

Year 9 Update

Autumn Term B 2025

See page 2 for
a snapshot
of upcoming
events.



Dear Year 9 Parents/Carers,

The season of Advent encourages Christians to focus on the themes of hope, peace, joy, and love – as represented by the four candles. As such, students in Year 9 have had the opportunity to reflect on the presence of these themes in their lives, and how they might share them with the world:

- **The Year 9 Christmas Fair** raised approximately £750 for the Dons Local Action Group charity. This money will go directly towards supporting the work of the charity – helping to spread hope, joy and love this Christmas. Students put a lot of effort into preparing their stalls – further showcasing their commitment to Serviam and using their gifts and talents for the good of others.
- **The school production of Hairspray** was a roaring success and showcased the talents of so many Year 9 students in main, supporting and ensemble roles. The rest of the year group were fortunate enough to be able to watch the production during the school day, and it was a joy to share this experience with the students. I was absolutely blown away by the talents of the cast, and very proud of all who took part.
- **The Joint Carol Service with Wimbledon College** this Monday lived up to its billing as one of the highlights of the Autumn Term. As with the school production above, it was fantastic to see so many Year 9 students involved and the event and the singing was truly beautiful. Thank you to all students who were involved, either as members of the choir, readers, or by assisting in other ways.
- **Students have continued to participate well with clubs and enrichment programmes**, enabling them to get to know and form friendships with a wider range of students across the year group and Key Stage 3 more broadly.

I would like to thank you for your continued support with regards to your daughters' attendance. The flu outbreak appears to have had a significant impact across Year 9, but we are thankful of your support and dialogue in ensuring that students have returned to school promptly once they have recovered. We are hopeful that attendance will remain high and improve again in the Spring term.

Looking ahead to the Spring term, we will be launching the Year 9 Options Programme and encouraging students to think further about their futures – both in school and beyond. Details of the GCSE options events and deadlines can be found on the next page.

Finally, I would like to wish you and your families the very best of Christmas breaks. I look forward to welcoming Year 9 back on Monday 5th January.

Mr Roberts, Head of Year 9

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



Students' Achievements

Year 9 Total Rewards: 2,574

1 - Most Rewards in each Form:

• 9A – Clara A O	34
• 9B – Jasmine M	29
• 9C – Hind K	37
• 9F – Courney M	26
• 9M – Hanna D	28
• 9T – Mienke E	47
• 9U – Serena N	24

Congratulations to **9T**, leading the way with **824 Reward Points!**

2 – Highest Attendance:

There are currently 39 students in Year 9 who have 100% attendance. 130 students in the year group have 96% or higher.

Congratulations to **9C**, who lead the way on 97.07%.

The Year Group's attendance is 94.5%.

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



**Our
Community
Student
Leaders**

Autumn B Highlights:

- School Production – 'Hairspray'
- Joint Carol Service with Wimbledon College at Sacred Heart Church
- Year 9 Hamilton the Musical Trip
- Year 9 Christmas Fair



Year 9 Christmas Fair



Christmas Tea Party

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Virtues: Spring Term: Compassionate, Summer Term: Faith-filled

Upcoming Events

January

5th – Start of Spring A Term
6th – Mass in Chapel –
Feast of the Epiphany
13th – Year 9 Options Evening
(8.00-9.00pm)
19th – Hispanic Heritage Week
28th – St Angela Mass -
Sacred Heart Church (1.30-3.20)

February

LGBTQ+ History Month Assemblies
6th – Year 9 Options Taster Day (8.55-12.50)
11th – Year 9 Employer Taster Day
12th – Academic Review Day (P5 & 6)
13th – Academic Review Day (P5 & 6)
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.*



Christmas Inter-Form Netball



Year 9 Othello Trip



School Production: Hairspray



**7-10 Progress Celebration
Breakfast**

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 below 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 2025

Supporting your teenager's mental health webinars

3RD NOV 25 6 PM-7.30 PM	4TH FEB 26 12.30 PM-2 PM
SCAN OR CLICK HERE	SCAN OR CLICK HERE
11TH NOV 25 1 PM-2 PM	11TH NOV 25 7 PM-8 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@swlsthg.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.

You can sign up to any of their free webinars by copying this URL:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/secondarycollege-parents-wellbeing-workshops-725989?utm-campaign=social&utm-content=creatorshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-term=odclisxcollection&utm-source=cp&aff=escb>

Laptops & Social media/gaming

Just a polite reminder that school laptops are for school related work only. Please remind your daughters that they are not for accessing social media, gaming or web browsing non-school-related content.

Year 8 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 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.

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.