

Year 9 Update

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a snapshot
of upcoming
events!



Spring Term A 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

As we approach the end of Spring A – the midpoint of the academic year – I am delighted to report that Year 9 have continued to demonstrate excellent commitment to their studies and to the school's core values, embodying Serviam in all areas of school life. This was particularly evident during Mass for the feast of St Angela Merici, which students attended at the Sacred Heart church on 24 January – a beautiful and uplifting occasion. Do encourage them to share the experience with you. I am proud to see that several Year 9 students have had their work published in the Young Writers 'Twisted Tales' anthology. Congratulations to Charlotte P and Gaia L, 9M; and Inez C, Sophia B, Eva F, Hiba U and Keira N in 9U for their excellent work.

Continuing their excellent dedication to extra-curricular activities, Year 9 students have again busied themselves with a range of clubs and activities (including outside of school). It is always a pleasure to hear and see students putting their gifts and talents to good use, and to developing their skills in leadership, teamwork, resilience, and more. Please do encourage and motivate your daughter to continue doing so, or to take up / try something new if they are not currently involved. As ever, if there is a club that they feel is missing, or which they would like to see offered, please do encourage them to get in touch.

On 17 January, Year 9 attended a learning conference with Mr Nichols where he explained the KS4 Pathway (GCSE) Options. Students were very attentive to the presentation and have now begun a time of discernment before submitting their options in March. They will have the opportunity to attend taster sessions on the 3rd March, which will help them in their decision making. Please do encourage your daughter to think carefully about their options and support them in making the decisions which are correct for them – as we know you will. Thank you to the many parents/carers who attended our parent/carer Options meeting, if anyone has any questions do please let us know.

As ever, there is lots to look forward to over the coming weeks as we move into Spring B, in addition to our Lent Programme, we have our St Cecilia concert, our much-loved Multicultural Evening, and a fantastic KS3 art exhibition in St Angela's. Year 9 are currently receiving a series of careers talks as part of their PSHEC curriculum – giving them an opportunity to think about their future career prospects through hearing from a range of speakers across numerous sectors. Year 9 Parents Evening will be taking place on 23 February in the school hall. This is an important diary date for all parents/carers and your opportunity to discuss your daughter's progress, and GCSE Options with her subject teachers. I will also be there, if you would like to meet with me as your daughter's Head of Year, please do get in touch.

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. Thank you as always for your continued support!

Yours faithfully,

Mr Roberts, Head of Year 9

Spring A Highlights

- **24 January – Mass for the Feast of St Angela** – Year 9 joined together with Year 10 to celebrate our school's Feast Day. A beautiful occasion.
- **Year 9 Conference (right)** – Students took part in a conference with St Philomena's, Carshalton.

Students' Achievements

1 - Most Rewards:

1. Sofiia T (9C) - 112
2. Hannah M (9M) - 96
3. Diane Malik (9C) - 95

Congratulations to **9 Catherine** - currently leading the way with **2120 Reward Points!**

2 – Highest Attendance:

There are currently **21** students in Year 9 who have **100%** attendance. Please do keep up the good work!

Congratulations to **9 Ursula** who lead the way with **96%** attendance!

If your daughter participates in sport or other activities outside of school, please do encourage her to let us know.

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



Feast of St Angela



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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.

9 Angela – poppy.rushforth@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk

9 Bernadette – ian.chiswa@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk

9 Catherine – agnieszka.ciechanowska@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk

9 Francis – laura.grant@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk / john.lester@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk

9 Margaret – rachel.oneill@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk

9 Teresa – jason.ching@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk

9 Ursula – serena.sidaway@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk

Head of Year (Mr Roberts) or Mrs McCourt (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.

james.roberts@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk

sarah.maccourt@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk

Ms Young and Mrs McCourt – 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,

Mr Roberts