

# **Spectacular Sporting Success!**



On *Friday 4th July*, our P.E department were delighted to host our **Sports Awards Dinner** and Presentation Evening! This is a greatly anticipated event in our school calendar, which provides the chance for students to be further commended for their sporting prowess and achievements which have occurred throughout the academic year.

We were delighted to welcome Guest Speaker - *Lagi Tuima:* Harlequins Rugby Ladies 1st XV Vice Captain who provided an inspirational speech.

Awards during the evening included; Most Improved Netballers, Footballers, Basketballers and Athletes, Most Improved Cricketers, Rounders Players, Cross Country Runners and Tennis Players.

Incredible hard work, participation, and progress was recognised with our Most Improved, Cheer/ Dance, Gymnastics, Tag Rugby and Volleyball Awardees, and our Passion for PE medallists.

A big round of applause was due for our Netball, Football, Basketball and Athletes of the Year, and our Cricket, Cross Country, Rounders and Tennis Performers of the Year. Awards were also presented for Performers of the Year in Cheer/ Dance, Gymnastics, Tag Rugby, Volleyball, Hockey, Swimming, Karate, Triathlon and our Junior Sports Leaders Awards.

Year 7 Little Enthusiast went to Isabella P (Year 7), Merici Award for High Sporting Achievement - Maia H-M (Year 11), Resilience Award: Stephanie R (Year 11), our Serviam in Sport Award went to Lottie Azurdia-Latter (Year 10), and our Sixth Form Leadership Award: Geneveive L-T (Year 12). Our standout award of the evening Sportswoman of the Year 2025 went to Sophia A (Y8). We also had some incredible support from our Sixth Form Sports Leaders who volunteered their time. Incredible achievements from everyone this year. A full list of our awardees can be found on our website here.







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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

We have reached the end of the 2024-25 academic year, which has been another incredibly successful and eventful year in the life of this wonderful school.

Summer B has been a busy, yet productive one. The students in Year 13 and in Year 11 have completed their formal public examinations and we are certainly full of admiration for their energy and commitment in their endeavours. We look forward to celebrating their successes on the Results Days in August, when we send the students in Year 13 off to university, apprenticeships, further education, and employment.

As for the Year 11 graduated students, I personally enjoyed reflecting on their 5 years of education with us so far, and sharing in their achievements with parents/carers at the Year 11 Celebration Evening this half-term. We now look forward to their enrolment process into Ursuline Sixth Form in September, where they will be inducted into programmes with our motto of 'Belong and Succeed'. Well done to all the other students in the school who completed end of year examinations; I hope they enjoy the rest which comes after knowing they have done their best and deserve their rewards.

I always enjoy Sports Day, and witnessing students participating with determination, and supporting each others gifts and talents is certainly a joy to see. Congratulations to our winning houses, individual performers, and a notable mention to our staff race. (See our sports section for further details/photos).

The term has finished off with a packed programme of activities during our annual Fest Week. The extensive offer of residential trips to Germany, Naples, New York, and Normandy, was complemented by a diverse and extensive range of local day visits (including London Zoo, Natural History Museum, Thorpe Lakes, and Chessington). This ran alongside programmed activities in school, with highlights including a fashion show, a summer fair, and alternative sports day. We trust that this week will have capped off a year full of enriching experiences in the school, where our students continue to learn how to develop their gifts and talents in fulfilment of our mission of Serviam. Finally, it was lovely to conclude our school year with our end of year Masses at Sacred Heart Parish, led by Canon David Gibbons, which brought our community together to celebrate the Jubilee Year of Hope. Finally, i have created a reflective End of Academic Year Leadership Message with Ms Alexander, and Mr Adam which you can listen to <u>here</u>.

Wishing everyone in our school community, governors, staff, parents/carers, and most importantly our students, a well deserved rest and safe holiday.

See you all back in September. Eoin Kelly, Headteacher

#### Arts Evening



A huge thank you to everyone who came to support our **Arts Evening** in **St Angela's Centre** on *Tuesday 17th June*. It was lovely to celebrate our GCSE and A Level Artists. We were struck by the sheer quality and thought behind all of the pieces.

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We also had our Year 10 sketchbooks on display which were outstanding, we hear our Art department are very excited to see what these students produce in their Year 11 projects moving forwards.

#### Summer Concert



We were are delighted to see so many of our Ursuline community at our **summer concert** on *Tuesday 1st July*!

We featured our Germany tour choir, Year 7-10 choirs, soloists, bands. It was a wonderful evening of entertainment!

## **Celebration & Awards**









On the 7th-11th July, **Year 7-10** received their **celebration assemblies**, where students were celebrated in forms, and individually with various accolades. A full list of the awards presented are available on our website here. Particular congratulations goes to our Serviam and Achievement winners! **Year 7:** Achievement Award: *Livia G*, Serviam Award: *Erin S*, **Year 8:** Achievement Award: *Megan L*, Serviam Award: *Jaslynn L-V*, **Year 9:** Achievement Award: *Olivia M*, Serviam Award: *Jewel N-D*, and **Year 10:** Achievement Award: *Emily B*, Serviam Award: *Layla B-S*.

#### BOOK FROM: 8th July - 18th Sept!

Limited Availability!





PLEASE ONLY SIGN UP TO ONE EVENT! NO TICKET - NO ENTRY!

#### **Open Events**

**Open Events 2025**: Our main school **Open Evening** will be held at UHS on Wednesday 24th September with **Open Mornings** on Monday 29th September – Friday 3rd October.

