



## Global Readers Launch



"It's really opened new reading opportunities for students of all years letting us explore the world through books-an exciting thought!"

**Year 10 Student**



On Friday 25th January Ursuline High School launched its **Global Reading Project** in the LRC organised in response to an increased demand by students for our LRC to stock a wider range of international writers. The event was coordinated by Ms Spencer (School Librarian) and Ms Byrne (KS3 English coordinator). The new collection of books was unveiled to form representatives by a host of junior librarians and sixth form students. These members of the **Global Reading Team** worked hard to get everything ready for the launch date and produced numerous colourful displays for their selected sub regions. After introductory talks from Ms Waters, Ursuline was pleased to welcome Fiona Razvi (Governor) who was the guest speaker at the

launch. Ms Razvi spoke passionately about the need to diversify our selected reading materials and the books from international writers which had had a profound impact on her. The LRC was very grateful for her kind donation of a selection of her favourite global reads including; **Love in the Time of Cholera** by Gabriel Garcia Marquez, **Small Island** by Andrea Levy, **Anna Karenina** by Leo Tolstoy, **The Good Immigrant** by Nikeshe Shukla and **1984** by George Orwell! By the end of the launch, many of the new books had already been checked out by eager students! The next stage of the project will be a revolving display in the LRC, with a focus on a new sub-region every month! A full list of the 'global reads' now available to students can be found on our school website.

### Why the need for a Global Reading Project?

Reading widely and diversely, exposes the reader to different worlds and cultures, introduces new perspectives and ways of looking at the world, in ways that films, television shows, and blog posts are simply unable to. It's also one way to increase the demand, and therefore the supply, of books by BAME authors or books that feature BAME protagonists! (Research undertaken at **London's University College** between 2006-2016 has shown that only 8% of young adult fiction books published in Britain were by authors of colour).





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## FEAST OF ST ANGELA

*Building Community*

Dear Parents and Friends,

'Be strong and courageous!' this is St Angela's message to students and staff this term. With the help of our friends, family community we can strive to be courageous in making difficult decisions. Our Lent theme is Building Community.

Our school is supporting an Ursuline school in the Democratic Republic of the Congo following in our traditions- so supporting girls education in Nigeria and Sudan. We are raising funds for sewing machines so girls will have a skill to make a living. It seems so far away from the many aspirations we would want for their futures. Our community is truly global and we want to be bound to one another by the bond of love, respecting each other and helping each other in the spirit of Serviam.

Please encourage your daughters this Lent to be full of gratitude for the opportunities open to them but also to help raise funds for their Ursuline sisters education.

Best wishes

*Julia Waters*

Julia Waters BSc (Hons) MA  
Headteacher



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## Fast Talking Time!



Year 9 had a very insightful **Career Networking** event on *5th February*! Many thanks to all 30 employees for giving up their valuable time to motivate our students through giving them an understanding of the relevance of what they learn at school to their future success.



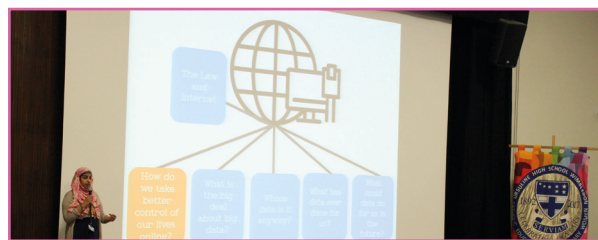
The objective of the day was to give our Year 9 students the chance to meet and interview adults from a variety of businesses and organisations. We really appreciate all the time these employees gave today supporting our students learning about the world of work.

## Positive State Of Mind!



We are pleased to be part of 370 schools taking part in the government's largest ever mental health trial to investigate the best methods of promoting mental health and well-being of students in our care. As part of the trial we welcome our **Education Mental Health Practitioners**; Aaliyah, Caroline & Catalina!

# Staying Safe Online!



**"(UHS) takes the \*whole\* computing curriculum seriously - always impressed by their responsible attitude & innovations." Parent**

4th-7th February was **Safer Internet Week**! Various activities took place including assemblies held by our Head of Digital Learning; Mrs Bhayat and our Safer Schools Police Officer; Mr Gunn on 'Data and Consent' and 'The Law and the Internet'. 'Jargon buster' worksheets were sent home to parents in Year 7-9 to help advise safe internet use.

See the school website for more details!

## Microsoft School



We are pleased to announce Ursuline High School as an certified **Microsoft School**. We have received this recognition for beginning the journey to whole school transformation to improve teaching and learning. Additionally congratulations to Mrs Bhayat who is now a **MIE (Microsoft Innovative Educator) Expert** for 2018-19!

## Those In Need..



An ambassador from First Give attend UHS to launch the 2019 **Philanthropy Project** to Year 9 this term! Students were introduced to the project and given examples of social issues faced within the area prior to the choosing of their charities!

