

Year 9 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 Parent(s)/Carer(s),

It has been a pleasure to welcome Year 9 back to school this half term, and I am delighted to be writing to you to share some of the highlights of the year to date.

Firstly, I would like to thank all the students who willingly responded to our call to live out Serviam by volunteering to help at Open Evening. We had over 100 students representing the year group, and they were all excellent ambassadors to the school. I extend this thanks to you, the parents and carers, who supported this event by allowing your daughters to volunteer.

At the end of September, the school underwent its Catholic Schools Inspection. I sincerely thank the students in Year 9 for their continued contribution to the Catholic Life of the school – evidenced by: their fervent living out of Serviam, the school's core values and their year group virtues; their engagement in RE and PSHEC lessons; their active participation in daily collective worship (form prayers); and in particular the work and leadership of the Year 9 Chaplaincy Team. I know that a few Year 9 RE lessons were inspected, and that the dedication of the students to their studies shone through.

It is always a pleasure to see students taking part in a wide range of extra-curricular activities – including sports clubs, the school production, and more – and to hear of students' successes in-and-out of school in these areas. The KS3 Autumn Term enrichment programme can be accessed [here](#), and I would whole-heartedly encourage students to engage in at least one activity each term. If there is an activity that your daughter would be interested in that is currently not offered, please do let us know so that we can see if we can offer it in the future.

In the last week, we have celebrated Mass for St Ursula's feast day – a highlight of the Autumn A Term. Students have also been celebrating BHM in all of their lessons. The theme for this year is celebrating successes. The year group explored the multitude of contributions that black people have given to a multitude of areas.

There is much to look forward to in Autumn B, including: the school's production of Hairspray the Musical (with many Year 9s playing starring roles), the Year 9 Christmas Fair, The Christmas Carol Service, and the Year 9 Theatre Trip to Hamilton the Musical.

School resumes for students
on Tuesday 4th November.

Have a wonderful Half Term.

Mr Roberts, Head of Year 9.



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

Students' Achievements

Year 9 Total Rewards: 2,574

1 - Most Rewards in each Form:

• 9A – Clara A O	29
• 9B – Claudia B	20
• 9C – Hind K	25
• 9F – Courtney M	20
• 9M – Hanna D	13
• 9T – Mienke E	30
• 9U – Serena N	13

Congratulations to 9A, leading the way with 613 Reward Points!

2 – Highest Attendance:

There are currently 87 students in Year 9 who have 100% attendance. 153 students in the year group have 96% or higher.

Congratulations to 9T, who lead the way on 98.03%

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

Autumn A Highlights

- Open evening
- Parents' Information Evening
- Kew Gardens Trip
- Black History Month
- Jack Petchey Award
- School Production
- Academic Review Days



Hairspray rehearsals are going well!



Year 9 Chaplaincy Team at the Education Start of the Year Mass!

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Upcoming Events

28th -31st October: Half Term

November

- **3rd November:** Inset Day
- **4th November:** Start of Autumn B Term
- **11th November:** Remembrance Day
- **14th November:** Y7-10 Progress Celebration Breakfast
- **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)

December

- **1st December–** Advent begins
- **5th December:** Christmas Fair; Y9 selling to Y8
- **12th December:** Christmas Tree Service; Chapel
- **15th December:** Christmas Carol Service (8.00-9.00pm); Sacred Heart Church
- **19th December:** Christmas Assembly: Peace on Earth and Last Day of Term (School Day ends: 12.50pm)

Looking Ahead:

- **5th January:**
Start of Spring A Term

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

Geography Trip to Kew Gardens!



Theatre trip to see Wicked The Musical



**Year 9
Borough
Netball: UHS A
Team: 2nd,
UHS B Team:
5th. Solid
efforts all!**



BHM - Wear Red Day!

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 below for more information and to book:

**Secondary/College Parents -
Wellbeing Workshops |
Eventbrite**

Laptops

Just a polite reminder that the school laptop is for school related work only, please remind your daughters that it is not for downloading or playing games on.

***Congratulations
to our Cross
Country Team
for great efforts
and Serene
placing 3rd in
her category!***



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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](#). 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.