



## Agents of Change in the World!



“No- one puts their child in a boat unless the water is safer than the land.”

STAND TOGETHER  
AND LOVE ONE ANOTHER

“I learnt that sharing what you have with others can be very fun and is really important.” **Year 8 Student**

“I enjoyed the fundraising, doing cake sales and lemonade stands to connect with the community and make money for our charity.” **Year 8 Student**



 **First Give**

Year 8 were really pleased to be able to participate in our **philanthropy project** this year, in association with social action charity **First Give**- who provided remote support and guidance sessions. As is usual Year 8 further learnt about local social issues within the community and were then posed the challenge of choosing a local charity to represent.

Students then virtually met with their chosen charities (**Angela: [Refuge](#), Bernadette: [The Salvation Army](#), Catherine: [Lives Not Knives](#), Francis: [STEM 4](#), Margaret: [Refugee Action](#), Teresa: [Jigsaw4U](#) and Ursula: [STEM 4](#)) to learn more about their work and figure out the best way to go about planning activities in order to support them. Students raised money in a variety of**

ways including; sponsored runs, bake sales, lolly sales, raffles, making goodie bags and offering car washes. The overall amount raised for student charities across the project equals **£4677**- an amazing effort, well done all!

The virtual Philanthropy Final was held on *Friday 16th July*. Congratulations to winners 8 Francis who's who won £1000 for their chosen charity; STEM4 (working to support teenage mental health), with 8 Angela receiving a special commendation for their work with chosen charity Refuge (working with those suffering domestic abuse). Many thanks to **First Give**- who provided remote support and guidance sessions and all the charities for their support with the project. [www.firstgive.co.uk](http://www.firstgive.co.uk)



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Dear Parents and Carers

In the Poem 'Footprints in the Sand' Our Lord says "My precious child, I love you and will never leave you. Never, ever, during your trials and testings. When you saw only one set of footprints, It was then that I carried you."

As we come to the end of 2021 there will be many times when we have been carried by our friends and families and we are full of gratitude to them. At school we have celebrated student progress, their achievements, their commitment to Serviam and their journey of faith. Your support as parents has been invaluable. Thank you for your trust and confidence in us.

We are so full of hope for September. We are looking forward to celebrating Black History Month in October with the theme '**Proud to be.**' and the Climate Change Conference in Glasgow in November '**Uniting the World to tackle Climate Change**', which the Pope will be attending.

I wish you and your families a safe summer.

Best wishes

Ms Waters



## Open Evening

  
**Ursuline High School**  
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[www.ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk](http://www.ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk)  
We welcome parents, carers and students seeking Year 7 entry in 2022 to this 'Outstanding' Roman Catholic Girls' School

Register Using **Eventbrite** **SIGN UP BY Mon 6th Sept!**  
*Limited Availability!*

**OPEN EVENTS 2021**  
These events are for one Year 6 student and one parent only. *Limited ticketed event!*

<p><b>Open Evening</b> Wednesday 15th September Including: Headteacher talk and a fixed route guided school tour Time slots available 5.00pm - 7.00pm 6.00pm - 8.00pm</p>	<p><b>Open Mornings</b> Running From Monday 20th Sept to Friday 8th Oct Including: Headteacher talk and a fixed route guided school tour 9.00am OR 10am slots available</p>
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**PLEASE ONLY SIGN UP TO ONE EVENT! NO TICKET- NO ENTRY!**



We are looking forward to returning to an offer of physical open events in the Autumn Term (subject to Government Guidelines). These will **limited availability ticketed events** for **Year 6 students and ONE parent only**.

Sign up for both of the below event offerings is available via Eventbrite on a first come first served basis. We expect this event to sell out, in this case you will be added to a waiting list and alerted if a ticket for a time slot become available.

**Physical Open Evening: Wednesday 15th September**

**Physical Open Mornings: Running from Monday 20th Sept- Friday 8th Oct**

**SIGN UP DEADLINE:** by Monday 6th Sept

**More information can be found on our open events page [here](#).** Please only book ONE EVENT and ONE TIME SLOT. We regret to inform you that if you do not have a ticket we will unfortunately be unable to permit entry to any open event.

## It's A Bugs Life!



Year 7 students have been enjoying their first ever practicals at UHS this half term. It was great to see their excitement and enthusiasm for **STEM** learning... even if some students were scared by the bugs!

## Fest Week

Monday 19th- Friday 23rd July was **UHS Fest** week with the focus of '**Generation Equality**',



Aiming to empower the generation we teach to be agents for change. Students participated in a variety of activities including; reflection walks, gender equality and **STEM** workshops in subject areas and a workshop by the England Globe Players in English.



Students also took part in Sports Days as part of Fest week. See last page.

## Foodies

Year 10 have been enjoying their '**Foods of the World**' **Food Technology Project** this half term. Creating an amazing array of foods and displaying great technical ability/talent!



## LRC Back!



It's fantastic to see our library back up and running with students eager to take out books! Students in Year 7 and 8 have also enjoyed having English lessons in the library towards the end of the Term!

