



Ursuline SIXTH FORM WIMBLEDON



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PROSPECTUS

Belong
& Succeed



Welcome to Ursuline Sixth Form

Choosing where to spend the next two years matters. At Ursuline Sixth Form, you will find ambitious teaching, a broad choice of pathways and a community in which you can belong, contribute and succeed.

Our Catholic tradition, inspired by St Angela Merici, brings together academic excellence, care for each person and service to others. Students of all faiths and backgrounds are welcome. Whether you are continuing from Ursuline High School or joining us from another school, we will help you settle in, aim high and make the most of sixth form life.

You will have more independence and responsibility here, alongside the guidance to use both well. Our partnership with Wimbledon College broadens your subject choices and introduces you to an even wider sixth form community. Beyond lessons, you can take part in leadership, societies, volunteering, sport, the arts and experiences further afield.

We look forward to welcoming you.

Mr Eoin Kelly
Headteacher



A community built on Serviam

Serviam

Serviam means "I will serve". It is at the heart of life at Ursuline: developing your gifts and talents, then putting them to work for others.

We are part of a global network of Ursuline schools. Our community welcomes people of all faiths and encourages students to explore questions of belief, reflect critically and respect different perspectives. Inclusion, tolerance and respect shape school life, supported by our commitment to anti-racism.



There are many ways to contribute. Sixth formers support younger students, take part in chaplaincy and the Faith in Action Award, and volunteer through projects including the Catholic Children's Society Christmas Gift Appeal, Wimbledon Foodbank and Merton Faith in Action.



Opportunities have also included the Eucharistic Minister Programme, Catholic Youth Ministry Federation and work with Perseid School.

You can serve through the things you love doing, too: mentoring, leading a society, performing, helping at an event or representing fellow students. The aim is for every student to feel safe, heard and able to play a meaningful part in the community.



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Teaching that helps you aim high

You will be taught by specialist teachers who know their subjects and want you to go further. Lessons encourage you to question, discuss, research independently and apply what you learn. Some teachers also work as examiners, bringing valuable insight into examination requirements and feedback.

We help you build the habits that make success possible: critical thinking, effective revision, resilience, independent study and confidence in tackling challenging ideas. Learning Conferences give you focused time to develop these skills alongside your subject teaching.



**Grades A*–B
or equivalent**

60%

**Grades A*–C
or equivalent**

84%

**Students retained from
the start of Year 12 to the
end of Year 13**

96%

**Average A
Level grade**

B

**Average T
Level grade**

Merit +
Equivalent to B+

**T Level students
attaining Distinction
to Merit grades**

100%

**T Level students
progressing to university,
employment or
apprenticeships**

100%



Choose the pathway that fits you

There is more than one route to an ambitious future. At Ursuline, you can choose from A Levels and T Levels, with guidance to help you select the right combination for your interests and plans.

Our consortium with **Wimbledon College** gives students access to a wider choice of subjects across the two schools. Studying across both sites also helps you meet new people and become part of a broader sixth form community.



A Levels

A Levels let you explore subjects in depth and prepare for a wide range of university courses and other next steps. We offer a wide range of courses in partnership with Wimbledon College.

T Levels

T Levels are two-year technical qualifications equivalent in size to three A Levels. Developed with employers, they combine classroom learning with an industry placement and can lead to employment, an apprenticeship or further and higher education.

Students spend approximately **80% of their time in the classroom and 20% on placement**, equivalent to 315 hours in a real workplace.

Our T Level pathways include Business; Digital Software Development; and Health and Nursing. You will build practical knowledge and skills in your chosen field, from business management and digital development to healthcare.

We also encourage wider reading, academic challenge and preparation for competitive applications, including Oxbridge.

Explore the full Course Guide for current subjects, entry requirements and course details.

Space to study, space to belong

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Sixth form brings a new level of independence, and you will have places designed for the different parts of your day.

Facilities

Year 12 and Year 13 each have a dedicated independent learning centre, with wireless internet access. The Learning Resource Centre offers printing, magazines and a collection of more than 12,000 reference and fiction books.