## Other News...

LunchN'Learn Career Talks, St Angela Feast Day, Digital Literacy at UHS, Year 8 Desenzano Retreat, Safer Internet Top Tips, Generations Together Forum, BTEC Business 'Sustainable Foods' Event with Year 7, World Book Day Launch, BTEC Students 'Grow Your Own' Lesson With Year 7, Year 12 Eucharistic Minister Commissioning & Year 8 Taster Day!

See our school website for more details!



# Year 10 "Speak Out"



In January, Year 10 students participated in the worlds biggest speaking event; the **Jack Petchey "Speak Out" Challenge** in association with the **Speakers Trust** designed to increase the skills and confidence of young people and a desire to pursue public speaking. Students worked with Petchey ambassadors to pinpoint issues important to them and create speeches around them.

8 students made it through to the semi finals in February with insight topics including 'Why positive mental health is important', 'The dangers of labelling people', 'The single parent stereotype', 'What's wrong with teenagers today?', 'Using social media safely'. We look forward to being the host school for this years **Merton Regional Final 2018-19** on **Tuesday 19th March**. The best of luck to all speakers taking part! The "Speak Out" finalists representing UHS will be announced after half term!

## Train To Teach!

Thinking of becoming a teacher? Come to our **Train to Teach Open Evening**  
Ursuline High School, Wimbledon.  
Wednesday March 27th 2019, 5.30 - 8pm

Teach Wimbledon in partnership with the University of Roehampton is hosting a multi-provider Train to Teach open evening in Wimbledon on March 27th. A wide variety of teacher training providers - universities and school alliances - will be exhibiting and offering one-to-one advice about their primary and secondary PGCE courses. If you have questions about the best route into teaching, your eligibility or any aspect of the application process this is an ideal opportunity to get professional advice. Ursuline High School is a 10-minute walk from Raynes Park station, or there is free parking at the school.

To book your place at the event please visit [www.roehampton.ac.uk/train toteach](http://www.roehampton.ac.uk/train toteach)  
We look forward to seeing you there.

The University of Roehampton has been at the forefront of teacher education for 178 years and is one of the biggest providers of teacher education in the UK. Teach Wimbledon offers School Direct PGCE training, in partnership with Roehampton, at 16 primary and secondary schools in the London Borough of Merton.

**University of Roehampton**

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**Ri** The Royal Institution  
Science Lives Here



Faraday, Marconi, Curie, Davy, JJ Thompson...the leading scientists who have unveiled their discoveries at the world famous **Royal Institution** in central London, are just too numerous to mention. This year is the Ri's **200th anniversary** and they have a packed programme of science-based activities for all ages, to help support your children's interest in science. Their Spring programme is in full swing, with evening talks on subjects ranging from our universe to the future of cryptocurrencies. The adult talks are suitable for older children and there are plenty of family activities for younger ages. Visit [rigb.org](http://rigb.org) for their full programme, including their **Easter holiday workshops** on maths, engineering and computer science.



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## Good Time To Be A Girl...?



**"Take it one step at a time, build confidence...ASK for an opportunity- it's not pushy!"**  
**Dame Helena Morrissey**

Dame Helena Morrissey, (Personal Investor at LGIM, founder of the **30% Club**, Chair of **The Diversity Project**, Mother of 9 and now Author) was very generous in giving up her time to inspire and advise Year 12 in a fantastic **careers session** on **Tuesday 15th January**! On the 'key' to being successful Dame Helena commented... *"Sometimes it's ok to take chances and leap before you look.. be yourself and don't conform to the status quo..."* Dame Helena also kindly gave students free copies of her new book **'A Good Time to be a Girl!'**

## Let's Talk!



Congratulations to our new **Head Girl Team**; **Lillie, Alice & Renoshn!**  
These three are certainly not short of good ideas, on the 8th February they pitched the idea of **'mindfulness registrations'** to staff. Students in Year 7-10 will be taking part in activities such as meditation during form times - a fantastic idea in light of Children's Mental Health Week (4-10 February)!

## Arts Award!



The **Arts Award** students showcased their hard work and creativity on **Friday 18th January** as part of their practical Arts challenge. The students have been working on individual projects which display their strengths and express their creative identity through various media and processes. The students explored techniques such as mono printing, mixed media work, natural form installations, painting, drawing, photography and film.

## NHS to UHS



Many thanks to our NHS Panel, **Dr Marion Norbrook**, **Dr Caroline Richardson**, **Uche Okwulu**; Nurse, **Krista Burslam**; E-Consult Advisor and **Dan Yugin**; Paramedic who gave up their time to advise Year 12's on careers in healthcare!





## Fantastic Futsal Fun!



Great work from our Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9 Indoor Futsal Teams with their respective 3rd, 4th & 2nd places in the **AFC Wimbledon Foundation Girls' Futsal Competitions**. A brilliant way to finish the half term!

## Athletics Merton Champs



Proud to announce that the **Year 8 indoor athletes** won the **Merton Schools Sports Partnership** competition hosted by **Harris Academy Merton** on 18th January!

