



UHS Opens Playing Fields



“Until there is equality in sport... men and women can never be truly equal..”

Clare Balding CBE

On Friday 8th September, our brand new Ursuline High School Pavilion and Playing Fields were officially opened at Morley Park.

As we have been without playing fields for many years, this project was much anticipated, and is monumental in both in the history of the school and in extending sporting provision for our girls. Prior to the opening, we held our first official sporting event, a football match against St Philomena's (in which we won 7-0).

We were privileged to share the occasion with many, including staff, a selection of excited students, our MP Siobhan McDonough, and Chairman of Berkeley

Homes Tony Pidley, to name a just a few. But the highlight for all, was having presenter, writer and broadcaster Clare Balding OBE in attendance. Currently presenting on channels such as BBC Sport, BT Sport and the spiritual programme Good Morning Sunday on BBC Radio 2, Clare certainly embodies many attributes vital to the success of women in the world of work! With such a wealth of experience in the sporting realm, Clare provided a great example to our girls of the 'power of women in sport'!

During her speech, Clare spoke about how far women's sport has come in the last few years, but also reminding us

there was a great deal still to be done, stating... *“Until there is equality in sport... men and women can never be truly equal.”* We couldn't agree more Clare!

We would like to thank the following for their support with this project- we couldn't have done it without you! Berkeley Homes, Merton Council, Councillor Andrew Judge, Siobhain McDonagh MP, local residents of the Morley Park area and of course Clare Balding!



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Dear Parents and Friends



Happy Feast of St Ursula! This week we have been celebrating mass and remembering two prominent black women saints as part of Black History Month; St Josephine Bakhita and St Monica of Hippo two strong and resilient women who were determined to live out gospel values.

We have enjoyed a fruitful term; welcoming new students and staff and supporting them into their new routines. Our new chaplain Ms Murphy enjoyed great applause in her induction. It's exciting to have her moving the chaplaincy forward with new initiatives such as the Young St Vincent de Paul group.

We have welcomed a number of good friends this term, Ursuline students and staff from Largente in Bayonne on our French exchange and also alumnae who inspired Year 11 in their latest Careers event.

Thank you for supporting all the information evenings, Academic Review Day, visits, trips and residentials this term. It makes a real difference to your daughter's education.

I wish you and your families a relaxing half term break.

Best wishes

Julia Waters

Julia Waters BSc (Hons) MA
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French Visitors



We had the pleasure of partaking in a French exchange hosting **Largente School, Bayonne** for a week during October. Families of staff and students have kindly hosted our guests in their homes and made them feel very welcome. Largente students had the opportunity to visit *Windsor Castle* in addition many London attractions. We look forward to the return trip with our students next term!

Tale As Old As Time!



We are delighted that this years school production in collaboration with *Wimbledon College* has been announced as **Beauty and the Beast**. Auditions have been held and rehearsals are now underway. We can't wait to give you a sneak peak of the costumes! The show will be performed on **Friday 8th December** in the school hall. Information regarding purchasing tickets will be available in due course!

My Future.. Conference

"Mornings like this are so important for Year 11 students because it show us our possibilities are endless" **Student**



We were very proud to host our **My Future... Conference** to enable Year 11 students before their GCSE exams to connect their learning in school with success in their future. Students spent time understanding how many opportunities there are for them in the world beyond school, hearing about the careers of over 100 Alumnae who are achieving in all areas of the working world and spending time considering their own skills and qualities and what they would like to do in the future.

"It is great to have time to think deeply about our future and support our decisions and learn about the careers of alumnae from our school" **Student**

Students heard from Ursuline Alumnae; **Jennifer Anafi-Acquah**, Science Researcher at *Oxford Scientific Films*, **Rose Steerwood**, National Account Executive at *COTY*, **Polly Billington**, CEO UK100 *Environmental Network* and **Devina Paul**, Partner *Galvanise Technology Start Up Consultancy*. Speakers also included **Emma Bucknall**, London Office Manager at *Dropbox* and **Aisling Ledwith**, Ask Project Co-ordinator at *Education and Employers*. Students were hugely engaged throughout the morning and their own personal manifestos for the future, setting out how the actions they can take now to achieve success in their future.

Bookfest!



