

Year 10 Update

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a snapshot
of upcoming
events!



Summer A Term 2024

There have also been some other great achievements...
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Dear Parents / Carers,

Celebrated over the last seven weeks, Easter is most important season in the Church's year. It is a season of hope, joy and celebration, and a reminder to us all of the importance of optimism – looking forward to what lies ahead. As we move towards the Summer B term, there is certainly a lot to look forward to: debates, trips, sports day, fest week, and our end of year celebration assembly where we will come together and mark the many amazing achievements of students across the cohort, this year. Auditions are also about to start for 'Shrek the musical' next year's school production, which is very exciting, students can refer to the email sent by Ms Surbey for further details.

Over Easter, several Year 10 students joined in the annual ski trip in Austria. The trip was a resounding success, and it was a pleasure to witness the amazing progress made by students in all groups: the 'advanced' group, who were speeding down the slopes from day 1; the 'intermediates' who were not far behind; and the 'beginners' who, by the end of the week, were fearlessly skiing from the top of the mountain... while I was advised by the instructor to get the lift back down, again.

This term has brought with it many excellent opportunities to engage in trips, enrichment, and extra-curricular activities. In particular, I would like to wish the students who will be going on the away leg of the French Exchange programme next week the very best of luck. This is a wonderful opportunity, and I know our students will be the most excellent ambassadors for our school, and for our year group. I would also like to commend the students who applied and were subsequently selected for the Outstanding Attainers' programme. This programme brings with it many opportunities for trips, enrichment, and developing higher-order thinking – including the trip to Oxford University last week.

This term, Year 10 students have started to submit their Ursuline Sixth Form applications to the school. Over the course of Summer B, interviews will be taking place, during which students can gain more advice on their pathways, including what they need to do in order to secure their sixth form places. Students will also have taster sessions provided in the subjects they hope to take in the next stage of the school career. See email from Mr Ryan for further details and information.

Thank you to all who attended the revision information evening on 21 May in the sixth form centre. Further arrangements regarding the exams will be shared with you and with students over Half-Term and when they return on 3 June, and I would like to thank you all for your support of your daughters as they prepare for these exams. The End of Year 10 exams run from Monday 17 – Wednesday 26 June, and a digital copy of the timetable is also attached along with information regarding 'study leave' which will be operation during the week. These exams give an excellent indicator of your daughter(s)' progress and help to prepare students for the mock exams in Year 11, and their real GCSEs which will be in full swing only a year from now. I'd like to remind students of the importance of these exams; and to remind them to do their very best. If they do this, the results will take care of themselves.

In preparation for the exams, please ensure that students have all the equipment they require – including pens, pencils, calculators and maths equipment, rulers. Due to the number of students sitting exams, spread across the entire Brescia block, and the ongoing external examinations, we will not be able to lend students any equipment during exam week. If you require any assistance in acquiring anything prior to the exams, please do let me or your daughter(s)' form tutor know, and we will do our best to assist you. At the time of writing, Year 10 attendance for the year-to-date sits at 94.34% - comparable to the same time last year. Whilst this is good, and higher than the national average, there is room for this percentage to grow as we enter the final half-term. Attendance between now and the end of Year 11 is particularly important in maximizing your daughter(s)' potential to succeed in their GCSEs, and we very much look forward to working with you and with them to get them over the line. Finally, congratulations to our Merton Jack Petchey Winner Toni, who has been selected (from 37 regional winners) to attend the 2024 Grand Final of Jack Petchey's Speak Out Challenge on Monday 8th July, at the Cambridge Theatre in London's West End. We wish her the best of luck and look forward to sharing the outcome in the final newsletter of the school year! Wishing you a wonderful half-term break,
Mr Roberts, Head of Year 10

Summer A Highlights (see page 2 for photos)

- Merton Schools' Athletics – Friday 10 May
- Karolina (10F)'s short story, 'The Glitch' was selected as one of five overall winners in the Young Writers' Competition, nationally.
- Ascension Day Mass was celebrated on Thursday 9 May.
- Year 10 Stocks and Shares Challenge

Students' Achievements

1 - Most Rewards:

1. Mollie S (10B) - 57
2. Michaela B-R (10C) - 56
3. Olivia R (10A) - 56

Congratulations to **10C** - currently leading the way with **833 Reward Points**!

2 – Highest Attendance:

There are currently **15** students in Year 10 who have **100%** attendance. Please do keep up the good work!

Congratulations to **10M, 10F, 10T and 10B**, who jointly lead the way with 95% attendance.

3 – Young Writers:

Congratulations to Karolina in 10F, whose short story was selected as one of five overall winners nationally in the 2024 Young Writers' Competition. Her story, 'The Glitch', is a truly fantastic read and has been published alongside those of some of our other entrants. A great achievement.

3 – External Successes:



It was a pleasure to hear the local Lantern Youth Choir perform as part of the Lantern Arts Centre's Spring Cabaret. Congratulations to Mr Ching (choir master) and the many Year 10 Ursuline students involved. Stunning.

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

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Upcoming Events:

June

- 3rd June – School Returns
- 5th June – World Environmental Day
- 4th June – Deadline for Year 10 Application to the Sixth Form
- 17th June – Year 10 End of Year Exam Week
- 28th June – Sports day – parents / carers welcome all day at Weir-Arches Athletics & Fitness Centre (Formally Kingsmeadow) Kingston KT1 3PB (email to follow)

July

- 1st July – Year 10 Taster Day for Sixth Form Courses
- 2nd /3rd July – Year 10 One-on-One Sixth Form Interviews with a member of SLT
- 4th July – Year 10 Serviam Assembly; Hall
- 5th July – Annual Sports Awards Dinner; Hall
- 12th July – Offers of Sixth Form places made to Year 10 students
- 10th July – Year 10 Parent's Evening; Hall
- 11th July – Year 10 Celebration; Hall
- 11th July – Summer Concert; Hall
- 15th -19th July – UHS Fest Week
- 19th July – End of Term - Summer Holiday

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



Stocks and Shares

Challenge Winners; Zofia B, Evie H-J, Orlaith L, Sadie R, Rebecca M, Gaia L, Emma C (10M) & Lilliana S (10T).



Merton Schools' Athletics Team Success!



Feast of the Ascension



Young Writers' Competition Winner: Karolina (10F)'s for her short story, 'The Glitch'.

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



[Young Merton](#)

[Young Minds](#)

[Off The Record](#)

[Kooth](#)

[MindEd](#)

[e-wellbeing](#)



Fun on the slopes: Ski Trip during Easter Holidays

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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.

10 Angela – poppy.keay@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk
10 Bernadette – melanie.guillet@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk
10 Catherine – agnieszka.ciechanowska@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk
10 Francis – laura.grant@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk / rachel.corrigan@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk
10 Margaret – rachel.oneill@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk
10 Teresa – jason.ching@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk
10 Ursula – 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
sylvia.brown@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk

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

ITHelpdesk@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk – for IT/Weduc/progresso/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