You can bring a personal laptop for study whereas support with access to a school laptop is available through the Governors' Development Fund.



Specialist teaching spaces, newer T Level facilities and upgraded IT support practical and digital learning. There is room to take a break as well: sixth formers have a dedicated common room, two cafés, access to the main canteen and opportunities to use the gym.

The St Angela Arts Centre and student art gallery provide space to create, perform and celebrate students' work. Whether you need to concentrate alone, work with friends or catch up between lessons, sixth form life gives you space to do it.



More than lessons

Your timetable is only part of your sixth form experience. Year 12 enrichment activities help you try something new, develop useful skills and meet people beyond your classes. Some offer external accreditation.



You might take part in the Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award, Guardian Young Writers' Scheme, Covent Garden Business Challenge, Cricket Academy, sports leadership, choir, crochet, philosophy or projects with local primary schools.

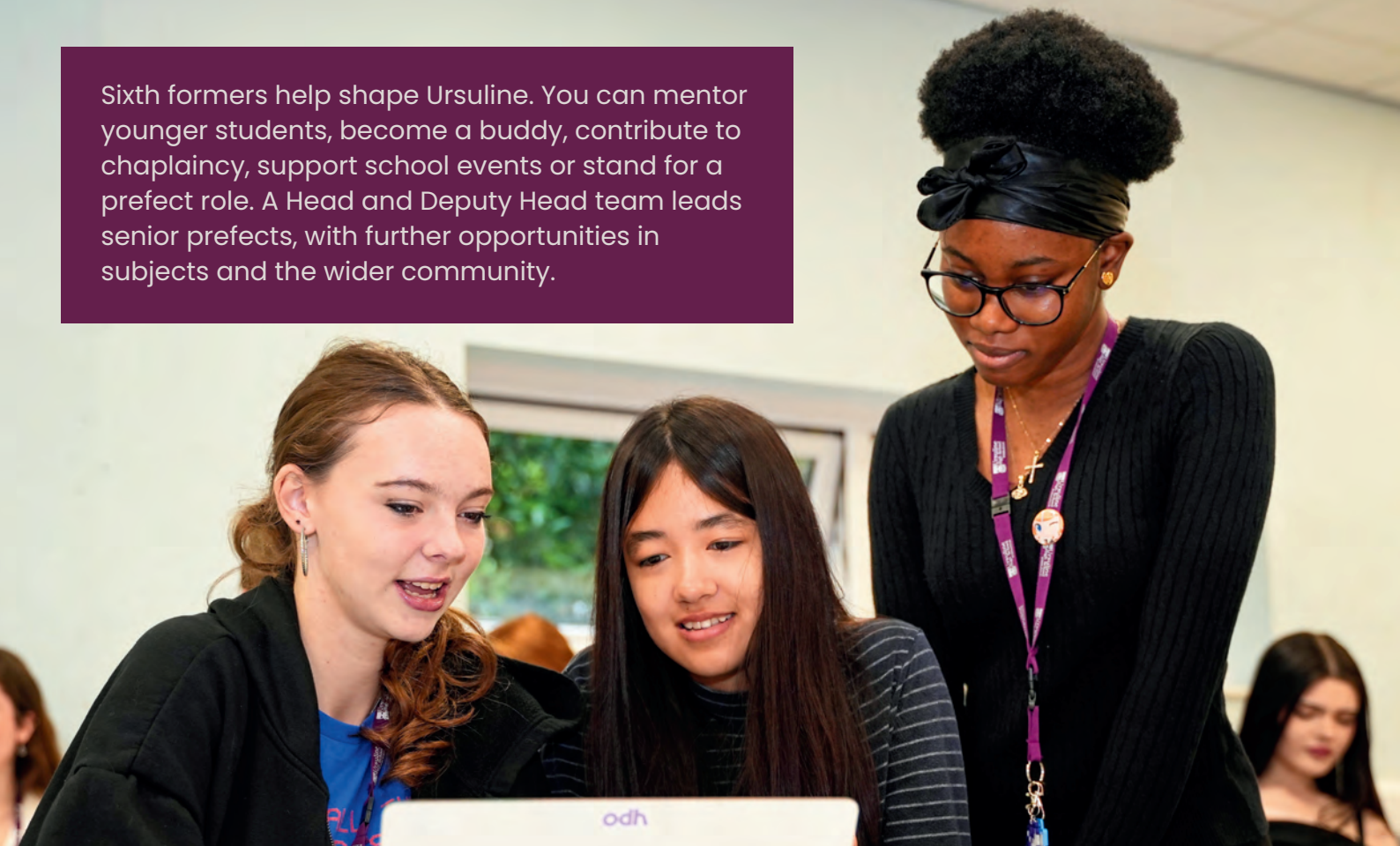
Student-run societies create space for debate, shared interests and new ideas. Examples have included Model UN and International Relations, Criminal Law and History, the African Caribbean Society, Arts and Fashion, Classical Civilisation, British Sign Language and a Multicultural Food Society.

