



Multicultural Evening



“It was so much fun, I loved being able to wear my cultural dress and celebrate my culture with my friends!”

Student

On Wednesday 23rd March, we were very excited to host our Multicultural Evening. This event has always been a highlight in our school calendar, but after it's hiatus due to COVID, we wanted to bring it back bigger and better than ever, and provide a real sense of Ursuline unity and community. We certainly think we succeeded! Many students, staff and parents contributed to our fabulous array of delicious food stalls from Italy and Eastern Europe cuisine to Nigerian, Jamaican and South American, the efforts made by all were plain to see (and taste)! The turnout was simply staggering and it was wonderful to see students in their cultural dress which really did add to the sense of occasion. We didn't think anything could beat the food stalls, until we were treated to our students performances! From a mother and daughter Spanish dance, to a rendition of a Polish poem, a Portuguese song

by a Year 7 student(written by her dad!), a traditional Ghanaian dances, K Pop dance, Irish dancing, traditional Indian music and a stand out student performance of the iconic call to action song 'Stand Up' by Cynthia Erivo- the vocal range was simply amazing! The generosity of our Ursuline community cannot go unnoticed, we are delighted to announce this year we raised:

£1,731.51

This definitely beats all previous years totals! Proceeds of our evening will be split between CAFOD and the Ursuline Sisters in the Ukraine. *Roll on Multicultural Evening 2023, we think it will be hard to top, but we'll most certainly try!*



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Dear Parents and Friends

This term the school has come alive again with students using their gifts and talents in a multitude of activities. Towards the end of term in assemblies, we reflected on the Sixth Station of the Cross, Veronica wipes the face of Jesus. The Spirit of God was truly working in Veronica she saw the pain and anguish in Jesus and came forward to offer kindness. She didn't think of all the reasons why she couldn't step forward. She forgot about her own needs and focussed on another. Being open to the spirit working in our lives and seeking an encounter with God is an exciting inner journey that we have embarked on this Lent; through 'prayer fasting and almsgiving.' (see our Chaplaincy newsletter). The joy is tangible and we see the fruits in community life.

Thank you for your ongoing prayers and support of our school community.

Ms Julia Waters
BSc (Hons) MA
Headteacher



St Cecilia's



We were delighted to welcome our St Cecilia concert back with a ram-packed audience eagerly anticipating the opportunity to see our students back performing a full live concert. This year our theme was 'A Celebration of Women in Music', with renditions of pieces such as the famous Dr Who theme by Ron Grainer!

Careers Week



The 7th - 12th March was Careers Week, we took part in this by offering students various activities, with the aim of exposing them to a variety of career paths and jobs students might not have thought of. This included a Media Careers Session run by Ms Milne above!

Ukraine Collection



We have received many generous donations for our Ukraine appeal! These have been passed along to the Ukrainian Embassy! A big thank you to our Ursuline community for all your support.

Read more Chaplaincy news in our Chaplaincy Newsletter [here](#).

All About The Arts!



Fantastic KS3 Arts Showcase this half term! Students were keen to display their musical and drama talents to an appreciative audience, in and amongst the eye-catching art display in our fabulous St Angela's Centre gallery. Check our socials for more pics!



Lots of theatre trips this half term! Including a group of Year 9 who went to the Globe theatre. They had a workshop on Macbeth then watched the production. It was a brilliant day!

STEAM!



Our Year 10 STEAM Academy students have had yet another busy half term. Students took part in a STEAM two day event where they coded drones to fly and enabled to robots move in a planned, plotted movement. They have also enjoyed a interactive History Minecraft session with a suffragettes theme, a Drama event involving stage music production and a Invest in Career Talk on Thursday 24th March! WOW- amazing stuff!

130th Memories!



We are celebrating our 130th Anniversary on Tuesday 26th April. As part of the celebrations we would like our Ursuline Alumnae and community to send in any old photos and memories of the school. 13 of these will then be posted on our socials on and after this date. Please tag us in your pics on our socials with the hashtag #uhsw130 and email: marketing@ursulinehigh.merton.sck.uk

Use Your Voice!



Two of our Year 10 students, Rumi O and Giuila C were selected to speak at the Jack Petchey Regional Final on Thursday 24 April at St Mark's Academy. Rumi spoke on "Happiness" and Giulia's on "Sexual Assault". Congratulations to Giulia who came 3rd place! You can watch Giulia's speech [here](#).

