

# Year 7 Update

Spring Term B 2026



Dear Parents / Carers,

There have been some amazing accomplishments and opportunities inside and outside of school I would like to share with you.

Our Lenten Programme has covered a range of themes, all reflecting on Pope Leo's message 'Listening and Fasting: Lent as a Time of Conversion'. We have been focussing on being Pilgrims of Love. We put love into action by living simply, sustainably and in solidarity with those in need. We have covered the following topics during Lent: Make Way in Your Heart, Love In Action, Abide in Love and The Language of Love, ending this term with the Easter Liturgies.

I was so proud of the 37 year 7 students who took part in our St. Cecilia's Day Concert, their performances were phenomenal, they have shown such commitment and dedication in the preparations for the evening, and it certainly paid off! Thank you to all the year 7 parents that supported us on the evening (photo on the next page).

Congratulations to our Young Writer Winners: Julia 7A, Eve 7F and Grace 7M who were all awarded merits in the national writing competition 'Stranger Sagas'. They had to write an original story - a 'mini-saga' that revolved around something strange, mysterious or unusual, using a maximum of 100 words (Not many, you have already read 235 words in this Update!!)

The multi-cultural evening was another wonderful opportunity to showcase the cultural diversity of our school, the music, singing, dancing and food was all amazing, such a lovely buzz around school during the preparations, on the evening, and during the Cultural Day we celebrated on March 19<sup>th</sup>, where cultural clothing was adorned!

A fortnight ago, all year 7 students took part in the National Careers Challenge, congratulations to Sira, Saoirse, Ruby, Alannah, Andrea and Masooma all from 7C, who were the overall winners, they are now off to the national finals – good luck!

Outside of school both Megan 7B (who was signing) and Florianna 7T (who was in the intermediate string ensemble) took part in the Merton Music Foundation's 'Music is for life! Lookin' up!'. Over 1,500 musicians and singers took part in the concert at the Royal Albert Hall. Megan's family said, 'it was a fantastic performance that bring so many people from the local area together'. Florianna's family described the evening as 'a celebration of flight, exploration and achievements made possible through space exploration'. Pieces included: Juniper, the Bringer of Jollity, Space Oddity, Stairway to Heaven and Skyfall. They both really enjoyed the experience.

Tomorrow evening, the following students are performing their Community Production: Hannah 7F, Alannah 7C, Anna 7U, Selena 7U, Anita 7U and Eve 7F we wish them the best of luck, they have put a lot of their time into preparing for this, we are all very proud.

We have lots to look forward to in the summer term, please see 'Upcoming Events' on the next page for more details. Congratulations to Year 7 on another excellent half-term. Wishing you and your families a healthy, happy, and blessed Easter, and look forward to welcoming students back on Monday 13th April. We do not have an INSET day! Thank you as always for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,  
Ms Hoyles  
Head of Year 7

Lots of other great achievements this half term can be found on our [Instagram](#) & [PE Instagram](#)

## Spring B Highlights

- World Book Day
- St Cecilia's Day Concert
- National Careers Challenge
- Swimathon!
- Multi-Cultural Evening
- Culture Day
- Community Production
- Year 7 forms leading prayers to Year 10
- Spring clubs were well supported
- 12 students still have 100% attendance
- 100% of students have logged events on their Serviam passports.



7B leading prayers to 10B



Basketball Club

## Students' Achievements

**Rewards: Year 7, Total Rewards : 8,819**

7 Angela – 1624  
7 Bernadette – 1216  
7 Catherine – 1199  
7 Francis – 1244  
7 Margaret - 1161  
7 Teresa - 1152  
7 Ursula – 1223

Well done to 7 Angela 😊

The students with the most rewards (at time of writing) are:

1. Dominicia 7M – 75
2. Lotanna 7T – 72
3. Layla 7T – 70
4. Olivia-Mae 7A - 66
5. Desange 7A - 63
6. Elena 7A - 63

## 2 – Attendance:

There are currently 39 students in Year 7 who have 100% attendance

We are just above the school's target of 96%, at 96.7%. The tutor group with the best attendance so far is 7Angela with 97.3%, closely followed by 7 Margaret with 97.2% and then 7Francis with 97%.

Just a polite reminder that holidays should not be booked in term time, for 2026-2027 term dates, click [HERE](#) so you can plan around our term dates.

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**Virtues:** Spring Term: Loving, Summer Term: Joyful



Photos: Top left: St Cecilia's Day Concert, Florianna outside Royal Albert Hall. Other photos are World Book Day – great costumes from the students and Ms Gregory!

Click [HERE](#) for the Parent / School calendar.  
 Click [HERE](#) for term dates 2025-2026.  
 Click [HERE](#) for term dates 2026 – 2027.

