

Year 10 Update

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Spring Term A 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

Year 10 have made excellent progress this half-term, committing themselves to outstanding academic success while living out Serviam in their day-to-day lives. The year group have documented a phenomenal 753 Serviam entries, characterised by a spirit of respect, trust and joy. On January 24th, Year 10 participated in the Feast of St Angela Mass at the Sacred Heart Church. The year group were exemplary, showing their reverence and commitment to the school's ethos,

On Wednesday 25th January Year 10 Population A took part in a careers event called "Capture the Flag" which teaches students how to think strategically and work as a team to solve an escape-room style puzzle. Luiz Simpson, the guest host, who also works as a cybersecurity expert, spoke to them about careers in the cybersecurity industry. On the same day, Population B took part in the Speak Out Challenge, which is run by the Speakers' Trust, set up by philanthropist Jack Petchy. Each class spent a day with a specialised trainer who helped them understand why public speaking is important and taught them how to be more confident in speaking before others. It was great to hear the 2-minute talks delivered at the end of the day, especially from students who had started out with some trepidation. The Challenge aims to help students grow in confidence in public speaking and to give young people a platform to speak up about issues that matter to them. The winning students from each class will now take part in the Regional Final later this term, where they will compete to get through to the National Final held in London in the Summer.

A group of Year 10 students went to King's University, Strand Campus in Central London where they proudly represented the school. The students had a campus tour, lectures from Business and Psychology lecturers at the University and had a Q&A with student ambassadors who were studying Medicine. Year 10 students also participated in a workshop for Six the Musical with the casting director of the show on the West End. The students learned about the stories of the wives of Henry VIII and why their stories have been ignored throughout history. The students then had an opportunity to see the musical itself in Vaudeville Theatre, London.

Year 10 students have also taken part in a wide variety of extra-curricular events. Zoe H (10C) was selected and represented the London inter regional Duathlon team. She has also been selected for the London Youth Academy Triathlon Squad for 2023 as a youth A female squad member. Zoe will participate in the super series for 2023. Ema K represents Tolworth Gymnastics Club and has competed in various competitions. She has even been to the Czech Republic to represent England.

We have lots to look forward to in the Spring B half-term, in addition to our Lent Programme, we have GCSE fieldtrips to Juniper Hall, Multicultural Evening, drop-in CV workshops and St Cecilia's Concert. Spring B Academic Review Day will also take place, offering students and parents/carers an invaluable opportunity to reflect on attendance, progress, enrichment, and attainment. Congratulations to Year 10 on an excellent half-term and as always, thank you for your continued support. Wishing you and your families a restful and happy half-term, and a joyous start to Lent. I look forward to welcoming students back on Tuesday February 21st.

Yours faithfully, **Ms Kearney Head of Year 10**

Students' Achievements

1 - Most Rewards:

1. **Briana S (10M)** – 64
2. **Christina S (10M)** – 61
3. **Olivia B (10T)** - 60

Congratulations to **10M** who are currently leading the way with **989** Reward Points. Year 10 have received a total of **5181** rewards this half-term

2 – Highest Attendance:

There are currently **20** students in Year 10 who have **100%** attendance. Please do keep up the good work!

Congratulations to **10 Catherine** who lead the way with 96.21%!

3 – External Success:

- Congratulations to **Eliza (10C)** who represented Ni Cholmain Dance Academy in the All-England Championships.
- Congratulations to **Nicole (10B)** who won a tennis competition with Wimbledon Tennis Club
- Congratulations to **Charlotte (10C)** who represented her club at the South of England, indoor championships

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!

Spring A Highlights

- Leading Form Prayer
- Intermediate Maths Challenge
- Capture the Flag Event
- Form Retreats
- Jack Petchy Speak Out Challenge
- New Laptop Distribution
- Feast of St Angela Mass
- Six the Musical
- King's University Trip



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

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Upcoming Events

February

- 20th – INSET Day
- 21st – Safer Internet Day
- 21st – Shrove Tuesday
- 21st – Start of Spring B Term
- 22nd Feb – 6th April: Lent
- 22nd – Ash Wednesday Service
- 23rd – Drop in CV Workshop in LRC

March

- 3rd – GCSE Fieldtrip to Juniper Hall
- 8th – Year 10 Sixth Form Transition Parents Evening
- 8th – International Women's Day
- 17th – St Patrick's Day
- 21st – GCSE Fieldtrip to Juniper Hall
- 21st – World poetry day
- 21st – Elimination of Racial Discrimination Day
- 23rd – Multicultural Evening
- 28th – National Caribbean Day
- 29th – Passion Service for Year 10
- 30th/31st – Academic Review Day
- 31st – Ski Trip to Austria

Looking Ahead

- 3rd – 14th April – Easter Holidays
- 17th April: Return to School: Start of Summer A Term
- 28th April – BFI MFL Trip
- 23rd May – Parent's revision evening for internal exams
- 25th May – Chaplaincy retreat to Desenzano House
- 13th June – Trip to Buddhist Temple
- 19th June – End of year exams begin
- 29th June – Year 10 visit to Jewish Synagogue
- 3rd July – Year 10 taster day for Sixth Form
- 12th July – Year 10 Parent's Evening
- 13th July – Year 10 Celebration
- 17th July – Year 10 trip to Madrid

**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](https://self.merton.gov.uk/service/Pupil%20Premium%20and%20Free%20School%20Meals%20application)

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