I Love You Mum



Year 10 took part in an insightful drugs and alcohol workshop, which looked at the impact of substance abuse on the Tuesday 8th March, as an extension of Mental Health Week. The workshop titled "I love you Mum, I promise I won't die" was presented by the Daniel Spargo-Mabbs Foundation! Thank you!

www.dsmfoundation.org.uk

World Book Day



The highlight of this year's World Book Day was our KS3 opportunity to attend the 'Being Miss Nobody' author Tamsin Winters' talk, hosted by King's College School, Wimbledon! Students were very excited at prospect of the 6 signed books up for grabs, in addition to the opportunity to get their bookmarks signed! Thank you!



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BETT



We were excited to hear our colleague Ms Bhayat, Director of Extended Learning was invited to speak in the leaders theatre at BETT this half term! Ms Bhayat spoke on the ICT departments ambitions for how technology could further enhance elements of teaching and learning!

Science Week



We celebrated British Science Week (11-20 March) with a variety of lunchtime activity sessions in the Science dept. Students have enjoyed a variety of activities to expand their knowledge and deepen their joy for all things science based! Including our 'building bridges' challenge, where students had to build a self-supporting bridge structure across two tables- and test it's strength (see pic)!

International Women's



As always, we were proud to celebrate International Women's Day with a Sixth Form Conference on Tuesday 8th March. A memorable highlight as part of Women's History Month! Students heard from Lorraine Aboagye, barrister at Essex Court, Kate Binns, Foreign Office and Mary Hanover, Green Social Media. Silver Arts Award students also popped over to Wimbledon's Centre court to watch Combination Dance's pop-up performance and interviewed them as well.(See pic).



Supreme Court



Politics students had an informative time as they visited the Supreme Court this half term.

Interview Skills Workshop



Ms Ryan, Sixth Form Careers Advisor has been busy holding Interview Skills Workshops in our library for Year 12 this half term!

Philanthropy



Year 8 have been busy planning awareness campaigns and raising money for their chosen charities this half term. They have each held a cake sale at break-time as part of their fundraising plan. As you can see, there were so many students we could barely see the cakes!

Psychology



On Tuesday 22 March, Year 12s Oxbridge Programme students were delighted to meet Ursuline Alumnae Elisa, who attended to talk to them about her experience of Cambridge. Read more on our sixth form website here. This further insight fitted perfectly after our successful Oxbridge Alumnae Evening!

Maths- It Adds Up!



'It All Adds Up' was the theme of the Oxford Mathematics Conference attended by our Year 12 students this half term. The event included hands-on Maths, workshops, talks, and student panel Q&As with current undergraduates, all designed to inspire young women to continue with their Maths education!

NPQSL Leaders



The Avila Partnership is pleased to be a delivery partner for the NPQSL Programme in partnership with the Church of England & the Catholic Education Service! See full news story [here!](#)

T Levels!

Year 10 and 11 have the opportunity to hear all about how our exciting T Level offer can benefit them, at an Information Evening on Tuesday 3rd May. Why not check out our T Level subject offer [here!](#)



Royal Marsden



Year 12 students enjoyed a trip to the Maggie's Centre at the Royal Marsden Hospital this half term, where they met Maddie Wilson and were shown around the centre. Student have completed a project on corporate fundraising to support the centre! They were very impressed by the beautiful building and all the amazing charity work that Maggie's carry out!



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

With sporting fixtures still a bit thin on the ground we thought we would highlight some of our fantastic sports enrichment students have been enjoying this half term.

Dance Bites



We caught up with our Dance Bites enrichment students this half term, in the middle of practising their routine of Dua Lipa's song "Don't Start Now". We asked students why they like coming to Dance Bites enrichment. These are their thoughts...

"It's lots of fun..", "You make lots of new friends..", "It's energetic..", "It teaches you about lots of different dance styles..", "I love our teacher", "I love trying new things.."

Cricket



Year 11 PE students have been enjoying cricket in the sunshine in the milder end to the half term!

STEM- Darts



Students have been learning how to play darts this half term as part of the STEAM Academy offer. Lets just say that it definitely needs a great deal of practise to hit the dartboard- and not the wall!

Cheer leading



Year 7 have been having lots of fun and developing their skills at football practise, over at Morley Park this half term! The have also been getting their routines together at cheer leading practise (See above)!

Year 10 Football



Year 10 and 11 have been enjoying football at Morley Park with AFC Wimbledon Girls!

DofE Expedition



Recent practice of Silver DofE expedition for those that missed the first one. Qualifier coming up with all the others at Easter!