

Year 8 Update

See page 2 for a snapshot of upcoming events!



Summer Term A 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

Another brilliant half term has passed for Year 8! Students have continued to show their dedication to Serviam through their completion of their Philanthropy Project, with the year group raising an impressive £7,800 in total. We were incredibly proud of all the students who performed for their chosen charity and who raised money. Thank you for supporting your daughters, helping organise cake sales and car washes outside of school. A big well-done to 8 Francis who won the competition, raising £1,000 for their chosen charity, Arts and Homelessness International. You can also read more about this event in the latest edition of our Inform Newsletter.

Our Year 8 Chaplaincy team represented the school at the Daffodil walk. Well done to Eugenia K, Julia B and Simran S who attended the event for the opening of the blue bench in Colliers Wood- designed to be a memorial and source of support for people struggling with their mental health. Students also participated in an important assembly about mental health in aid of Mental Health Awareness Week. Mrs Gilmore spoke about anxiety and stress, especially around exams. All students were encouraged to come to the pastoral team to talk through any worries, should they have any. We also had some mindfulness activities in tutor time that gave students strategies to deal with stress and anxiety. If you feel that your daughter may be struggling with any anxiety or stress, please do contact us.

The Ursuline High Easter ski trip was a roaring success. Attending staff were extremely impressed by the excellent engagement of all the girls. We are especially proud of the Year 8s who attended, as they were the youngest students and for many it was their first big trip, away from family.

We were delighted to celebrate Polish Constitution Day on the 3rd of May. Students brought in Polish treats and cooked traditional Polish cuisine in the food rooms. Staff immensely enjoyed all the cakes brought in. Student representatives also took part in the Feast of Ascension Mass this half term.

We are thrilled to see all students continuing to engage with our broad enrichment programme. Our homework club is a great opportunity to receive support, with staff and sixth-form students on hand to help students. This club will run throughout summer B, until 4pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays. If your daughter would like to attend, please encourage her to email us.

Finally, thank you to all of you who attended the recent parents' evening and revision meeting. We hope that you found these valuable and insightful. We look forward to the next half-term, starting with the end of year exams, and followed by many events and activities including Sports Day, UHS Fest Week, debates, and the end of year celebration assembly! Wishing you and your families a restful, happy, and healthy half-term, and look forward to welcoming students back on Monday the 5th of June.

Kind Regards,
Miss Guiheen & Miss Smith
(Heads of Year 8)

There have also been some other great achievements this half term, you can find these on our [Twitter](#) [P.E Dept](#) [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#)!

Students' Achievements

Year 8 Total Rewards: 14525

1 - Most Rewards:

1. Georgia H
2. Bethany M
3. Shannon M

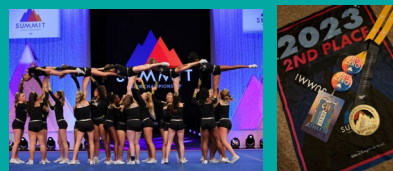
Congratulations to **8A** who are currently leading the way with **2555** Reward Points

2 – Highest Attendance:

There are currently **17** students in Year 8 who have **100%** attendance. Please do keep up the good work!

Congratulations to **8M** who lead the way with **96.39%** attendance.

3 – External Success:



Amelie McC and **Tilly N** went over to Florida to complete in an international cheerleading competition recently. They came 2nd in their Division out of the 26 teams that competed which is amazing. A big congratulations to them!

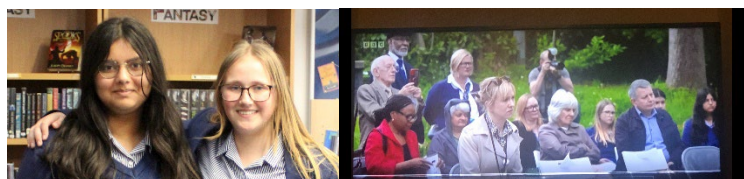
If your daughter participates in sport or other activities outside of school do encourage her to let us know.

Spring B Highlights

- Finale Philanthropy Project
- Parents' Evening
- Daffodil Walk
- School Council



Philanthropy Winners:
8 Francis



Daffodil Walk: Well done to some of our Chaplaincy Team for representing the school in Colliers Wood. We were even on the news!

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Upcoming Events:

June

- 5th June – School Returns
- 5th June – Year 8 End-of-Year Exam Week
- 5th June – World Environmental Day
- 30th June – Sports Day

July

- 4th July – Year 8 Serviam Assembly; Hall
- 7th July – Sports Awards Dinner; Hall
- 11th July – Year 8 Celebration; Hall
- 13th July – End of Year Concert
- 17th July – Year 8 Residential / Choir Trip to Valkenburg
- 17th - 21st July – UHS Fest Week
- 21st July – End of Term - Summer Holidays

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

Year 8 Virtue: Summer Term

Faith-filled

Faith helps us grow in friendship with Jesus and his friendship helps us become the best we can be by becoming more like him. Growing in friendship with Jesus means learning to trust him and knowing that he is always with us. Faith is always open to new things because if you have faith you are a trusting person.

"Jesus said, "Do not be afraid, only believe." Mark 5:36

Wellbeing

Parental Workshops

- 8TH June: KS3 Relationships & Healthy Lifestyles Parental Workshop
- 19TH June: Parent Workshop to support parents of SEND students

Cost of living crisis: please use the link to check if you qualify for the governments Free School Meals scheme:

[https://self.merton.gov.uk/service/Pupil Premium and Free School Meals application](https://self.merton.gov.uk/service/Pupil%20Premium%20and%20Free%20School%20Meals%20application)

Additional Support



[Young Merton](#)
[Young Minds](#)
[Off The Record](#)
[Kooth](#)
[MindEd](#)
[e-wellbeing](#)

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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.

8 Angela – paula.thomas@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk

8 Bernadette – geraldine.taylor@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk

8 Catherine – gareth.davies@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk

8 Francis – georgia.mcnichol@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk

8 Margaret – jacob.tyler@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk

8 Teresa – ronan.preastuin@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk

8 Ursula – caroline.mccolgan@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk

Heads of Year (Miss Guiheen / Miss Smith) or Mrs McCourt (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.

paige.smith@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk

erin.guiheen@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk

sarah.maccourt@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk

Ms Young and Mrs McCourt – 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](#)

Kindest regards,

Miss Guiheen / Miss Smith