

Year 11 Update

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a snapshot
of upcoming
events!



Autumn Term A 2025

Make sure to check out our Autumn Term
>>> [Enrichment programme!](#) <<<

Dear Year 11 Parent(s)/Carer(s),

As we approach the Autumn Half Term, I want to take this opportunity to commend Year 11 for their continued dedication, resilience, and participation across all aspects of school life. The Year 11 academic year is always a pivotal time in a student's education, and it has been inspiring to witness their commitment to excellence and their maturity in approaching this important stage. Our **Friday Mocks** have gone extremely well this half term, and it has been wonderful to see students taking these opportunities seriously, demonstrating focus, preparation, and a genuine desire to improve. The effort shown in lessons and interventions is clearly reflected in their performance.

In our **PSHEC curriculum**, Year 11 students have been engaging thoughtfully with a range of important and sensitive topics. This half term, we have covered issues such as Child Sexual Exploitation, Long-term Commitments (including marriage), Black History Month, Online Safety, Peer Pressure, Sexual Harassment, and Sexual Violence. The maturity and respect shown by students during these sessions have been commendable.

It was also fantastic to see so many of our Year 11 students attend our joint **Sixth Form Open Evening at Wimbledon College**. Their enthusiasm for planning their next steps was clear to see, and we look forward to continuing these discussions as students begin to make choices about their post-16 pathways. It was wonderful to see so many of our Year 11s keen to continue their education with us in September 2026. A reminder that full details of how to apply, along with the **Sixth Form Course Guide** and **Prospectus**, are available on our school website.

Our Year 11s also did a fantastic job as **tour guides during the main school Open Evening**. They were polite, engaging, and a credit to the school—many visitors commented on how confident and articulate our students were. In addition, during our **CSI Inspection Assembly**, our students demonstrated great reverence and respect, reflecting the school's ethos and values beautifully.

Throughout the year, we continue to uphold our school virtues as guiding principles for our students. In **Autumn**, our focus has been on the virtue of **Discernment**, encouraging students to make thoughtful choices, show good judgment, and act responsibly in all areas of their lives. In the **Spring term**, we will turn to the virtue of **Hopeful**, nurturing optimism and resilience, and in the **Summer term**, we will focus on being **Courageous**, encouraging students to face challenges with confidence and determination.

Finally, I would like to thank you for your ongoing support and partnership in your child's education. Working together, we can ensure that Year 11 continue to thrive academically and personally as they prepare for the months ahead.

Students return to school on
Tuesday 4th November.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable Autumn Half-Term.

Yours faithfully,
Mr Mac Sweeney, Head of Year 11



**Awarded 'Outstanding'
in our Catholic Schools
Inspectorate (CSI) Report**

Students' Achievements

1 - Most Rewards:

Rebecca C and Vivienne W- 16 each
Lily Rose M- 13
Marcia C- 12

Congratulations to 11B who are currently
leading the way with 224 Reward Points

2 – Highest Attendance:

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

3 –Success:

*We currently have a number of Y11 students
on a residential trip to Dallas Texas, I look
forward to including photos in my next
Newsletter.*



**Jack Petchey Awards Winners! Congratulations;
Laura N, Jessica D, Norissa & Isabel.**

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

Autumn A Highlights

- **Black History Month**
- **Sixth Form Open Evening**
- **Open Evening** – This is always one of the best events of the school year. It was brilliant to see so many Year 11s volunteering as tour / subject guides.



Hairspray Rehearsals



**Royal Holloway
University Trip**

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Upcoming Events

- 28th October- 1st November: Half Term

November

- 3rd November: Inset Day
- 4th November: Official Start of Autumn B Term
- W/B 10th November: Mock Orals
- 11th November: Remembrance Day
- 13th November: University Trip
- 24th November: Christmas Gift Appeal begins
- 27th – 28th November: Hairspray School Production - 7.00pm start. (Tickets available from finance from Monday 10th November. Tickets will be limited at 2 per student)



UHS v Ricards netball winning 35-13!

December

- 1st December: Advent begins
- 4th December: Year 11 Mock exams (until 18th Dec)
- 12th December: Christmas Tree Service
- 8th November: Doughnut Day
- 15th December: Christmas Carol Service (8.00-9.00pm), Sacred Heart Church, Edge Hill
- 19th December: Christmas Assembly: Peace on Earth and Last Day of Term, school closes at 12.50pm
- 5th January: Start of Spring A Term

Looking Ahead:

- 13th January: Brown Envelope Day
- 21st January: Year 11 Parents' Evening
- 4th - 11th April: Ski Trip; Appendorf, Austria

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



Black History Month Wear Red Day!

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.