This will be an exciting time for prospective parents (and any current parents with Year 5 or 6 children) to view the school and get a taste of Ursuline Education.

Tickets are available to book from now until 18th September via <u>Open Events</u> on our website. **Students of other faiths and non-faith are welcomed to our events and should secure places.** 

## Dramatic Truth



Ursuline High School hosted **Dramatic Truth Ballet Theatre** this half-term. A Christian ballet company known for using classical and contemporary dance to express deep spiritual truths and to embody faith and redemption through movement. Read more <u>here</u>.

## **STEM Taster Days**



We welcomed 90+ Year 5s from Wimbledon Chase for a STEM Taster Day on Tuesday 17th June.

It was a chance for our primary school visitors be inspired and experience a secondary school science lab: building circuits, observing daphnia from our pond under a microscope, cracking codes, and flame tests for metals.

A big shout out to our science and maths departments as well as our fantastic **Ursuline Sixth Form** prefects for helping out and being brilliant ambassadors of Serviam!

#### Induction Day



Recently students attended a French Exchange to Lourdes, France. They had a great time!



Our Year 7-to-be students had their Induction Day on Wednesday 2nd July! During the day they got the opportunity to meet their tutors and receive a school tour - so they are less overwhelmed with the new setting in September! We look forward to welcoming them for their first day!

#### National Grid Workshop



Year 10 enjoyed taking part in the **National Grid Workshop** on *Wednesday 18th July*!

Students learned about work of the National Grid, job opportunities, and the future of green jobs in general. They also had a chance to participate

in the workshop aimed to develop skills which will be applicable in their future careers.

## Year 11 Celebration



With the GCSEs coming to an end, we held a wonderful celebration evening for **Year 11** on *Thursday 19th June*. Students, staff, and parents/carers gathered in the quad for drinks, nibbles, and Year 11 ensured they captured those allimportant last photos - before the awards ceremony in the hall. Well done Year 11.

See you on Results Day!

#### Netball UK Camps



Love playing netball? In Year 7, 8, or 9?

Why not sign up to our summer Netball Camp run by Netball Coach UK.

See <u>Netball Coach UK</u> website for further details on how to sign up. Advance booking is essential.



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## National Physical Laboratory



This half-term our **Year 12 Physics A level** students visited the **National Physical Laboratory**, which studies the science of measurements, and oversees maintaining all the standard measurements in the UK. See website for further details

## Open Evening



#### Considering Sixth Forms for 2026 entry?

We are pleased to announce that our **Ursuline and Wimbledon College Sixth Form Open Evening** will be held at the Wimbledon College on *Wednesday 8th October, 4.30-7.00pm*.

Transform your education journey at our Sixth Forms, where faith drives learning and our values drive success.

Ursuline Sixth Form offers an excellent pathway to your chosen university, further education institution, degree apprenticeship or training programme.

Further details will be made available in the Autumn A Term <u>here</u>.

#### Wimbledon Bookfest



40 of our Year 12 students heard *Jacinda Ardern* in conversation with Afua Hirsch at *Wimbledon High School* for **Wimbledon Bookfest** this half-term *Erin H,* was lucky enough to be on the student interview panel and got to ask her questions to Jacinda. See website for further details.

#### **IBM** Placement

Our **Sixth Form T Level** students have started their work placements and some of our **Digital T Level** students are working at IBM! Very impressive.

# Ursuline Links



Some of our **Year 12 students** took part in a powerful and faith-filled experience, joining together with students from other Ursuline schools across the country this half-term, as they took part in the Ursuline Links Weekend! Read full story here.

#### Southampton Uni Visit



Year 12 enjoyed a trip to Southamption University on *Thursday 26th June*. They had an inspiring day at Southampton University – from a brilliant campus tour to thoughtprovoking lectures and top-tier UCAS advice. A big step forward in planning for the future! netballtennisfootballathletics rockclimbingcrosscountry trampoliningbasketballhockey dancedukeofedinburghaward wimbledonballgirlscycling

### Wimbedon Tennis





Summer Term of course means *Wimbledon* Tennis. We had a number of students fortunate to be selected as **Wimbledon ball girls** this year! Congratulations to the following students for being amazing representatives of our school throughout the 2 weeks of Tennis mania! *Lucy, Connie, Isabella, Keiyan, Halili, Annabel, Lottie,* and *Elia*.

See the full story and further photos on our Instagram here.

## **Harlequins Rugby**



Harlequins Rugby 'Play on The Pitch' day at The Twickenham Stoop. Our Tuesday Rugby Club students in Year 7/8 enjoyed a day at Twickenham playing in a mini tournament on the pitch and meeting current first team Women's players.

## Surrey Schools Cricket



Year 10 attended a trip to Surrey Cricket's Schools' participation day at The Kia Oval.

Our Sixth Form Surrey Cricket Academy begins this September so a great experience to meet some of the Academy students and players.

## **Rock Climbing**



Year 10 GCSE PE students began their Rock Climbing training for their exam at *White Spider Climbing Centre* in *Chessington*.

## Sports Day







On Friday 27th June, we held our **Sports Day** at **Weir Archer Athletics Track** in Kingston. It was a superb day, students showcasing their gifts and talents, with huge support from their peers. Congratulations to our winning houses below! **Year 7:** Catherine, **Year 8:** Catherine, **Year 9:** Margaret **Year 10:** Ursula, & **Overall House Winners:** Teresa



