



My Future...Conference!



“The morning helped us to understand what skills we have and also why they are so important..”

Year 11 Student

“It really helped to put your future into perspective..”

Year 11 Student



Year 11 had an exciting morning considering their future and understanding how many opportunities there are for them in the world beyond school and (most importantly) that their future is in their own hands. Students had a very productive day as they spent some time in their groups discussing each other's best qualities and skills. Year 11 completed 'personality fruits' questionnaires to find out which personality type they were and how this impacts their style of learning. They then created their own 'personal brand' from this information. Students were introduced to a broad range of

successful Ursuline Alumnae who gave some very insightful talks on their career sectors; including their job roles, their 'typical day', qualifications and experience (both at school and beyond) and helpful hints and tips on creating a successful career. Emphasis was placed on the importance of experience alongside qualifications. A particular focus was on jobs in the tech field, with students hearing from two women working in technology companies; a Tech Start Up expert and a Financial Director. They provided students with information on their 'career journeys' in the tech world to date

and the challenges of working is what is seen as a vastly male dominated field. Students also took part in a Q&A session with the alumnae to find out more about their careers and opportunities available.

Our enormous thanks to the amazing speakers *Ellen Harrison*, a **Principal Consultant Acoustic Engineer** from **WSP**. *Jennifer Anafi-Acquah*, a **Television Researcher** from **Twenty Twenty**. *Emma Bucknall*, **London Office Manager**, **Dropbox**. *Devina Paul*, a Tech Start-up expert and financial director from **Galvanise** and *Derrick Otchere* from **ASK Apprenticeships**.



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Dear Parents and Friends

It's been a term of firsts. Our first exchange with Ursuline School in Wroclaw, students first time to speak at a Symposium in Rome on their role in our church, the first time Ursuline Sisters from Slovakia have visited our school and our first joint retreat for Year 12's with St Philomena High School. Last but not least, our first conference for Year 9 to challenge their thinking about their understanding of the world.

Our imagination continues to be challenged about the possibilities open to us as both teachers and students. Einstein revealed to us that the sign of intelligence is not knowledge but imagination. It is our imagination at work which will bring the kingdom of god here on earth.

Have good half term.

Best Wishes

Julia Waters

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What's New in ICT..?



KS3 students have been participating in a new **Programming and Logistics Club** run by Ms Bhayat in ICT this half term-which is proving to be popular. The newly purchased Harry Potter wand is proving to be particular hit! Students are having great fun using it to complete a series of step-by-step wizarding challenges as part of a kit to code- spellbinding stuff!



ICT have also created a series of 'women in tech' mouse mats (bottom, left), celebrating the extraordinary achievements of women in ICT both past and present. Of particular interest was *Katherine Johnson*, an African-American mathematician whose calculations of mechanics at NASA were critical to early U.S. Manned spaceflights! WOW!

Bonjour!



We were excited to welcome staff and students from **Largente School**, Bayonne again this October. Parents and staff members kindly hosted students for a week (many thanks to all). During the week students spent time with their UHS pen pals in lessons and improving their language skills! *We hope you enjoyed your visit!*

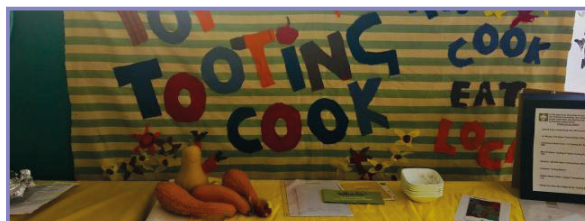
Shop of Horrors!



We are excited to announce that this year's school production will be **Little Shop of Horrors**. Auditions have been held and rehearsals are in full swing. We look forward to sharing what we are sure will be a fantastic production with you.
Show Dates: **Thursday 6th December & Friday 7th December.**

Information regarding ticket purchasing will be available in due course!

Young Reporter



We were really pleased to hear of Lillie's (Year 12) first published article as part of her **Guardian Young Reporter** opportunity.

The article about Tooting's home cooks can be found on the **Surrey Comet** website (www.surreycomet.co.uk)

Well done Lillie!

Liddington Hall



Our Year 7's enjoyed their first official 'year group trip' when they attended their residential to **Liddington PGL** in October. Students enjoyed getting to know each other further and participating in a wide range of outdoor activities including; rock climbing walls, archery, canoeing, raft building and various team building tasks! As you can see from the smiling faces above, they all had a fantastic time and they ended the trip with a school disco night. Success!!