## Musical Joy!



Chantal (10M) submitted her part in our St Cecilia Concert video to the **London Young Musician** competition. Chantal featured playing her own composition (The Ballerina's Masquerade). She won gold in the Original Composition category! Congratulations- we are so proud of you!

## Young Reporter



Congratulations to **Aisling** for winning **The Young Reporter** Scheme in the sports category. Aisling wrote her report on '**The surprising joys of open water swimming**'. You can read her winning article [here](#).



# Good Times!



## 8 Angela

Students were all smiles as they received their **celebration assemblies** on *Tuesday 12th- Thursday 15th July*. It was amazing to reflect back on all we have achieved over the past year, as a school as a year group and individually. Well done to all students for your tenacity and perseverance throughout!



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# Leading the Way!



We would like to take the opportunity to say a huge thank you to our Head Girl Team, who have been amazing student leaders and ambassadors since they started their roles earlier this academic year. Thank you *Jan, Aleksandra, Hope, Louisa and Nethuni!*

# Bible Club



**Bible Club** enrichment has been popular this half term, with **40 students** signing up for this club, run by our R.E teacher *Sr Elizabeth*. In the session pictured students were discussing 'what the bible means to them' and creating poems to express this, which they then shared with the rest of the group!

# Are You The Future?



Students had the opportunity to participate in an exciting '**Are you the future of Tech**' **Microsoft Webinar** this half term. Students spent the morning finding out why technology is important and how it effects the world such as; how London Air Ambulance use tech to help save lives, how virtual doctors assisted during the pandemic, how tech is assisting with inclusivity in game design and using technology to break records at sea. They were introduced into the world of AI and its capabilities and some students were surprised that cloud services such as Google maps, You Tube and Netflix all use elements of AI. Many thanks to Microsoft and our speakers for providing such an interesting event!

# Period Poverty



Our **student leaders** in Year 7-10 were focusing 'period poverty' this term, a fantastic amount of sanitary items were donated across the years, with the aim for these to be donated for distribution at **Wimbledon Food Bank!** See *Chaplaincy newsletter* [here](#) for details of more chaplaincy events this term!

# Our Voice, Our World!



Our Year 12 students hosted a conference titled '**Our Voice Our World**' this half term, where they lead discussions on passionate topics and spoke to experts to gain a deeper understanding of the subject. Thank you to the speakers who made this conference a success; *Natalia-Nana Lesterbush, Sam Parker, Tim Atkins, Siobhan Benita, Dr Abbasi, Laura Wright, Darragh Murray and Ray Shaughnessy!*

# Medical!



Our **Year 12 Medics** have been steaming along this half term. The 14 students currently on the programme attended a UCAS event on the *10th June* delivered by our partners **Medic Mind**. Taking students through every aspect of sitting the UCAS exams along with hints and tips of how to approach questions!

# Digital Designs!



Our **Year 12 Digital T Level** were pleased to receive a visit from *Sue Lovelock* – **DfE Director of Professional and Technical Education**. Sue enjoyed a taster of a Digital T Level lesson where students were using headsets to view their recently designed logos.



Sue was also impressed by our **Katherine Johnson Centre** - the home of our T Levels, which is currently undergoing an extension for our Laboratory Science T Level starting in September 2022! We look forward to inviting Sue back to the official T Level building launch later in the year!





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

## All About Wimbledon!



The PE department were super excited for **Wimbledon** tennis to finally make its return this year!

We are super proud of all our ball girls who made it through the challenging **Wimbledon Ball Girls** training process to represent the school this year;

**Year 10;** Annamaria N, **Year 11;** Emily G, Sophia L, Sophia R, Maya H, Claudia P, Natalia K, **Year 12;** Anna O and Niamh M.

The PE department made sure to spot as many students as they could in action and particularly enjoyed the moment when they caught Natalia in Year 11 enjoying a little chat with HRH Kate on centre court- we're imagining she certainly didn't expect that!

Congratulations to all our students on a fantastic achievement and we hope you enjoyed the experience! Roll on next year!



## Sports Day



As part of UHS Fest week (and in order to adhere to the COVID restrictions still in place) students took part in year group **Sports Days** across the final week of term at our fantastic **Morley Park Playing Fields**.

We were pleased to be able to finally welcome limited number of parents to spectate and celebrate the end of a challenging year in our traditional sporty finale, alongside our students.

Students participated in the usual array of sports day activities including; athletics, tug of war and long jump. Congratulations to the below tutor group winners from each year;

**Year 7:** Francis      **Year 8:** Catherine  
**Year 9:** Teresa      **Year 10:** Catherine



## Enrichment Opportunities



Although the PE Department were still unable to hold any competitions this term, that didn't stop them from offering various different **enrichment activities** for students, including; Spartan basketball club, cricket, athletics and tennis club!

## DofE

It was great to hear further updates from **DofE** this term and see more students enjoying more exciting challenges, particularly from the **Gold Award**. See latest updates below.



**DofE Merton** golds were off on their expedition training in the **East Grinstead** area on **26th June!** Developing resilience!



**DofE Gold team** on day 3 of their **South Downs** expedition, persevering with sore feet, but happy faces!



**DofE Gold team** on after completing the final day of their **South Downs** expedition on the **13th July**- what a sense of achievement!