

Year 9 Update

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Spring Term B 2026

Dear Year 9 Parents/Carers,

In the past five weeks, the Church has observed its Lenten season – a period of fasting, prayer and almsgiving. In school, students have observed Lent each morning during registration, following a series of prayers and reflections produced by members of the Chaplaincy Team – notably Ziva in 9M – and have reflected more broadly on our theme for the year: Pilgrims of Love. Our Lenten observance culminated in our Easter Liturgy on Friday 27th March.

As we take the final steps towards our celebration of Easter, I encourage students to continue their reflections into the holidays – in particular praying for peace in regions where there is currently conflict, and for the needs of the poor in the world.

In Year 9, our Spring Term virtue has been **discernment**, which is particularly timely as it has coincided with Year 9 students making their GCSE Options. Students have thought diligently about their decisions and the impact this will have on their future, and I have been particularly pleased to see so many students coming forward with questions – ensuring that they are equipped to make the right decisions for themselves. All options will be finalised in the Summer Term, and students will receive confirmation of their options in due course. It is important that students continue to apply themselves in all subjects between now and the end of the year, irrespective of their options, and I am sure they will do so.

While short, Spring B has been a very busy half-term. Some of the highlights have included: World Book Day, Multicultural Evening, Culture Day, National Youth Theatre auditions, The St Cecilia Concert, Year 9 trips to attend a workshop and performance of Romeo and Juliet at the Globe Theatre, and Hadestown in the West End. Additionally, students have continued to participate enthusiastically with the school's extra-curricular / enrichment offering – notably taking part in the inaugural UHS Swimathon at Wimbledon College, and a variety of sports (and other) clubs. Details of what is on offer in the Summer Term will be available on the website after the Easter Holiday. We encourage all students to get involved with something!

Year 9 End of Year Exams will take place the week commencing Monday 18th May (the final week before Half Term). Revision materials will be shared with students in advance of this, and we will be hosting a Revision Information Evening online on Tuesday 14th April at 6pm.

Year 9 Parents' Evening is being held in the school hall on Wednesday 29th April from 3.50 – 6.30pm. Full attendance is expected at this event, and details of how to schedule appointments with your daughter(s)'s teachers will be communicated shortly.

Finally, I would like to wish you and your families a happy and restful Easter break. School recommences for students on Monday 13th April. Please note, there is no INSET Day.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Roberts, Head of Year 9

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

Students' Achievements:

1 – Rewards:

Most Rewards in each Form:

• 9A – Lucia V-Z	47
• 9B – Jasmine M	45
• 9C – Hind K	53
• 9F – Zoe P	38
• 9M – Hanna D	51
• 9T – Mienke E	62
• 9U – Maxine D	24

Congratulations to **9T**, leading the way with **1,143** Reward Points!

Year 9 Total Rewards: 5,464

2 – Attendance:

Spring Term:

62 students in Year 9 have 100% attendance for the Spring Term (January – March). 132 have 96% or higher – in line with the school's target.

Congratulations to **9T**, who lead the way with 96.92%.

Year to Date:

There are currently 25 students in Year 9 who have 100% attendance. 133 students in the year group have 96% attendance, or higher.

Congratulations to **9C**, who lead the way on 96.54%.

The Year Group's attendance is 94.49%, just above the whole school average of 94.21%.

Congratulations to...

- **Silvia S (9B)** – who has been offered a place in the Junior Academy for Musical Theatre (Royal Academy of Music)
- **Lilian Q (9U)** – who was selected to visit Parliament as part of her Girlguiding advocate role.

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

Spring B Highlights

- World Book Day
- Multicultural Evening
- Culture Day
- St Cecilia Concert
- Year 9 Globe Theatre Trip – Romeo and Juliet
- Hadestown Trip
- UHS Swimathon



St Cecilia's Concert



Hanbury Fountain Unveiling



Multicultural Evening

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

Upcoming Events

April

- 4th - 11th April – Ski Trip 2026; Alpendorf, Austria
- 30th March – 10th April: Easter Holidays
- 3rd April – Good Friday
- 5th April – Easter Sunday
- 6th April – Easter Monday
- 13th April – Summer Term A Begins
- 14th April – Joint Year 8/9 Parent Revision Evening (6.00-7.00pm)
- 29th April – Year 9 Parent's Evening in Hall, 3.50-6.30pm

May

- 4th May – Bank Holiday
- 22nd May – End of Summer A
- 25-29th May – Half-Term
- 21st May – World Day for Cultural Diversity

Looking Ahead

- 1st June – Summer B Begins
- 19th June – Sports Day at Weir Archer Kingsmeadow Athletics Track
- 29th June – 12th July- Wimbledon Championships
- 29th June – Student Leadership Celebration, Hall (7.00-9.00pm)
- 30th June – Summer Concert, Hall (6.00-8.00pm)
- 3rd July – Sports Awards Dinner
- 8th July – Y9 Celebration P5 - P6; Hall
- 9th July – Yr9 Debates
- 13th July – FEST week
- 17th July – End of term - End of Term - Summer Holidays

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



Swimathon



Onatti German Play



The Globe Theatre Workshop



Centenary Action
Lilian Q (9U)



Congratulations to Olivia (9A) who was voted the winner for Best Costume in our World Book Day competition.



Year 9 & 10 Footballers
London Youth Games

Wellbeing

Parental Workshops

The SWLSTG Education Wellbeing Service is offering lunchtime and evening parent Webinars across the year to help support your child's wellbeing and mental health.

Education Wellbeing Service | wellbeinginschoolsevents@swlstg.nhs.uk | NHS South West London and St George's Mental Health

Upcoming Events For Secondary Parents Summer Term 2026

Supporting your teenager's mental health webinars

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.

21 ST APRIL 26 7 PM - 8 PM	Managing Exam and Assignment Stress (Years 7-10)	23 RD APRIL 26 1 PM - 2 PM
10 TH JUNE 26 1 PM - 2 PM	Supporting your teenager with emotional difficulties and self-harm	18 TH JUNE 26 7 PM - 8 PM

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](#)

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

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

If your child is interested in 1:1 sessions with our in-school NHS Wellbeing Practitioners to help with worries, low mood or anxiety, they can pick up an application form from reception or speak to a member of staff.

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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](#).

Laptops

A reminder that school laptops are for school related work only. Please remind your daughters that they are not for accessing non-school-related content including web browsing, social media, and gaming.

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.

Parent/Carer Support Services & Resources

Access our [Directory](#) of charities and other teen experts sharing practical strategies, and powerful insights to help inform your conversations at home. From parent webinars to guidance on hot topics including vaping, healthy eating & sleeping, friendships and school holiday inspiration, 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.