The Bluedog event was a fantastic event..we even each got a signed book at the end. it was a truly thrilling experience and I thoroughly enjoyed myself! Student

As with every year students had a brilliant time at **Bookfest**- attending a number of different talk throughout, students highly commended in the **Bookfest Writing Competition**, **Sofia**, **Francesca**, **Alanna**, **Olivia**, **Mia**, and **Erin** were invited to attend a special event on the **9th October**.

Two of our Year 8 students **Eliza** and **Grace** also had the opportunity to perform the song 'Read All About It' by **Emeli Sande**- a wonderful privilege.

This year **Bookfest** also kindly offered our Year 12s the opportunity to visit a number of their talks for free. This was a superb opportunity for the students to broaden their horizons and our students took the opportunity with both hands; students attended a range of insightful talks from 'Black Britain: Black Tudors' to 'Incomplete Shakespeare' to 'Science, what's next?'. The students have really enjoyed having this opportunity and we thank **Bookfest** for their generosity.

Year 13 Celebrate!



Our new Year 13's enjoyed as evening of celebration with their peers, staff and parents'/carers' yesterday evening as numerous awards were presented. **Ms McDonnell**, Head of Year 13 commended all on their tremendous work ethic throughout Year 12, dedication to revision sessions and continuing to live our 'serviam values' by supporting and participating in the many charity events we run/contribute to. Students received '**Passion Awards**' and '**Attainment Awards**' across all subjects, presented to them by **Mr Barton** and our guest **Nusrath Hassan**.

Nusrath then spoke to students about the opportunities awaiting them all beyond school and the importance of putting your values into action wherever your journey from school takes you. She spoke inspirationally about the need to have the confidence to demand equality and to be proud of yourself in all you do. Many thanks to Nusrath for taking the time to attend!

Charity Run



The Ursuline High School had excellent representation at this Year's **Simplyhealth Great North Run** in **Newcastle**. **Grace** (Year 10) and **Eliza** (Year 8) both completed the **Junior Great North Run** over 4K on the Saturday as part of the **City Games festival** held in conjunction with the main event. The PE Department's **Mrs Corrigan** then joined them on the Sunday in completing the **Half Marathon Great North Run** itself.

Polish Ursuline Sisters



On Tuesday 26th September we had the pleasure of hosting **Polish Sisters** and **Sr Alice Montgomery** here at the school. We shared with the sisters the ethos of the school and it's core values of 'serviam'. The sisters had a tour of the school, meeting some of its students along the way and also had the opportunity to meet our school Chaplain **Ms Murphy**, and hear about the various work she does with all of our students- so that they may put their faith into action! The sisters were presented with tokens of our special 125 medallions upon their departure!

We thank them for their visit and hope to see them again in the near future!

Liddington 2017

Y7 enjoyed their transition residential trip this week, travelling to a **PGL centre** in **Liddington** to work on team work skills and resilience, all while getting to know each other better. 203 students accompanied by 16 staff spent three days, two nights climbing, raft building and completing the vertical challenge and we returned exhausted, but pleased with our achievements. Highlights included the giant swing and the disco, where our students surprised all with their energy levels and positivity.

Particularly impressive was the way our girls looked after each other, encouraging those who lost their nerve at great heights, or who hadn't tried the activities before. Everyone gave their best and staff were really proud of their attitude and perseverance. Those who suffered from homesickness pushed themselves to be brave and they soldiered on. I know the girls all grew in confidence over the three days.

A fab trip!





netball tennis football athletics
 rock climbing cross country
 trampolining basketball hockey
 dance duke of edinburgh award
 wimbledon ball girls cycling

housepoints

● CATHERINE	1st
● MARGARET	2nd
● FRANCIS	3rd
● ANGELA	4th
● TERESA	5th
● BERNADETTE	6th
● URSULA	7th

Girls Go Gold Conference



"There is something in it not being socially acceptable to be hot and sweaty. Social media plays a huge part in the way some girls feel. Some messages are really positive saying... but there are also a lot of pictures of people which are unrealistic and makes girls feel really bad about themselves."

Double Olympic champion Helen Glover on girls dropping sport

We had a fantastic time at the **Girls Go Gold conference** at **Wimbledon High School**. Where ourselves and **Ricards Lodge** joint 30 other schools from the **Girls' School Association**, alongside rower and former footballer **Helen Glover** and footballer **Frank Lampard** who are passionate about inspiring the next generation of sports women!

