

Year 7 Update

Spring A Term 2023

See page 2 for a snapshot of upcoming events!



Dear Parents / Carers

We are delighted to update you on the Year 7 highlights and accomplishments for this half-term. Students have proudly lived out Serviam through various acts of kindness: As a year group we managed to donate a staggering 244 pre-loved books for Southmead Primary school, thank you Oliva (7B) for organising this charitable collection! With great pride, I have recognised students supporting one another when there have been train strikes and adapting their methods of travel to ensure their peers are not alone. Also, this half term everyone warmly welcomed Dominique (7F) to our Ursuline community, I am very proud to see many students helping her as she settles into school life!

Students continue to participate in the wider school life and opportunities we have to offer. The Christmas karaoke club was very well received, and a growing number of students have shown their commitment and enthusiasm in attending the Year 7 well-being club delivered by Rose and Carolina, our Year 12 students. Our Thursday afternoon homework club continues to run this Spring term; our Year 7s are enjoying working with the sixth formers to progress in their studies and have built very strong connections with one another. Congratulations to Raffaella, Willow, Shae-Kyiah, Alicia, Leia, and Veronica who won the Merton Borough Indoor Athletics games (see below)! And well done to our Year 7s who won the Borough benchball competition at the end of Autumn B! It has only been one term and it really is wonderful to see how well the Year 7s have transitioned to secondary school.

The Year 7 Commissioning Service was a real highlight this half-term, huge congratulations to the students who showed real bravery in their delivery of readings and speeches. On January 24th, Year 7 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. Year 7 have also enjoyed the various activities in place to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Week, in particular the menu change for the week in our school canteen proved to be successful.

We have lots to look forward to in the Spring B half-term, in addition to our Lent Programme, we have the St Cecilia concert, our much-loved Multicultural Evening, and a fantastic KS3 art exhibition in St Angela's. Spring B Academic Review Day will also take place, providing you with the opportunity to discuss your child's progress with their teachers.

Congratulations to Year 7 on an excellent half-term! 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 Pinto and Mr Dunne, Head of Year 7 and Assistant Head of Year 7

Spring A Highlights

- Commissioning service
- Launch of the Year 7 well-being club
- LGBTQI+ month celebrations
- Hispanic heritage week
- Growing popularity of homework club run by Year 12 sixth formers
- St Angela Mass



London Youth Games



Commissioning Service

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

Students' Achievements

Year 7 Total Rewards: 4499

1 - Most Rewards:

1. Isabella R
2. Megan GS
3. Sofia R
4. Olivia T
5. Amelia Z

The tutor group with the most rewards since September with **1,796** rewards overall is **7T!**

2 – Highest Attendance:

There are currently **42** students in Year 7 who have **100%** attendance!

The tutor group with the best attendance so far is **7F** – really well done!

3 – External Success:

- **Mia K** - came 1st in All England under 12s Irish dancing championships!
- **Lara Adams** – Performed ballet at the Church of The Holy Spirit in Clapham!
- **Isabella O** - is taking part in a singing competition on the 4th February as part of the London Youth Choir!
- **Eva Julietta W** – taking part in a swimming competition this weekend at the London Aquatic Centre – best swimming position is back stroke!
- **Sophii S** - won first place in the Tooting gymnastics tournament!

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.

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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 – Tower Bridge Maths challenge
- 28th – National Caribbean Day

March

- 2nd – KS3 Art exhibition, St Angela's
- 6th – Year 7 assessment week
- 8th – International Women's Day
- 14th – Reconciliation service
- 15th – St Cecilia's concert rehearsal
- 17th – St Patrick's day
- 17th – School council meeting
- 21st – Elimination of Racial Discrimination Day / World poetry day
- 23rd – Multicultural evening
- 29th – Passion service
- 30/31st – Academic Review Day

Looking Ahead

- 3rd – 14th April – Easter Holidays
- 17th April: Return to School: Start of Summer A Term

**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

- 8th June: KS3 Relationships & Healthy Lifestyles Parental Workshop
- 19th June: Parent Workshop to support parents of SEND students

Cost of living crisis: please use the link to check if you qualify for the governments Free School Meals scheme:

[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.

- 7 Angela – naen.park@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk
- 7 Bernadette – lanu.carvajal@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk
- 7 Catherine – jacqueline.clark@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk
- 7 Francis – laura.mchale@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk
- 7 Margaret – gabriela.gregory@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk
- 7 Teresa – georgina.kent@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk
- 7 Ursula – katharine.grandin@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk

Head of Year (Miss Pinto), Assistant Head of Year (Mr Dunne) or Ms Sawicka (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.

georgina.pinto@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk
magdalena.sawicka@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk

Ms Young and Ms Sawicka – 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](#)

Kindest regards,

Miss Pinto