

# Year 11 Update

Spring Term A 2023



## Dear Parents/Carers,

This half term has been a quick and intense one following on from the students receiving their December mock results. The results were some of the best we have seen and there were plenty of thrilled students with well-deserved smiles on Brown Envelope Day. Of course, there were a few disappointed students, but they have shown great resilience and determination to better those results over the term, through support from tutors and subject teachers. Intervention continues to thrive and be well attended to ensure that students are making their desired progress.

This half term has continued to inspire our students with their work experience preparation and their careers interviews. Our sixth form interviews have been a huge success and students have been inspired by current Year 12s and Mr Ryan during Thursday morning online assemblies. Looking ahead, students are busy applying for work experience across many sectors including hospitals, care homes and schools and they're all looking forward to the opportunity to engage in 'real life' experiences, once the exams are over towards the end of June and July.

Year 11s have continued to participate in competitive football, basketball and netball fixtures over the half term and we have launched the Yearbook Committee to capture and store some of the precious memories that students are making during their time here at the Ursuline. Students contributed beautifully to the St Angela Feast Day Mass with Year 12 and 13 at Sacred Heart Church and were lucky enough to listen to guest speaker, Mathematician Catherine Anthony, who spoke inspiringly about careers in STEM. We have also had students welcoming our guests to open the new T-Level building which many of the students will be using next year.

Lastly, we are delighted to share the news that Ms. Henry had a healthy baby. Of course, 11 Francis miss her, but they have warmly welcomed their new Tutor Miss Williams.

We hope that the students have a productive half term break filled with structured revision and well managed rest and fun, for the final straight.

Wishing you all a joyous start to Lent and thank you as always for your on-going support.

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](#)!*

## Spring Highlights

- St Angela Merici Feast Day and Mass at Sacred Heart Church
- Parents' Evening
- Welcoming Miss Williams as 11F new tutor.



Feast of St Angela Mass

## Students' Achievements

### 1 - Most Rewards:

- Alayna F (11C)
- Sofia D (11B)

Congratulations to **11B** who have received a total of **137** this half term.

### 2- Highest Attendance:

There are currently **34** students in Year 11 who have **100%** attendance.

Congratulations to **11U** who lead the way with **96.99%**

### 3 – External Success:

Well done to ball girls that have successfully reapplied to Wimbledon.



*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

### February

- 20<sup>th</sup> – INSET Day
- 21<sup>st</sup> – Shrove Tuesday
- 21<sup>st</sup> – Start of Spring B Term
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb – 6<sup>th</sup> April: Lent
- 22<sup>nd</sup> – Ash Wednesday Service



### Looking Ahead

- 8<sup>th</sup> – International Women's Day
- 17<sup>th</sup> – St Patrick's Day
- 21<sup>st</sup> – GCSE Fieldtrip to Juniper Hall
- 21<sup>st</sup> – World Poetry Day
- 21<sup>st</sup> – Elimination of Racial Discrimination Day
- 23<sup>rd</sup> – Multicultural Evening
- 28<sup>th</sup> – National Caribbean Day
- 29<sup>th</sup> – Passion Service for Year 11
- 30<sup>th</sup>/31<sup>st</sup> – Academic Review Day

### Looking Ahead

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

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

## 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)

## 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.

- 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 – [rachel.williams@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk](mailto:rachel.williams@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.

[anne-lise.torode@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk](mailto:anne-lise.torode@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk)

[sylvia.brown@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk](mailto: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](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