Black History Month



Students visited **Wimbledon** to receive a talk on *History of Tennis* with a focus on black players and champions as part of **Black History Month!** History and sport combo!

Fantastique!



Congratulations to **Ursula** for fantastic medal wins at the **Gymnastique Magique!** What an achievement!

DofE Begins!



DofE is well underway. Above students preparing for their silver expedition to the **South Downs!**

Netball



UHS first entry into **Surrey Schools Netball championship**. Well done girls!

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Mon 30th Oct	SCHOOL RETURNS No lessons at Wimbledon College due to INSET DAY
Tues 31st Oct (3.20-4.15pm)	Yr 12 Oxbridge Preparation
Weds 1st Nov (12.30-1.00pm) (7.00-8.00pm)	All Saints Day Mass, <i>Chapel</i> Stretch Launch Evening, <i>Hall</i>
Thurs 2nd Nov	Yr 13 Academic Review Day
Tues 7th Nov (10.55-12.40pm) (7.00-8.00pm)	Yr 10 Learning Conference Yr 7 Commissioning, <i>Hall</i>
Weds 8th Nov (12.40pm) (5.00-8.00pm)	Early Closure Sixth Form Open Evening
Thurs 9th Nov (6.00-7.00pm)	Yr 10 GCSE Drama Devised Performance
Fri 10th Nov (12.30-1.15pm) (7.00-11.00pm)	Yr 12 Covent Garden Challenge Remembrance Service, <i>Chapel</i> UPA Quiz Night
Tues 14th Nov (12.30-1.15pm)	Year 12/13 Head Girl Hustings, <i>Hall</i> Student Leaders Training Session, (Session 3), <i>USFC</i>
Weds 15th Nov (12.30-1.15pm)	Year 9 Learning Conference, <i>Hall</i>
Thurs 16th Nov (1.30-3.10pm)	Generations Questions Together at <i>Wimbledon College</i> Year 12 Conference 'Creating a Moral Society' Teach Wimbledon Open Day
Fri 17th Nov	Year 12 Covent Garden Challenge with Primary Schools, <i>Hall</i> (All Day)
Tues 21st Nov (8.45am-2.00pm) (3.20-4.15pm)	Year 7 Visit from St Angela's Forest Gate, <i>Hall</i> Year 12 Oxbridge Preparation
Weds 22nd Nov (3.30-5.00pm)	Big Sing Liturgy Event for Year 7 Year 12 Covent Garden Challenge Final, <i>Hall</i> KS3 Artist Workshop
Thurs 23rd Nov (7.00-9.00pm)	INSET DAY Mental Health Awareness Evening, <i>USFC</i>
Fri 24th Nov	INSET DAY
Mon 27th Nov	Head Girl Interviews Sixth Form Societies Week
Tues 28th Nov	Year 7 Advent Services (All Week)
Friday 1st Nov (3.20-4.15pm) (10.55am-12.40pm)	Year 12 Oxbridge Preparation Year 9 Christmas Fair, <i>Dining Hall</i>
Mon 4th Dec (2.00pm)	School Council Meeting
Tues 5th Dec	Year 7 Advent Services (All Week)
Fri 8th Dec (10.55am-12.40pm) (7.30-10.30pm)	Year 8 Christmas Fair, <i>Dining Hall</i> Beauty and the Beast School Production, <i>Hall</i>
Mon 11th Dec	Year 9 Advent Services (All Week)
Tues 12th Dec (8.45-10.30am)	Year 12 & 13 Christmas Fair, <i>Dining Hall</i> Beijing Meeting, <i>USFC</i> Christmas Lunch
Weds 13th Dec (7.00-8.00pm)	Year 7 Christmas Fair, <i>Dining Hall</i>
Thurs 14th Dec (12.30-2.00pm)	Joint Christmas Carol Service with WC, <i>Sacred Heart Church</i>
Fri 15th Dec (10.55-12.40pm)	Year 12 Oxbridge Preparation
Mon 18th Dec (8.00-9.00pm)	GCSE Music Concert Christmas Assemblies
Mon 19th Dec (3.20-4.15pm)	Year 7 & 9
Weds 20th Dec (7.30-9.30pm)	Year 12 & 13
Thurs 21st Dec (9.40am) (10.55am) (11.50am) (12.40pm)	Year 9 & 10 School closes for Christmas
Mon 8th Jan	SCHOOL RETURNS