

Year 10 Update



Summer B Term 2024

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

Dear Parents / Carers,

As is always the case, the Summer B newsletter carries with it the opportunity to recognise so many achievements made by students throughout the year – particularly those made or completed in Summer B. I am extremely proud of Year 10!

Firstly, I would like to commend all students for their maturity in how they approached the end of year exams. In many cases, this was the first opportunity students had to complete full-length GCSE style exams, spread across eight days, and it was wonderful to see students rising so resiliently to this challenge. The end results speak for themselves, with many students commended in our celebration assembly last week for achieving above their target in three or more subjects, and I am very proud of the achievement of the entire year group!

Secondly, congratulations to 10 Francis on their fourth consecutive sports day victory, and to 10 Teresa on again finishing in second place. Congratulations to all students who participated in events, especially those who won medals. It was a fantastic day – again, one of the highlights of the school calendar – and the enthusiasm and camaraderie of students was simply inspiring.

Thirdly, congratulations to all students who have recently won awards for their achievements in school – both at the sports dinner on 5 July, and at the Year 10 celebration assembly on 11 July. It is always a pleasure to witness and hear about students' achievements, and important to celebrate them. Please see the second page for a full list of award winners from the celebration assembly.

Fourthly, a huge congratulations to the many students in Year 10 who completed their bronze Duke of Edinburgh award a few weeks ago! This year we had an unprecedented number of students applying for places on the course, and I am glad that we were able to accommodate all students who wanted to participate. The undertaking of students to complete the expedition, together with their voluntary work, is a huge commitment – well done to all!

Congratulations to the Year 10 students who took place in the Model United Nations event at Mulberry school last week. Together with our Year 12 representatives, our Year 10s were awarded the 'Francesca Ward Honour', which recognises the school that best demonstrates preparation, research, kindness, diplomacy and conduct consistent to the values of the Model United Nations. Well done to Prinita (10U), Bianca (10M), Catherine (10U), Isabella (10U), Sofiia (10C), Arianna (10M), and Lourdes (10M) for this achievement!

Congratulations to Toni (10T) for reaching the Jack Petchey 'Speak Out Challenge' national final on 8 July at Cambridge Theatre in the West End – a proud achievement for you and the school!

This year, four Year 10 students represented the school as Ball Girls at the Wimbledon Championships. Congratulations to Martha, June, Karolina (10F), and Aitana (10A) on making the final cut. I hope you have all had an amazing time after your hard work in getting there!

Finally, I would like to thank all Year 10 parents and carers for your support over the last three years. It has been a pleasure being your daughter(s)'s Head of Year, and I look forward to seeing and hearing about their achievements as they move into Year 11 under Mr MacSweeney's stewardship. Have a wonderful summer!

Yours faithfully,

Mr Roberts, Head of Year 10

Students' Achievements

1 – Celebration Award Winners:

- Serviam Award: Rebecca M (10M)
- Achievement Award: Sofiia T (10C)
- Year 9 Virtue Awards: Sophia H (10F), Anjardie D (10A), Naomi M (10B), Julia T (10A), Chisom C (10A), and Ella H 10B

2 – Most Rewards:

1. Olivia R (10A) - 69
2. Mollie S (10B) & Michaela B-R (10C) - 63
3. Sienna S-T (10F) - 59

Congratulations to **10 Teresa** who finished in 1st place with 918 Rewards, and to **10 Catherine** who finished in second with 916!

3 – Highest Attendance:

There are currently **11** students in Year 10 who have **100%** attendance. A fantastic achievement!

Congratulations to **10 Bernadette** who lead the way with **95.5%** attendance!

4 – External Successes:

- **Maia H-M (10F)** – Gold Medal, Surrey Championships U17 Hurdles. Congratulations on also qualifying for the England U17 100m and Hurdles later this month – we look forward to hearing about it!
- **Stephanie R (10U)** – 6th place in Merton Cross Country; selected for Merton in the London Youth Games for Basketball and Football; successful trial for AFC Wimbledon. Huge achievements!!

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

Summer B Highlights

- **Sports Day** – 10 Francis were victorious again; with 10 Teresa in second! (see winners photo on next page).
- **Mr Kelly's Commissioning Mass** – Thank you to the Year 10 students who represented the year group at Mr Kelly's mass on Monday 8 July.



Sports Day



Mr Kelly's Commissioning Mass

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Upcoming Events:

September / October

- **Weds 4th Sept** – School returns for Year 11
- **Fri 6th Sept** – Mass of the Holy Spirit, 9.50-10.40am, in the school hall (parents welcome)
- **Weds 25th Sept** – Main school Open Evening, 6.00-8.30pm
- **Thurs 1st Oct** – Year 11 Information Evening, 6.00-7.00pm, in the school hall
- **Weds 9th Oct** – Sixth Form Open Evening, 5.00-7.30pm
- **Thurs 24th Oct** – Academic Review Day (from 1.35pm)
- **Fri 25th Oct** – Academic Review Day (All Day)

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



Many Year 10s were buddies with our Taiwanese visitors this half-term!



GO FRANCIS – Form winners of this year's sports day!



Model United Nations Conference at Mulberry School



Toni presenting her speech at the Jack Petchey Grand Final this half-term.

Wellbeing

Parental Workshops

KS4 Online Parental Workshop: Media & Safety (Grooming):

Thurs 17th Oct, 6.00pm

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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Celebration Assembly Winners



Achievement Award: Sofia T



Serviam Award: Rebecca M



Virtue Award: Leading for Justice:
Anjardie D, Naomi M, Julia T & Chisom C



Passion Subject Awards



Achievement Subject Awards



Form Prize Winners:
10A: Isabella T, 10B: Linett W, 10C: Catherine B, 10F: Maia H-M, 10M: Orlaith L, 10T: Toni A, 10U: Prinita S-C



Virtue Award
Attentiveness: Sophia H, 10F

**Congratulations to
all our awardees.**

A full list is available on
the website [here](#).



Virtue Award:
Acting with Truth: Ella H, 10

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Dear parent(s)/carer(s),

Parent Communications:

The below details are correct for the current academic year. The Year 11 team will be shared with parents in the Autumn A Information evening and in the Year 11 Curriculum Guide.

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