

# Year 10 Update

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## Spring Term B 2024

### Dear Parents / Carers,

Over the last five weeks, the Church has completed its Lenten observance in which Catholics are called to engage in prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Throughout Lent, students at the Ursuline have been challenged on a weekly basis to engage in acts which coincide with these themes – for example: many classes attending Eucharistic Adoration in the chapel, as part of their RE lessons; the donation of food to the Food Bank appeal; and following specific daily prayers during Registration. We are also blessed this year to be able to celebrate our Holy Week Liturgy in school, on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March. Students in Year 10 have journeyed through Lent and can now look forward to the time of celebration that follows, with Easter just around the corner.

I would like to begin by congratulating the twenty-three students in Year 10 whose work will be published in this year's Young Writers' publication: Toni A, Catherine B, Natalie, Catherine C, Lucy B, Mia F, Sarah G M, Karolina I, Zara I, Julia I, Anjali J, June K, Charlotte K, Michelle K, Emily M, Isabella M, Emma M, Rachel P, Isabella T, Sophie T, Aitana T M, Linett W. I look forward to receiving a copy of the publication and to reading your work.

I would also like to congratulate Toni A and Sophia B who represented the school in the Jack Petchey 'Speak Out!' challenge regional final on Monday 25 March. We are delighted to announce Toni came 1<sup>st</sup> place speaking on the topic of 'Africa in Three Words', and Sophia 3<sup>rd</sup> place with the topic 'School Absenteeism'. Toni gave a preview of her speech to Year 10 students in assembly on 21 March, and Sophia gave a preview of her speech in staff briefing the following day. Both speeches were outstanding, and I commend both students for their passion in speaking about their chosen topics and their excellent delivery. We are very proud of you both - well done! The full story can be found on our website [here](#).

A number of our Year 10 student leaders attended an in-school conference for International Women's Day on Tuesday 5 March. Thank you to Maia H-M, Chisom C and Naomi M who spoke about their experience of the conference in assembly – it was very pleasing to hear these students speak about the inspiring speakers they had heard on the day and a pleasure to have had so many other brilliant Year 10s representing our year group at the conference.

This half-term, we launched our annual 'Outstanding Attainers' programme for students in Year 10. I was delighted to hear that so many students in year group applied and impressed by the quality of the applications submitted. Congratulations to the students who have been accepted onto the programme, and best of luck with all the exciting events and challenges that lie ahead on it.

One of the highlights of the Spring term every year is definitely Multicultural Evening. This year, however, the celebration was extended to include culture day, the day after. This is largely due to the efforts of a small group of Year 10 students who demonstrated an abundance of passion and drive to get this new event off the ground. The 'catwalk' during lunch on 21 March was a truly spectacular (and, rightfully, loud) event – well attended, and with countless Year 10s involved. The whole school community extends its sincere thanks and congratulations to Naomi M, Anjardie D, Chisom C, Julia T for leading on such a wonderful event. Bravo!

There have been countless other achievements by Year 10 students this half term, as well as excellent participating in extra-curricular events and activities, as well as trips. Thank you to all students for their ongoing enthusiasm! Good luck to those students going on the ski trip to Austria over Easter. I am sure we will all have an amazing time. Wishing you and your families a restful and happy Easter holiday. I look forward to welcoming students back on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April for the Summer Term.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Roberts, Head of Year 10

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

## Students' Achievements

### 1 - Most Rewards:

1. Michaela B-R (10C) - 53
2. Olivia R (10A) - 52
3. Mollie S (10B) - 50

Congratulations to 10C - currently leading the way with 771 Reward Points!

### 2 – Highest Attendance:

There are currently 14 students in Year 10 who have 100% attendance. Please do keep up the good work!

Congratulations to 10F who lead the way with 95.4% attendance!

### 3 – External Success:

Congratulations to Maia H-M in 10F for her successes at the Surrey Indoor Athletics Championships on 10 March. She broke two of her PBs and broke the Epsom and Ewell club record for the 60m event. In addition, she came 1<sup>st</sup> in the U17 hurdles and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the U17 60m – taking her personal ranking up to 16<sup>th</sup> in the UK. Fantastic!

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



## Spring B Highlights

- Multicultural Evening and Day
- St Cecilia Concert
- International Women's Day
- Jack Petchey "Speak Out" Challenge



Passion Service



Jack Petchey "Speak Out" Regional Winners (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Place)



Multicultural Evening & Culture Day

# Year 10 Update



## Upcoming Events:

### April

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April- Easter Holidays  
15<sup>th</sup> April – Return to School: Start of Summer A Term  
16<sup>th</sup> April – Feast of St. Bernadette  
22<sup>nd</sup> April – Earth Day  
24<sup>th</sup> April – LAMDA Showcase  
29<sup>th</sup> April – Community Art Exhibition

### May

2<sup>nd</sup> May – Harry Potter Day  
6<sup>th</sup> May – May Bank Holiday  
6<sup>th</sup> May – Mental Health Awareness Week  
21<sup>st</sup> May – World Day for Cultural Diversity  
21<sup>st</sup> May Year 10 Parents' Revision Evening 6.00-6.30pm  
22<sup>nd</sup> May- Sherlock Holmes Day event  
24<sup>th</sup> May – End of Summer A  
27<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> May – Half term

### Looking Ahead

3<sup>rd</sup> June – Summer B starts  
5<sup>th</sup> June – World Environmental Day  
17<sup>th</sup> June Year 10 end of year exam week  
28<sup>th</sup> June – Sports Day  
5<sup>th</sup> July – Sports Awards Dinner  
10<sup>th</sup> July – Year 10 Parents' Evening  
11<sup>th</sup> July – Year 10 celebration, 1.35-3.10pm  
11<sup>th</sup> July – Summer Concert, Hall  
19<sup>th</sup> July – End of term - 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 10 Virtues

Spring Term: Leading For Justice  
Summer Term: Acting With Truth



*St Cecilia's Concert*



63 Year 10s have been spending this year learning and developing new skills as part of The Duke of Edinburgh Award, culminating in the qualifying expedition in June!

## Wellbeing

### Parental Workshops

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



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Young Minds

Off The Record

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# Year 10 Update



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.

10 Angela – [poppy.rushforth@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk](mailto:poppy.rushforth@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk)

10 Bernadette – [melanie.guillet@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk](mailto:melanie.guillet@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk)

10 Catherine – [agnieszka.ciechanowska@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk](mailto:agnieszka.ciechanowska@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk)

10 Francis – [laura.grant@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk](mailto:laura.grant@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk) / [rachel.corrigan@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk](mailto:rachel.corrigan@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk)

10 Margaret – [rachel.oneill@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk](mailto:rachel.oneill@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk)

10 Teresa – [jason.ching@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk](mailto:jason.ching@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk)

10 Ursula – [serena.sidaway@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk](mailto:serena.sidaway@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk)

## **Head of Year (Mr Roberts) or Mrs 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.

[james.roberts@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk](mailto:james.roberts@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk)

[sylvia.brown@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk](mailto:sylvia.brown@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk)

**Ms Young** – Attendance and punctuality/lateness (please report student absence before 8.30am).

## **IT Issues**

[ITHelpdesk@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk](mailto:ITHelpdesk@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk) – for IT/Weduc/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,

Mr Roberts