Students organise events, invite speakers and help shape what happens next.

Learning also takes you beyond school. A BFI visit, subject trips, fieldwork, theatre visits and cultural experiences bring lessons to life. Opportunities have included trips to Barcelona and New York, as well as an exchange with an Ursuline school in Dallas.

Lead, contribute and grow

Sixth formers help shape Ursuline. You can mentor younger students, become a buddy, contribute to chaplaincy, support school events or stand for a prefect role. A Head and Deputy Head team leads senior prefects, with further opportunities in subjects and the wider community.



Students also help plan, present and run conferences. **Debating and Model United Nations** offer further chances to make your voice heard. You can get involved with **Wimbledon Bookfest, the Women of the Future Ambassadors Programme**, networking events, choir performances and sporting competitions.

Our partnership with **Surrey County Cricket Club** offers students high-quality cricket coaching and strength and conditioning alongside employability workshops. There are opportunities to explore careers within the club and work towards coaching, scoring and umpiring qualifications. You do not need to arrive as a confident leader.

Sixth form is a place to practise: to take responsibility, work with others and discover what you can do.



Support for the whole person

Ambition works best when you know whom to turn to. Your tutor meets with you regularly and supports your academic progress and personal wellbeing. Students can also access a counsellor and support from the school nurse.

Personal development

Our **Personal Development Programme** is delivered through assemblies and other activities led by staff and visiting speakers. It covers topics including mental health, personal and online safety, relationships and sexual health, student finance, university and apprenticeship applications, and interview skills. Ethos Day offers time to reflect on the values and responsibilities that shape our community.

If you need additional support with learning, social or emotional needs, or sensory or physical needs, our SENCO and learning support team work with teachers to understand what will help you succeed. Students can access support through the dedicated learning support centre.



Financial help may be available through the 16 to 19 Bursary Fund, including support towards books, materials, trips and sixth form events. Eligible students can also access free school meals. The school can explain the current criteria and application process.

We expect excellent attendance, punctuality and a professional approach to sixth form life. In return, we will support you as an individual, recognise your progress and help you prepare for what comes next.



Joining from another school? You will be welcomed through induction activities and support from staff and fellow students, helping you make connections and will quickly find your feet.

Plan your future

Your next step might be university, an apprenticeship, employment or another route. Our careers programme helps you investigate your options early and make an informed choice.

You can speak to a dedicated Sixth Form Careers Adviser, hear from alumnae and guest speakers, attend careers and UCAS fairs, and explore opportunities in the UK and abroad. Support covers university and college choices, apprenticeships, student finance, gap years, work, volunteering and travel. Unifrog, careers bulletins and university open days help you turn your research into a plan.

Our **Career Pathways day** begins the formal university application process in Year 12. Students explore course choices and receive support with their personal statements, including workshops delivered with university partners. Ursuline has worked closely with the Universities of Bath and Exeter on this preparation.

Specialist coordinators and advisers support students applying for Oxbridge, Medicine and Russell Group universities. The Oxbridge programme runs across Years 12 and 13 and includes workshops, masterclasses and skills sessions.



