

Year 7 Update

Spring B Term 2024

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Dear Parents / Carers,

I am delighted to update you on the year 7 highlights and accomplishments for this half-term. Our Lenten Programme started as soon as we returned to school, with theme of 'Pilgrims of Faith' the students have had weekly reflections to focus on: God gives strength, God speaks, God gives, God forgives and God loves, this has meant that over the last five weeks we have given thanks to each other, made time to talk to God in prayer, shown stewardship by making food donations to Wimbledon Food Bank, engaged in the Sacrament of Reconciliation and this week we have enjoyed Easter liturgies.

There have been a number of sporting achievements, the year 7 indoor athletics team represented Merton at the London Youth Games, finishing a very respectful 4th. The basketball team made their debut, sadly lost 16-15 but played an exceptional game. On Fridays, students have been enjoying trampolining, skateboarding and more recently rugby taster sessions, I have loved popping down and seeing the progress they are making.

I was so proud of the 47 year 7 students who are part of the choir and orchestra, their performances at the St. Cecilia's Day Concert were phenomenal, they have shown such commitment and dedication in the preparations for the evening, and it certainly paid off! Thank you to all the year 7 parents that supported us on the evening. The multi-cultural evening was another wonderful opportunity to showcase the cultural diversity of our school, the music, singing, dancing and food was all amazing, such a lovely buzz around school during the preparations, on the evening, and during the Cultural Day we celebrated on March 21st, where cultural clothing was adorned! Continuing with celebrating cultural diversity, in Ms Lewis' English classes 7Eliot and 7Blackman showcased their linguistic abilities by performing poems for the class in both English and an additional language! Staff and students were treated to listening to poems in Polish, French, Spanish, Ukrainian, Cantonese, Bulgarian, Tagalog, German, Korean and Afrikaans, another opportunity to celebrate the languages and cultures of our students.

100 year 7 students visited the Shree Ghanapathy Hindu Temple in Wimbledon, organised by the RE department. We had such positive feedback from their staff about the questions our students asked and how well they represented our school.

Lastly, I was both delighted and proud to receive an email from the Headteacher of Joseph Hood School, who contacted me one evening to say two of our students, Claudia (7B) and Katie (7C) helped a child who did not get on the bus with her parent, they took her back to her school where they were able to contact the parent. Such a good example of Serviam.

Thank you, year 7 for living out the teachings of St Angela Merici, she reminds us to "Do something, get moving. Be confident, risk new things, stick with it and be ready for big surprises!" This term I have seen this in action on numerous occasions.

We have lots to look forward to what the summer term brings, please see 'Upcoming Events' on the next page for details of parent meetings, the Year 7 Celebration afternoon along with other events we have planned. Congratulations to Year 7 on another excellent half-term. Wishing you and your families a healthy, happy, and blessed Easter, and look forward to welcoming students back on Monday 15th April. Thank you as always for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,
Ms Hoyles

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

Year 7 Total Rewards: 7999 Most Rewards:

Maxine 7U -88
Iryna 7T - 82
Lilian 7U - 79
Holly 7U - 78
Joan 7U - 77

The tutor group with the most rewards is 7Ursula with 1,964 – well done!

2 – Attendance:

There are currently **33** students in Year 7 who have **100%** attendance!

The tutor group with the best attendance since September is 7U with 98.2%, followed closely by 7A – 97.2% and 7M with 97.1%

3 – External Success and News:



Congratulations to Hanna (7M) who swims for Mitcham Marlins Swimming Club for being awarded a Gold and Bronze medal.



Congratulations to Georgiana (7M) who swims for Sutton and Cheam Swimming Club, and in a recent awards evening was awarded 12 different medals and cups.



Congratulations to Joan (7U) who recently who took her Grade 4 Royal Academy of Dance ballet exam and was awarded a Merit, along with a silver badge.

Congratulations to Lena (7M) who was a ball girl at a netball match at the Copper Box.

Spring B Highlights

- Lenten reflections and events throughout Lent
- Representing Merton at the London Youth games
- Sporting successes
- National Careers week - learning about different careers
- World Book Day – book swaps
- International Women's Day
- Trip to the Hindu Temple
- Science week – meeting scientists
- St Cecilia's Day Concert
- Multi-cultural evening
- Making donations to local food banks
- Friday fun with trampolining, skateboarding and rugby
- International Day of Mathematics



Lilian (7U) and Lena (7M) preparing for Lent.



Year 7 Basketball team



Friday afternoon fun- trampolining, skateboarding and rugby.

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Upcoming Events:

April 2024

- Friday 29th March – Friday 12th April- Easter Holidays
- 15th April – Return to School: Start of Summer A Term
- 16th April – Feast of St. Bernadette
- 22nd April – Earth Day
- 24th April – LAMDA showcase 5-7pm
- 26th April – LAMDA showcase 5-7pm
- 29th April – Year 7 Test Assessment Week
- 30th April – Year 7 Parents' Revision Evening 6-6.30pm in the Hall



Looking Ahead

- 2nd May – Harry Potter Day – celebrations in the library
- 6th May – May bank holiday
- 6th May – Mental Health Awareness Week
- 9th May – Ascension voluntary Mass in the Chapel
- 20th May – Year 7 end of year exam week
- 21st May – World Day for Cultural Diversity
- 24th May – End of Summer A
- 27th – 31st May – Half term
- 3rd June – Summer B starts
- 4th July – Year 7 Parents' evening
- 8th July – Year 7 Celebration 1.35-3.10pm
- 15th – 17th July – PGL trip to Liddington (all places confirmed)
- 19th July – End of term

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

Year 7 Virtues

Spring Term: Loving
Summer Term: Joyful



St Cecilia Concert



Multicultural Evening & Culture Day



Passion Service



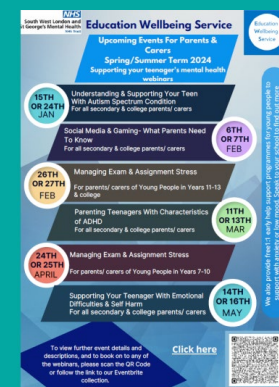
Bookfest trip; Tola Okogwu Author at Wimbledon Theatre

Wellbeing

Free Parental Workshops

South West London and St George's Mental Health NHS trust are running a number of free wellbeing workshops for parents / carers of secondary school aged children.

Click here for more information and to book: [Secondary Parents - NHS Wellbeing Workshops | Eventbrite](#)



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>

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 will find useful.

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

7 Angela	Mr Davies	Gareth.davies
7 Bernadette	Ms Sung	Eun.Sung
7 Catherine	Ms Grandin	Katharine.Grandin
7 Francis	Ms Park	NaEn.Park
7 Margaret	Ms Gregory	gabriela.gregory
7 Teresa	Ms Gordon	Marlyn.Gordon
7 Ursula	Dr Sr Elizabeth Mudzimu	Elizabeth.Mudzimu

Head of Year, Assistant Head of Year, or 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/free school meals.

Rachel.hoyles@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk Head of Year 7

Christopher.Dunne@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk Assistant Head of Year, Transitions Co-ordinator

Magdalena.Sawicka@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk Pastoral Support Assistant 0203908 3105

Ms Young – Attendance and punctuality/lateness. All absences and lates must be reported via email or Weduc, or phone no later than 8.45am. Bernadette.young@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk 0203908 3144

IT Issues

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

Subject teachers should be contacted for any subject specific enquiries.

All staff contact details can be found on the [Ursuline directory](#) on our website.

Yours faithfully,

Ms Hoyles