The team went on to compete at the **London Youth Games** on 13th February at **Crystal Palace Sports Centre** but unfortunately despite a great effort did not make the Final. We came 4th in both Year 7 and Year 8!

Well done for all your hard work and perseverance team!

## Wimbledon Ball Girls



A final recap and practice session for the Ball Girls prior to them going off to **Wimbledon tennis** this term!

Students trialled earlier this term & 6 got through for training. Congratulations to Anna, Esme, Eva, Grace, Niamh & Niamh (Yr9). We have 8 more girls going back for retrial in March!

Best of luck to all involved in this years selection process!

## Skater Girls!



Unimpressed with skateboarding still broadly viewed as a 'male sport'.. The P.E Dept were excited to announce a **Skateboarding Club** 'taster session' on **Friday 8th February** in collaboration with **Urban Studio Sessions** to gauge interest from students. Skate Club officially starts after half term every **Wednesday**- this club will be sure to fill up fast!

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Mon 25th Feb	<b>SCHOOL RETURNS</b> INSET DAY at Wimbledon College Yr12 Mock Exams; Gym Yr13 Mock Exams; Gym
(Until Weds 6th March)	
Tues 26th Feb (8.45-10.30am)	Yr12 Careers Research Morning Yr12 Parents' Higher Education Evening; USFC
Weds 27th Feb (4.00-6.30pm)	Yr12 Mock Exams; Gym Yr9 Parents' Evening
Thurs 28th Feb (Until Fri 1st March)	Yr9 Residential Retreat to Desenzano House, Ilford
Fri 1st March (All Day)	Apprenticeship Week First Give Philanthropy with Charities; Classrooms
(10.30-10.55am)	UPA Doughnut Day; Foyer
(8.35-9.00am)	
Tues 5th Mar (8.45-10.30am)	Yr7 Apprenticeships Presentation Yr12 Careers Research Morning Shrove Tuesday Pancake Sale Start of Lent
Weds 6th Mar (See Chaplaincy)	Ash Wednesday Services; Chapel
Thurs 07th Mar (All Day)	World Book Day Yr9 History Trip to London
(3.30pm)	GCSE & A Level Theatre Studies Trip to the Globe Theatre
Fri 8th Mar	International Womens Day Yr9 Digigirlz Trip
Mon 11th Mar (All Week)	British Science Week
(10.55am-12.40pm)	Yr11 Learning Conference; Hall
(All Day)	Yr7 Science Week Activity; Hall St Cecilia Concert Rehearsal; Hall
Weds 13th Mar (7.30pm)	Yr8 Science Week Activity; Hall St Cecilia Concert; Hall
Thurs 14th Mar (Various Times: See Chaplaincy)	Yr9 Science Week Activity; Hall Reconciliation Services; Chapel
Mon 18th Mar	Yr9 & 10 Therapy & Challenge Week National Child Exploitation Awareness Day
Tues 19th Mar (8.45-10.30am)	Yr12 & 13 Drug Awareness Conference; Hall
Weds 20th Mar (All Day)	Yr12 English Language Trip to Guardian Education Centre
Weds 21st Mar (8.45-9.35am)	Yr8 Careers Panel: Arts; Hall
Fri 22nd Mar (2.00-3.00pm)	School Council Meeting; SFCR
(6.00-10.00pm)	UPA Movie Night
Mon 25th Mar	GCSE Language Day
Weds 27th Mar (10.55-12.40pm)	Yr9 Learning Conference
(5.00-8.00pm)	Train To Teach Event; UHS
(6.00-9.00pm)	A Level Drama Performance Exam
Thurs 28th Mar (1.00-7.00pm)	A Level Physics Trip to CERN; Yr9 & 10 French Exchange with Largete School
(Until Weds 3rd April)	
(7.00-9.00pm)	Multicultural Evening
Tues 2nd Apr (8.45-9.40am)	Yr12 Careers Talk; Psychology/Law
(9.40-10.30am)	Yr13 Careers Talk; Psychology/Law
Weds 3rd Apr (All Day)	STEM Challenge Final; Hall
(1.25-3.10pm)	Academic Review Day for Yr7-10
(4.00-6.30pm)	Yr12 Parents' Evening; WC
Thurs 4th Apr (All Day)	Academic Review Day for Yr7-10 Yr12 & 13 Faith Development Day UPA 'Nearly New' Uniform Sale
(9.00am-3.00pm)	
Fri 5th Apr (Various Times: See Chaplaincy)	<b>END OF TERM</b> Passion Services Ski Trip to Italy Departs
(12.40pm)	
Mon 8th- Mon 22nd Apr	<b>EASTER HOLIDAYS</b>
Sat 13th April	Italy Ski Trip Returns
Fri 19th April	Good Friday
Sun 21st Apr	Easter Sunday
Mon 22nd Apr	Easter Monday
Tues 23rd Apr	<b>INSET DAY</b> (Yr12 Lessons at WC)
Weds 24th Apr	<b>SCHOOL RETURNS</b>