



Ursuline
High School
WIMBLEDON

Voluntary Aided 11-18 Roman Catholic School for Girls
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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you and your families are staying safe and well in these difficult times. Some of our families have experienced personal loss, stress and some face financial challenges. We want you to know that support is available so please contact me directly or any member of staff and let us know how you want us to help.

School has remained partially open for students of key workers and vulnerable students. We want to thank all our parents who are working to support the whole community. If a key worker parent or parent of a vulnerable student would like their daughter to return to school please contact Mrs Alexander michelle.alexander@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk.

We recognise that during these unprecedented times the strain on family finances is higher than ever. If your work circumstances have changed, your daughter may now qualify for Free School Meals. To access this support you need to make an application online:

https://self.merton.gov.uk/service/Pupil_Premium_and_Free_School_Meals_application

You do not need to be a Merton resident to make this application.

Further assistance with food is available for any of our families through a number of local action groups, food bank and voucher schemes. We have strong links with these organisations and can provide various elements of help and advice. Please contact Lead Practitioner, Mr Glavina, tom.glavina@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk for more details.

‘Ursuline on line’

‘Ursuline on line’ has worked really well this half term. Engagement in lessons is excellent, staff have developed and continue to develop skills in using both Microsoft Teams and different apps. Microsoft Teams has served students well! We have completed a number of student, staff and parent surveys on learning and well-being. This has been important feedback to us in improving what we do. Thank you to all the students and parents who have taken part.

Next half term

Return to school

I want to assure you we are very much abreast of Government guidance and expectations. When we have given them due consideration and reflected on how we can best meet the needs of Year 10 and 12 and keep the school community safe and well we will consult with you as parents and also staff and students before making any final decisions.

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Curriculum

I have attached the schedule for Summer B. We have tried to keep to the rhythm of the year with revision weeks and end of year examinations online. These examinations are about identifying any gaps in learning which staff and students can then close. They are there as a means of support and developing examinations skills. Parents will receive a formal end of year summary report at the end of June. There will be an Academic Review week where students and their parents will have a timetabled online meeting with their daughter's tutor during the week beginning June 6th. During the meeting tutors will be able to discuss the well-being and progress of your daughter. We will be contacting you with a date, time and the format for the meeting. The summer term will be also be interspersed with our PSHEC programme focussed on Emotional Well-Being. UHS Fest week will continue albeit in a different format with competitions and celebrations.

We have planned 2 further inset days for staff next term 9th and 22nd June. Students will be given independent work while staff continue to up skill, review student progress and plan for September.

We will continue to listen to students and parents with further questionnaires on

- PSHEC survey Yrs 7-10 and 12
- New Relationship and sex education policy
- Emotional well being survey no 2 for year groups
- Review of the new Year 12 Examination software
- Student survey of our Enrichment App
- Year 11 Careers Survey
- E safety survey 2
- Academic Review Day evaluations
- Year 6 Survey
- Parental survey on school provision

Finally, every family should by now have been contacted to ensure students well-being. If there are concerns you have not been able to share please contact either your daughter's Head of Year or Mrs Alexander.

I want to end by thanking my staff for all they are doing, for their flexibility, openness to learning and commitment to the well-being of all their students.

May St Angela watch over all of our families.

Please keep safe and well.

Best wishes

Yours sincerely

Julia Waters
Headteacher