Year 11 Update

Summer Term A 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

And so, the exam season is upon us.

We're 2 weeks into GCSEs and so far, Year 11 has managed themselves extremely well. I am pleased to say they've been punctual, well behaved, and focused. They have been calm and collected on entry, well equipped, often coming out with a smile and a sigh of relief. They have supported each other through study groups and note sharing, embracing our school ethos of Serviam, and values of kindness and respect. Their commitment to revision has remained by continuing to attend allocated interventions and I am certain they will reap the rewards on the 24th August.

Despite all this focused revision, some students have still made the time for extra-curricular and enrichment activities including The Feast of the Ascension Mass, completing DofE gold award, attending Army Cadettes, and running the mini marathon. Year 11's commitment to extra-curricular activities and enrichment as well as their studies is evidence of their resilience and perseverance.

Students recently celebrated their last official classroom day with shirt signing and special Mass. We hope to run celebration evening on 29th June on the condition that the exam season runs smoothly.

Lastly, I would like to remind you that students are able to revise in school under supervision if they so wish, please email me to let me know when they will be attending. Please also be reminded that Laptops need to be returned by the last whole school exam on the 16th June.

Yours faithfully Ms Torode, Head of Year 11

> There have also been some other great achievements this half term, you can find these on our <u>Twitter P.E Dept Twitter</u> and <u>Instagram</u>!

Summer A Highlights

- DofE Awards night
- Feast of Ascension Mass
- English Literature Day
- Mental Health
 Awareness Week
- Year 11 Last Classroom Day



Year 11 Clap Out: Year 11 being clapped out of school by Year 7 and 10 as they entered GCSE Exam season.

<u>Students'</u> <u>Achievements</u>

1 - Most Rewards this half term:

• Tess F (11U)

Congratulations to **11M** who have received the most as a form this half term.

2- Highest Attendance:

Congratulations to **11U** who continue to have the best attendance **96.7%**

<u>3– Individual successes:</u>

- Congratulations to Grace S who has been selected to sail for Great Britain in the youth World Championships in Greece this summer!
- Well done to Elena G and Ines B on being re-selected as Wimbledon ball girls!



THE DUKE OF

EDINBURGH'S AWARD

DofE Gold Award-Some of our Year 11 students received their Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award at Buckingham Palace on 19th May.

We hope you have enjoyed your DofE experiences!



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Upcoming Events:

June/July

- 15th May 21st June: Year 11 GCSE Exams
- 29th June: Sixth Form Induction Day
- 27th June: Proposed Rescheduled Yr11 Celebration
- 3rd- 14th July: Work Experience
- 24th August: GCSE Results Day

*Please note this is not a complete event list and is intended to provide a snapshot only. Events may be subject to change.



Wellbeing

The rising cost of living is well documented. The pressures on parents and families are at an all time high.

We urge all parents who have experienced any change of circumstance to check if they qualify for extra help from the government through the Free School Meals scheme. If your daughter qualifies then she will receive daily credit to her account for use in the school canteen.

In order to check if you qualify you must fill in an online application at:

https://self.merton.gov.uk/service /Pupil Premium and Free School Meals application

Additional Support



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Dear parent(s)/carer(s),

Parent Communications:

At the Ursuline parental communication is really important to us. I have listed below a reminder of the correct person you should contact for a particular enquiry which I hope you find helpful

Form tutors – general enquires about the Ursuline, friendship issues, organisation, homework, clubs/enrichment, uniform, equipment, travelling to/from school, trips/calendar events.

11 Angela – <u>rayife.atasoy@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk</u>

- 11 Bernadette <u>anna.jackson@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk</u>
- 11 Catherine rosamund.hawkins@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk
- 11 Francis rachel.williams@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk
- 11 Margaret melanie.guillet@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk
- 11 Teresa <u>nerys.aberdeen@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk</u>
- 11 Ursula <u>carys.surbey@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk</u>

Head of Year (Ms Torode) or Ms Brown (Pastoral support assistant) – Mental health, bullying, safeguarding, online safety, absence request forms, request for your daughter to receive school counselling/educational well-being practitioner, financial support.

Ms Young and Ms Brown – Attendance and punctuality/lateness (please report student absence before 9.30am).

ITHelpdesk@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk – for IT/Weduc/Arbor/laptop related enquires.

Subject specific enquiry – please contact the subject teacher, all staff contact details can be found on our Ursuline directory below.

Staff Contact Details - Ursuline High School

Kind regards,

Ms Torode