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Work Experience

Students are expected to seek work experience, shadowing, summer schools and research opportunities. Opportunities include King's College London K+, Sutton Trust programmes, In2scienceUK, Nuffield Research Placements, St George's Hospital healthcare shadowing, Queen Mary's Physics Academy and Step into STEM. Past placements have included BAE Systems, the UN Refugee Agency, the House of Commons and Berkeley Homes.



Where our students go

Destinations 2026

Our students progress to universities, apprenticeships and employment through both A Level and T Level pathways. The range of institutions and courses reflects the different ambitions students pursue here.

2026 Progression

49% of Year 13 leavers enrolled at Russell Group universities, and **55%** enrolled at Sutton Trust universities.

Students secured places at institutions including Oxford, UCL, Durham, Warwick, Bath, Manchester, Bristol, Exeter, Nottingham, York, Surrey and Leeds.

2026 courses — distinct subjects and course titles

Health, medicine, environment and life sciences:

Biochemistry; Biomedical Science; Biological Sciences; Children's Nursing; Diagnostic Radiography; Health Sciences; Human Neuroscience; Midwifery with Registered Midwife; Adult and Mental Health Nursing; Pharmacy; Psychology; Psychology and Sociology; Psychology with Sociology; Psychology with Criminology; Forensic Psychology; Criminology and Forensic Psychology; Psychology, Development and Development Disorders; Sport Psychology, Sustainable Built Environments, Energy and Resources; Environmental Biology; Geology; Zoology.

Computing and engineering:

Applied Software Engineering; Computer Science; Computer Science with Games Programming; Computing Science; Computing Science with a Foundation Year; Creative Computing; Game Design and Development; Mathematics and Computer Science; Mechanical Engineering and Automotive Engineering;

Health, medicine and life sciences:

Accounting and Finance; Actuarial Science; Business and Management; Business Management; Business Management with Law; Business Management with Finance; International Business; International Business Management; Economics; Economics and Finance; Marketing Management; Accounting, Business Finance and Management; Business Management and Human Resources.

Law, politics and society:

Anthropology; Criminal Justice and Criminology; Criminology; Criminology and Sociology; Criminology with Psychology; International Relations; Law; Law with Criminology; Law with American Studies; Law with Study Abroad; Politics and International Relations; Politics and Sociology; Philosophy and Theology; Sociology.

Arts, media, education and humanities:

Architecture; Communication and Media; Communication, Media and Culture; Culture, Criticism and Curation; Drama and Film Studies; English; English and Modern Languages; Fine Art Mixed Media; Film and Television Practice; Geography; History; History and Economics; History and Philosophy of Science; Media Communications; Modern Languages and Business; Primary Education; Urban Design, Planning and Development; Visual Merchandising.



2026 university destinations — distinct institutions

Aston University; Birkbeck, University of London; Birmingham City University; Bournemouth University; Brunel University of London; Cardiff University; City, University of London; Durham University; Goldsmiths, University of London; King's College London; Kingston University; Lancaster University; Liverpool John Moores University; London South Bank University; Loughborough University; Manchester Metropolitan University; Newcastle University; Nottingham Trent University; Oxford Brookes University; Queen Mary University of London; Royal Holloway, University of London; Sheffield Hallam University; St Mary's University, Twickenham; UCFB; UCL; University of the Arts London; University of Bath; University of Birmingham; University of Bristol; University of Chichester; University of Dundee; University of East Anglia; University of Exeter; University of Greenwich; University of Huddersfield; University of Kent; University of Leeds; University of Leicester; University of Liverpool; University of Manchester; University of Nottingham; University of Portsmouth; University of Reading; University of Roehampton; University of Sheffield; University of Southampton; University of Surrey; University of Sussex; University of Warwick; University of Westminster; University of York; and UWE Bristol.

Your next steps

Could Ursuline Sixth Form be the place for you?

Explore the courses, visit us and talk to our students and staff. Whether you already know your next destination or are still working it out, we would love to help you find your way forward.



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APPLICATIONS**



**COURSE
GUIDE**



**ADMISSIONS
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