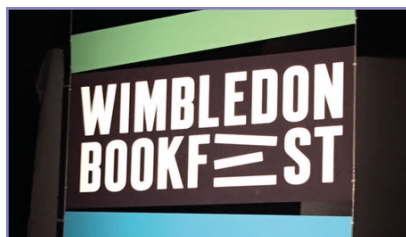
Short Story Wins!



Congratulations to **Oghenenyore, Julia, Scarlett, Charlotte, Ohemaa, Aisling, Maddie, Lorna, Abigail, Neve, Aleksandra, Elisa, Francesca, Emma & Annalisa!** Whose poems/short stories were (highly) commended by the **Wimbledon Young Writers' Monster Competition!**

Whist **Gemma** (Year 12) was the overall winner. The English Department is so very proud of you all.

Bookfest!



Students were excited to take part in many Bookfest events once again this year. Year 8 students attended **Dave Rudden**, Year 10 were inspired by '**Slay in Your Lane: The Black Girl's Bible**', Year 12 attended '**Critical Minds: Learning for ALevel, University and Beyond**'. Year 9 attended '**An Event with Reggie Yates**' (above, right) who spoke about



his new book; **Unseen My Journey**, prior to the premiere of the film **Young Voices 1000Londoners** which we are very proud to say our sixth formers took part in creating!

Avila Partnership



Year 12 students (alongside **Ms Waters, Ms Connor and Ms Murphy**) attended the **Avila Conference** in Cheam during October in partnership with **St Philomena's School** (in Carshalton). The theme of the conference was the call to be '*the salt of the earth and the light of the world*', but with a special focus on **St Teresa of Avila**.

The day was lead by **Sr. Catherine Darby** and gave the students the opportunity to discuss and reflect on their own personal faith journey. At the end of the day the girls were given the gift of a diamond to remind them to let their light shine!

Rome



Some of our Sixth Formers joined other young Catholic women and asked for a full and active role within their Church at a **Symposium** in Rome on 1st October 2018.

The Symposium was led by Professor **Tina Beattie** from **Roehampton University** and **Catholic Women Speak** at the **Pontifical University Antonianum**.

Ursuline students also wrote a letter to Pope Francis, responding to his words in *Amoris Laetitia*.

(See school website for more details.)

Introducing... The Royal Institute



We are delighted to draw everyone's attention to **The Royal Institution of Great Britain's** amazing public programme, where everyone can find out about the latest scientific developments that are shaping our lives from leading academics and Nobel Prize Winners. Upcoming events include 'How we'll live on Mars' and 'Hello world: how to be human in the age of the machine' – and are perfect for curious students! www.rigb.org/whats-on

Other News...

Sixth Form Open Evening was a great success, sixth formers attended the **Adoremus Youth Congress** and Partnership of Equals Conference, Year 7's worked on a coding project with **Goldman Sachs**, Year 10 took part in a STEM Hacker Box event, trips departed to Dallas and Poland (exchange). We also raised over £120 for **Macmillan Cancer Support** as part of the **World's Biggest Coffee Morning** - a great team effort!

See our school website for more details!



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

Ball Girl Trials



Our PE Department have been busy coaching aspiring **Ball Girls** this half term- (school) trials are in full swing for **Wimbledon** tennis next July. Students have been practising ball skills such as roll and receive, speed and agility. Best of luck girls!

DofE Training



Our budding **DofE Award** participants attended their **Bronze Autumn Training** session in South Wimbledon earlier this month! They will be starting their practise expeditions soon. We look forward to sharing more DofE updates with you over the coming terms!

Autumn P.E Enrichment Begins



Students have been enjoying the vast array of **Autumn P.E clubs** on offer. These include football (top), badminton (middle, left), cross country (middle, right) and netball- which proved very popular with our new Year 7's over 70 students signed up!



Borough Netball Triumph!



Congratulations to the **Year 9 Borough Netball team** at the **Merton School Sports Partnership** competition who absolutely smashed it with their enthusiasm and effort in their games in October. UHS 1st and 2nd place again with gold and silver medals. Outstanding!

