, 6.00-8.30pm
- Weds 8th Oct – Ursuline and Wimbledon College Joint Sixth Form Open Evening, 4.30-7.00pm, held at Wimbledon College
- Thurs 23rd Oct – Academic Review Day (from 1.35pm)
- Fri 24th Oct – Academic Review Day (from 12.50pm)
- Fri 24th Oct – Autumn B Ends
- Mon 27th – Fri 31st 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.*

GO TERESA –
Form winners of
this year's
sports day!
Well done.



Sports Awards
Dinner: Well done to
Sophia A - the
second Year 8 to win
the Sportswoman of
the Year Award.
Very well done!



Celebration Assembly

Achievement Award
Jaslynn
Serviam Award
Megan

Congratulations!
See full list of awards [here](#).

Congratulations goes to 8
Catherine on their Sports
Day victory. Well done!



Wellbeing Parental Workshops

Education Wellbeing Service

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

Upcoming Events For Secondary Parents Autumn Term 2025

Supporting your teenager's mental health webinars

10TH SEPT 25 7.30 PM-8.30 PM	17TH SEPT 25 12.30 PM-1.30 PM
SCAN OR CLICK HERE	SCAN OR CLICK HERE
23RD SEPT 25 1 PM-2 PM	24TH SEPT 25 6 PM-7 PM
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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](#)

wellbeinginschoolsevents@swlsg.nhs.uk

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

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>

Additional Support

[Young Merton](#)
[Young Minds](#)
[Off The Record](#)
[Kooth](#)
[MindEd](#)
[e-wellbeing](#)

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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](#). Our webpage has details of who to contact during school and out of school hours.

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. On this page you will also find out [Summer Inspiration & Resources](#).

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.