

Year 11 Update

Autumn Term B 2025

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a snapshot
of upcoming
events!



Dear Year 11 Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of the Autumn term, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on what has been a busy and productive half-term for our Year 11 students. This period has been dominated by the completion of the mock GCSE examinations, and I am extremely pleased with the maturity, resilience, and commitment shown by the cohort throughout the exam period. Students approached their exams with focus and determination, demonstrating the benefits of sustained revision and preparation in lessons and at home. To celebrate their hard work and perseverance, students enjoyed a well-deserved breakfast together followed by a film on the final day of term, which provided a positive and relaxing end to a demanding few weeks.

Alongside their academic efforts, Year 11 students have continued to contribute fully to wider school life. Many students were involved in the school production of Hairspray, showcasing their creativity, teamwork, and dedication both on and off the stage. In addition, students enthusiastically supported our Christmas Jumper Day, helping to raise money for charity and demonstrating the strong sense of community and generosity within the year group. PSHE lessons have continued to play an important role this term, supporting students with wellbeing, revision strategies, and managing exam-related stress. These sessions have complemented the academic focus in lessons, where students have continued to work hard, refine their exam technique, and build confidence ahead of their final GCSE examinations later in the year. We were also delighted to take a group of Year 11 students on a visit to Royal Holloway, where they were able to experience a taste of university life. The trip provided valuable insight into higher education, helping students to raise aspirations and begin thinking more concretely about their future pathways.

Looking ahead to next term, students will receive their mock results and reports, which will be used to inform next steps and targeted support. This will be a key opportunity for reflection and goal-setting as we move closer to the summer examination season.

Finally, I would like to thank you for your continued support and partnership throughout the term. Your encouragement at home makes a significant difference to students' progress and wellbeing. I wish you and your families a peaceful and enjoyable Christmas break and look forward to working together in the Spring term.

Yours faithfully,
Mr Mac Sweeney
Head of Year 11



Year 11 Mocks

Students' Achievements

1 - Most Rewards:

Vivienne W- 19
Rebecca C- 18
Carolina R and Erin S- 15 each

Congratulations to 11B who are currently leading the way with 255 Reward Points. In second is 11F with 211

2 – Highest Attendance:

Congratulations to 11M who lead the way with 96.47%!



Year 11 Pyjamas Day – Breakfast and a film celebrating of end of mocks!

There have also been some other great achievements this half-term, you can find these here: [UHS X UHS Instagram](#) [UHS PE Instagram](#)

Autumn B Highlights

- School production- Hairspray
- Christmas Jumper Day
- Christmas Lunch
- Royal Holloway Visit
- Pyjamas Day
- Christmas Carol Service



Christmas Tea Party



Hairspray



Carol Service

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Virtues: Spring Term: Hopeful, Summer Term: Courageous



Upcoming Events

January

- 5th – Start of Spring A Term
- 6th – Mass in Chapel – Feast of the Epiphany
- 13th – Year 11 Brown Envelope Day
- 12th – Year 11 Parents Evening
- 19th – Hispanic Heritage Week
- 27th – St Angela Mass - Sacred Heart Church (11.15-12.20)

February

- LGBTQ+ History Month Assemblies
- 5th – BFI Y11 Interactive study day at Southbank
- 9th – Food P&N NEA2 Practical (8.30-1.00PM) first half of 11A
- 10th – Food P&N NEA2 Practical (8.30-1.00PM) second half of 11A
- 13th – Y11 English Language Day
- 13th – Last Day of Spring A Term
- 16th-22nd – Half-Term
- 23rd – INSET Day
- 24th – Start of Spring B Term

Looking Ahead:

- March - Launch of Lent programme
- 11th March – St. Cecilia Day Concert, 6.00-8.00pm
- 18th March – Multicultural Evening, 6.00-8.30pm

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



Royal Holloway University Visit

Wellbeing

Parental Workshops

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

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](https://self.merton.gov.uk/service/Pupil%20Premium%20and%20Free%20School%20Meals%20application)

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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 11 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.

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.