

# Year 11 Update



Autumn Term B 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

This half term has been dominated by the mock GCSEs and I'm delighted to share that the maturity, dedication and focus of the year 11s has been exceptional. Students have been punctual and well prepared to sit the exams and have kept their anxieties at bay after being well rehearsed from their Friday mocks. PSHEC lessons have supported their wellbeing and time management in preparation for revision, and Interventions have been well attended to support revision. I am very proud of the students, as should you be. Thanks to all of you for your ongoing support.

It's been great to see students continue to engage with extra-curricular and enrichment clubs. Students took part and won the Borough Netball competition and competed in Borough Basketball and Football too. It's also been brilliant to see some Year 11 students participating in the School Production 'A Christmas Carol', on and behind the stage, Anti-bullying week and the Christmas Carol Service. Students also experienced collaborative trips with our Sixth Formers to Get Up, Stand Up- Bob Marley musical, Model United Nations trip and our Politics and Inequality conference hosted at the school, more information about these can be found in our Inform newsletter released at the end of term.

As students look towards their next steps they continue to be guided with careers drop-in sessions throughout this half term, it's also a great time to let you know we have had 5 Sixth Form Oxbridge applicants and also held 141 sixth form interviews this half term- lovely to see so many students keen to join our Sixth Form!

Next term we look forward to Brown Envelope Day where students will be receiving their Mock results and full reports. Results, Reports, and 6<sup>th</sup> form Applications will be the focus for discussion at Parents Evening, to ensure all students are as best prepared and supported as possible.

We all pray that the Spirit of St Angela continues to watch over the students and their families while they continue to navigate their examinations year. Congratulations again, to all of Year 11.

Wishing you and your families a joyous Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

Yours faithfully

Ms Torode  
Head of Year 11

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

## Autumn Highlights

- SEND Coffee morning
- Borough Netball
- School production of a 'Christmas Carol'
- Christmas Tree Service
- Christmas present appeal



Christmas Carol Service!

## Students' Achievements

Check out our [student achievement](#) page for pics!

### 1 - Most Rewards:

- Anastasia I (11C)
- Cameron H-W (11A)
- Felicity A (11A)

Congratulations to **11B** who have received a total of **480** this half term.

### 2- Highest Attendance:

There are currently **21** students in Year 11 who have **100%** attendance.

Congratulations to **11U** who lead the way with **97.24%**

### 3 – External Success:

Well done to the Year 11 team for winning Borough Netball!



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

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## Upcoming Events

### January

- **3<sup>rd</sup> January** – Start of Spring A Term
- **6 January** – Brown Envelope Day
- **16<sup>th</sup> January** – Martin Luther King Day
- **19 January** – Parents Evening
- **23<sup>rd</sup> January** – Feast of St Angela
- **24 January** – Feast of St. Angela Mass
- **26 January** – KS4 Drug Awareness Parental Workshop
- **27 January** – Preparing for University Wimbledon Partnership Workshop
- **30<sup>th</sup> January** – Children's Mental Health Week

### February

- **1<sup>st</sup> February** – LGBT+ month
- **11<sup>th</sup> February** – Last Day of Term
- **21<sup>st</sup> February** – INSET Day
- **22<sup>nd</sup> February** – Start of Spring B Term

### Looking Ahead

- **15<sup>th</sup> May - 30<sup>th</sup> June** – Year 11 GCSE Exams

## Helpful links for health and wellbeing

- [www.talkofftherecord.org](http://www.talkofftherecord.org)
- [www.kooth.com](http://www.kooth.com)
- [wellbeing@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk](mailto:wellbeing@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk)

## Wellbeing

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)

**Education Wellbeing Service**  
Upcoming Events For Secondary Parents 2022/23  
Supporting your teenager's mental health webinars

- 22ND, 26TH OR 27TH SEPT** – Mental Health during the teenage years - an introduction and overview  
For year 7 & year 8 parents
- 9TH, 10TH OR 15TH NOV** – Supporting your teen through emotional storms - emotion regulation skills and strategies  
For all secondary school parents
- 26TH, 30TH OR 1ST JAN/FEB** – Understanding and supporting anxiety during the teenage years  
For all secondary parents
- 13TH, 16TH OR 17TH MAR** – Supporting and managing exam and assignment stress: top tips and ideas for parents  
For all secondary parents - year 11 and 13 focus
- 4TH, 9TH OR 11TH MAY** – Understanding and supporting teen sleep: an overview of the research and recommendations  
For all secondary parents

Scan QR code with your phone's camera to sign up for free via eventbrite or search [www.eventbrite.com/secondary-parents-the-wellbeing-ecosystem-2022](http://www.eventbrite.com/secondary-parents-the-wellbeing-ecosystem-2022)

We also provide free 1:1 early help support programmes for young people to support with anxiety or low mood. Speak to your school to find out more.

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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.

- 11 Angela – [rayife.atasoy@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk](mailto:rayife.atasoy@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk)
- 11 Bernadette – [anna.jackson@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk](mailto:anna.jackson@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk)
- 11 Catherine – [rosamund.hawkins@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk](mailto:rosamund.hawkins@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk)
- 11 Francis – [alexandra.henry@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk](mailto:alexandra.henry@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk)
- 11 Margaret – [melanie.guillet@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk](mailto:melanie.guillet@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk)
- 11 Teresa – [nerys.aberdeen@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk](mailto:nerys.aberdeen@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk)
- 11 Ursula – [carys.surbey@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk](mailto:carys.surbey@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk)

**Head of Year (Ms Torode) 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.

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

[ITHelpdesk@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk](mailto: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 Torode