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Mon 29th Oct

SCHOOL RETURNS

Polish/Ursuline Exchange Returns
Mock Oxbridge Interviews

Weds 31st Oct (8.45am-12.40pm)

Year 11 Macbeth Performance, Hall

Thurs 1st Nov

Remembrance Book in the Foyer

(All Day)

Year 13 Academic Review Day

(8.45-9.35am)

Year 9 Drug Awareness Conference

(12.30-1.00pm)

All Saints Day Mass, Chapel

Fri 2nd Nov (10.30-10.55am)

All Souls Day (Prayers in the Chapel)

Tues 6th Nov (10.55am-12.40pm)

Year 10 Learning Conference, Hall

(7.00-8.00pm)

Year 7 Commissioning Service, Hall

Weds 7th Nov (4.00-5.00pm, Weekly)

Joint Orchestra Rehearsal at WC

Thurs 8th Nov

Year 12 Speed Networking Event

(8.45-10.30am)

12 Angela- 12 Elizabeth, 12 Francis- 12 Ursula

(12.40-1.20pm)

Legal Sector Careers Talk; SFSC

(3.15-4.30pm, Weekly)

Generations Together Forum, SFSC

Fri 9th Nov (All Day)

A Level Physics Trip

Mon 12th Nov (12.40-1.25pm)

Remembrance Service, Chapel

Tues 13th Nov (All Day)

Year 13 English & Media Conference

(All Day)

Year 7 Back to School Event (POP A)

(3.30-5.30pm)

Year 8 Girls Netball, WHS

Weds 14th Nov (All Day)

Year 12 Gothic Trip (Strawberry House)

(All Day)

Year 7 & 8 Interfaith Twitter Trip

(3.30-5.30pm)

Year 12 Trip to Houses of Parliament

(All Day)

Year 7 Back to School Event (POP B)

Thurs 15th Nov (All Day)

Year 9 Learning Conference, Hall

Thurs 15th Nov- Fri 16th Nov

Sixth Form Interviews (Externals)

Fri 16th Nov (All Day)

A Level Chemistry Live

(All Day)

Year 13 English Ursuline Prep Visit

(8.45-3.00pm)

Covent Garden Challenge; Hall

(7.00-11.00pm)

UPA Quiz Night

Mon 19th Nov (All Day)

PIXL Maths Conference

St Angela's Year 7 Insieme Day Visit

Weds 21st Nov (All Day)

PIXL History Conference

(All Day)

Covent Garden Challenge Final

Thurs 22nd Nov (All Day)

INSET DAY

KS3 & KS4 Dance Competition

Mental Health Evening, Chapel

St Cecilia Concert at WC

Tues 27th Nov (All Day)

KS5 Computer Science / ICT Trip

Reconciliation Services (see

Chaplaincy Newsletter)

(3.30-5.30pm)

Year 10 & 11 Basketball, HAM

Weds 28th Nov

PIXL Geography Conference

Fri 30th Nov (All Day)

GCSE Science Live, Apollo Theatre

Teach Wimbledon Open Day

Christmas Tree Service, Foyer

Year 7 Advent Services, Chapel

'Hour of Code' Week

Prefect Interview Deadline

Head Girl Interviews

Production Technical Rehearsal

PSHEC Week (Year 8)

Tues 4th Dec (8.45am-12.40pm)

School Production Dress Rehearsal

Year 11 Mock Exams (Until 18th Dec)

(8.45-9.40am)

Year 12 Career Talk, Dining Hall

(9.40-10.30am)

Year 13 Career Talk, Dining Hall

Weds 5th Dec (8.45am-12.40pm)

School Production Primary

Performance, Hall

Reconciliation Services (see

Chaplaincy Newsletter)

Drug & Alcohol Awareness Evening

School Production; Little Shop of

Horrors, Hall

Fri 7th Dec (10.55am-12.40pm)

Year 8 Christmas Fair, Dining Hall

(2.00-3.00pm)

School Council Meeting

Mon 10th Dec (All Day)

Year 8 Advent Services, Chapel

Tues 11th Dec (8.25-9.40am)

Year 8 STEM Careers Panel

(8.45-10.30am)

Year 12/13 Christmas Fair,

Dining Hall

Reconciliation Services (see

Chaplaincy Newsletter)

(3.30-5.30pm)

Year 8 & 9 Basketball

Fri 14th Dec (10.55am-12.40pm)

Year 7 Christmas Fair, Dining Hall

Mon 17th Dec (8.00-9.00pm)

Joint Christmas Carol Service

with WC, Scared Heart Church

Retired Parish Christmas Party

GCSE & A Level Certificate

Collection Day

GCSE Music Concert, Hall

Christmas Assemblies (see

Chaplaincy Newsletter)

Thurs 20th Dec

Christmas Assemblies (see

Fri 21st Dec

Christmas Assemblies (see

Mon 24th Dec- Fri 4th Jan

Christmas Assemblies (see

Mon 7th Jan

Christmas Assemblies (see