

Year 10 Update

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Spring Term B 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

Year 10 have had another excellent half-term and I am thrilled to share their many highlights and accomplishments. Firstly, I am proud to say that all students continue to demonstrate their commitment to the school's ethos and live out the school's core values of generosity and kindness including their active participation in our Lenten Programme and the donation to the Wimbledon Foodbank, their Ash Wednesday service, the "digital detox" on 17th March and our Easter Liturgy. Thank you all for your support. I am thrilled to share that a new programme has been launched for Outstanding Attainers in Year 10, which aims to support them in their supra-curricular learning and help develop their critical thinking skills, and independent working, they recently had a great opportunity to develop these skills when invited to take part in a trip to hear Laura Bates talk at Marymount School. Laura Bates is the founder of the [Everyday Sexism Project](#) and prize-winning feminist author and speaker.

On Friday 24th February, some of Year 10 students had the opportunity to join Madame Mayor Joan Henry in the Council Chamber at the Civic Centre in Merton, to celebrate the World Day of Social Justice. This year's theme is 'Gender discrimination in the World'. The main goal of the World Day of Social Justice Celebration is to raise the awareness of the important topic of social Justice, and to bring together diverse communities around the world to eradicate Poverty, Gender, Physical discrimination, Illiteracy and Religious discrimination and create a society that is socially integrated.

There was excellent participation from Year 10 at this terms' two standout events- St Cecilia's Concert and Multicultural evening, which were very memorable and enjoyable nights for everyone involved. Thank you for taking part. This half-term also brought us the Jack Petchey "Speak Out" Challenge Regional Final on Tuesday 28 March, where Emma (10 Teresa) and Ezile (10 Ursula) were chosen to represent the school. The "Speak Out" Challenge reaches 27,000 students a year, helping young people learn to communicate more confidently. It also gives young people a platform to speak about issues which matter to them. Emma's speech, entitled "I wish I were a butterfly- the strength of perseverance" and Ezile's speech, entitled "Stammering" blew us all away. We would like to congratulate both students, I hope they are as proud of their achievement in being selected as I am of them.

Some of our Year 10s were invited to join the Year 12s for their conference on International Women's Day, on the theme of Equitable Leadership. The speakers were Dr Dona Reddiar (a research scientist who has worked in infectious diseases and stomach cancer research, and now leads on an internship programme for black ethnicity students), Sonya Barlow (founder of the careers network likeminded females, Radio host of the BBC Asian Network's The Everyday Hustle and best-selling author of "Unprepared to Entrepreneur"), and Lucy Kane (the owner and publisher of Time & Leisure magazine, the largest lifestyle magazine for SW London and Surrey). What a half-term it's been! We were pleased to see so many parents engaging in our Academic Review days as our term has come to an end, we hope you found them informative. We're excited about what's to come in Summer A, including the 132nd anniversary of the school, World Spanish Day, our Year 10 Learning Conference, and the Year 10 Chaplaincy Retreat to Desenzano House. I wish you and your families a healthy, happy, and blessed Easter, and look forward to welcoming students back on Monday 17th April.

Yours faithfully,

Ms Kearney Head of Year 10

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

Spring B Highlights

- Launch of the Outstanding Attainers Programme
- International Women's Day Conference
- Jack Petchey "Speak Out" Challenge Regional Finals
- Mayoral Conference at Townhall (left)
- Big Sister Scheme
- The start of Lent and Ramadan



Visit with Mayor of Merton

Students' Achievements

1 - Most Rewards:

1. Maja K (10)
2. Marianne R-A (10)
3. Sophie J (10)

Congratulations to **10M** who are currently leading the way with **989** Reward Points. Year 10 have received a total of **2282** rewards this half-term.

2 – Highest Attendance:

There are currently **14** students in Year 10 who have **100%** attendance. Please do keep up the good work!

Congratulations to **10T** who lead the way with **94.90%**!

3 – External Success:

- Congratulations to **Zoe (10C)** who competed in Eton Dorney at a duathlon race. Zoe was 3rd female overall in the super sprint distance. This was a pre-season warm up race before they start into GB youth super series
- Congratulations to **Larissa (10F)** who was named Cadet of the Year by 130 Company

If your daughter participates in sport or other activities outside of school do encourage her to let me know – I would love to celebrate their efforts!



Multicultural Evening

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Upcoming Events:

April

- 3rd – 14th April – Easter Holidays
- 17th April – Return to School: Start of Summer A Term
- 21st April – Earth Day
- TBC – Year 7 to 10 Tennis Festival at AELTC
- 22nd April – 132nd Anniversary of the School
- 24th April – Year 10 Maths and Careers Speaker Series
- 28th April – BFI MFL Trip



May

- 1st May – Closed for May Day
- 3rd May – Polish Constitutional Day
- 5th May – World Portuguese Language Day
- 8th May – Bank Holiday for King Charles III Coronation
- 10th May – Mental Health Awareness Week
- 18th May – Voluntary Mass for the Feast of the Ascension
- 23rd May – Parent's revision evening for internal exams
- 24th May – Year 9 – 11 Merton Girls Cricket; Morley Park
- 24th May – Year 10 GCSE Music Performing NEA Recording Session
- 25th May – Chaplaincy retreat to Desenzano House
- 29th May – 2nd June – Half Term

Looking Ahead

- 5th June – School Returns
- 5th June – World Environmental Day
- 9th June – Deadline for Year 10 Application to the Sixth Form
- 13th June – Trip to Buddhist Temple
- 19th – 28th June – Year 10 End of Year Exam Week
- 29th June – Year 10 visit to Jewish Synagogue
- 30th June – Sports Day
- 3rd July – Year 10 Taster Day for Sixth Form
- 4th July – Year 10 History trip to Imperial War Museum
- 6th July – Year 10 Serviam Assembly; Hall
- 12th July – Year 10 Parent's Evening; Hall
- 13th July – Year 10 Celebration; Hall
- 14th July – Sports Awards Dinner; Hall
- 17th July – Year 10 trip to Madrid
- 17th – 21st July – UHS Fest Week
- 21st July – 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.*

Wellbeing

Parental Workshops

- 15th June: KS4 & KS5 Relationships and Sexual Health Parental Workshop

The rising cost of living is well documented. The pressures on parents and families are at an all time high.

We urge all parents who have experienced any change of circumstance to check if they qualify for extra help from the government through the Free School Meals scheme. If your daughter qualifies then she will receive daily credit to her account for use in the school canteen.

In order to check if you qualify you must fill in an online application at:

<https://self.merton.gov.uk/service/Pupil Premium and Free School Meals application>

Additional Support



[Young Merton](#)

[Young Minds](#)

[Off The Record](#)

[Kooth](#)

[MindEd](#)

[e-wellbeing](#)

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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 find helpful

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

10 Angela – sulumentary.odhiambo@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk

10 Bernadette – lucy.collier@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk

10 Catherine – joshua.noone@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk

10 Francis – niall.carton@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk

10 Margaret – zoe.antell@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk

10 Teresa – ellen.byrne@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk

10 Ursula – mercedes.alvarez@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk

Head of Year (Ms Kearney) or Ms Brown (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.

seoighe.kearney@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk

sylvia.brown@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk

Ms Young and Ms Brown – Attendance and punctuality/lateness (please report student absence before 9.30am).

ITHelpdesk@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk – for IT/Weduc/progresso/laptop related enquires.

Subject specific enquiry – please contact the subject teacher, all staff contact details can be found on our Ursuline directory below.

[Staff Contact Details - Ursuline High School](#)

Kind regards,

Ms Kearney