### Summer term 2026 Key dates:

- 13<sup>th</sup> April – Start of Summer term
- 16<sup>th</sup> April – Feast of St Bernadette
- 22<sup>nd</sup> April – Visit to the Shree Ganapathy Hindu Temple
- 27<sup>th</sup> April – 7Catherine leading on Assembly
- 28<sup>th</sup> April – Catch 22 vaping workshop (P2)
- 30<sup>th</sup> April – Mary of the Roses Service
- 4<sup>th</sup> May – Bank Holiday
- 12<sup>th</sup> May – Year 7 Revision Evening 6-7pm in person
- 14<sup>th</sup> May – Feast of The Ascension
- 25<sup>th</sup> May – 29<sup>th</sup> May – Half term
- 1<sup>st</sup> June – Start of the Summer B Term
- 8<sup>th</sup> June – Year 7 End of Year Exam Week
- 8<sup>th</sup> June – 7Teresa leading on Assembly
- 19<sup>th</sup> June – Sports Day – parents / carers welcome
- 30<sup>th</sup> June – Summer concert
- 2<sup>nd</sup> July – Year 7 Parents Evening 15.50-18.30 in person
- 6<sup>th</sup> July – Year 7 celebration P 5&6 (Students only)
- 7<sup>th</sup> July – Debates period 1 & 2 (Students only)
- 13<sup>th</sup> July – FEST week
- 17<sup>th</sup> July – End of term
- 7<sup>th</sup> July – Debates period 1 & 2 (Students only)
- 13<sup>th</sup> July – FEST week



**Multicultural Evening & Culture Day**

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

## Wellbeing

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 here for more information and to book:

[Secondary/College Parents - Wellbeing Workshops | Eventbrite](#)

## Laptops / Social Media / Values

Just a polite reminder that the school laptop is for school related work only, not for gaming and not for social media.

Age restrictions on WhatsApp, Snapchat, TikTok in the UK are **13 years old**. We are asking parents and carers to support us on this, we are spending a lot of unnecessary time 'fixing' social media problems which happen outside of school.

We have a page on our website which gives support and advice on Online Safety and Well-being, a directory of resources and links to our Smart Device and social media statement, for more information please click [here](#).

### THINK

Before you speak

- T** – is it **True**?
- H** – is it **Helpful**?
- I** – is it **Inspiring**?
- N** – is it **Necessary**?
- K** – is it **Kind**?

Regarding behaviour and respect we ask students to THINK before they act.

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Dear parent(s)/carer(s),

## **Parent Communications:**

At the Ursuline, parental communication is really important to us. I have listed below a reminder of the correct person you should contact for a particular enquiry, which I hope you will find useful.

**Form tutors** – general enquires about the Ursuline, friendship issues, organisation, homework, clubs/enrichment, uniform, equipment, travelling to/from school, punctuality, trips/calendar events.

7 Angela	Ms Thomas	<a href="mailto:Paula.Thomas@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk">Paula.Thomas@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk</a>
7 Bernadette	Ms Taylor	<a href="mailto:geraldine.taylor@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk">geraldine.taylor@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk</a>
7 Catherine	Ms Grandin	<a href="mailto:Katharine.Grandin@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk">Katharine.Grandin@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk</a>
7 Francis	Ms Kearney	<a href="mailto:Seoighe.Kearney@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk">Seoighe.Kearney@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk</a>
7 Margaret	Ms Gregory	<a href="mailto:Gabriela.Gregory@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk">Gabriela.Gregory@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk</a>
7 Teresa	Ms Gordon	<a href="mailto:Marlyn.Gordon@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk">Marlyn.Gordon@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk</a>
7 Ursula	Dr Kosmider	<a href="mailto:Rowena.Kosmider@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk">Rowena.Kosmider@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk</a>

**Head of Year or Pastoral Support Assistant** – Mental health, bullying, safeguarding, online safety, absence request forms, request for your daughter to receive school counselling/educational well-being practitioner, financial support/free school meals.

[Rachel.hoyles@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk](mailto:Rachel.hoyles@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk) Head of Year – telephone: 0203 908 3102

[Karlin.Eloff@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk](mailto:Karlin.Eloff@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk) Pastoral Support Assistant – telephone: 0203 908 3105

**Ms Young – Attendance and punctuality/lateness.** All absences and lates must be reported via email, or phone no later than 8.45am. [Bernadette.young@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk](mailto:Bernadette.young@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk) 0203 908 3144

**Subject teachers should be contacted for any subject specific enquiries.**

**All staff contact details can be found on the [Ursuline directory](#) on our website.**

## **Online Safety, Smart Devices and Social Media**

To keep our children safe, it is essential they are media literate, can think critically and have boundaries. Normalising difficult conversations and holding open and ongoing discussions within the household around **online safety** is key. The minimum UK age restriction for social media incl. WhatsApp, Snapchat & TikTok is 13 years old, and we ask you to support us. Visit our [online safety library](#) for our Smart Devices & Social Media Guidance document and other valuable resources.

Yours sincerely,

Ms Hoyles