

Year 7 Update

Summer B Term 2024



Dear Parents / Carers,

As we come to the end of a very busy term, I would like to share what we have been up to. Last week several Year 7s enjoyed taking part in debates, demonstrating confidence and passion, debating topics including: Public transport should be free for all and mobile phones should be banned for all under 15s.

Another recent highlight was Sports Day – congratulations to St. Angela's who were the overall year 7 winners, and St. Francis who were the House winners. We are extremely proud of the dedication, effort, and teamwork that Year 7 students demonstrated throughout the day. Each form group was so committed to supporting one another, from creating banners to representing their tutor group, cheering students on, and celebrating with each other.

Recently, Year 7 Teresa represented our school at St. George's Cathedral for the 'Go Forth Mass' for students embracing the transition to High School.

Congratulations to Anna (7T) whose work was submitted to the Wimbledon Young Writers Competition and was recognised as highly commended.

There have been a number of sporting achievements, well done to Olivia (7A) who was selected to play for our U13 tennis team. Congratulations to Miriam (7B) who was voted Player of the Match at a recent Cricket event, well done to all the other year 7s in the team. Our footballers, Robyn (7C), Alyssa (7A) and Clara (7A) represented Merton at the London Youth Games.

We cannot believe we are at the end of another academic year; Year 7's first year at the Ursuline is complete! You should all be very proud of what your daughters have achieved personally and academically, as Mr Kelly mentioned at Parent's Evening the exam results for year 7 have been exceptional. There is no coincidence between high attendance and academic achievement. I would like to thank you for your support with attendance over the year. We have worked hard to highlight the importance of a good attendance record. I am so pleased that at the time of writing, each form is over the school's attendance target of 96%. The average for the year group is 96.8%, the forms with the highest attendance are 7U with 98.2%, 7A with 97.3% and 7M with 97%. I would also like to mention the 13 students who have 100% attendance and punctuality: Adele (7A), Nana (7B), Jaslyn (7C), Matilda (7C), Rinedie (7C), Zia (7F), Annshly (7T), Eliza (7T), Subin (7T), Manali (7T), Lilian (7U), Isabelle (7U) and Iryna (7U). This was celebrated at the Year 7 Celebration Assembly last week (more details on page 3). It seems like a long time ago since the Year 7s were involved in the Commissioning Service in November, when they were presented with their Serviam badges. Since then, the students have really embraced 'Serviam' and I am delighted that year 7 have logged 6,938 hours on their Serviam Passports, an average of 32 hours each, a true reflection of using their gifts and talents for others.

It was a pleasure to watch their recent Serviam assembly where students came together as a form to reflect on their participation this year to serve individuals in the community.

It is time for the Year 7 team to say goodbye to the year group, it has been a privilege to be their first Ursuline Head of Year, we are confident that they will continue to thrive and excel under the leadership of their new Head of Year, Mr Roberts. We wish you and your families a restful, happy, and healthy summer break, and we look forward to welcoming students back into Year 8 on Wednesday 4th September 2024. Yours faithfully, Ms Hoyles, Head of Year 7.

Students' Achievements

Year 7 Total Rewards: 11,793

1 - Most Rewards:

Students with the top three rewards are:

- 1) Iryna 7U with 119 rewards
- 2) Maxine 7U with 117 rewards
- 3) Holly 7U with 108 rewards

Overall, the tutor group with the most rewards (2633 in total) since September with is 7U.

2 – Highest Attendance:

There are currently **13** students in Year 7 who have **100%** attendance!

3 – External Success:

Micaela (7U) and Adela (7U) participated with the London Youth Athletic Aquathlon at the Olympic Park. (Photo bottom right)

Well done to Mia (7C) who raised over £100 in sponsorship for her swimming club by swimming 1,400 meters.

Congratulations to Paloma (7F) who has been offered a full-time place at the London Vocational Ballet School – we wish her all the best.

Alice (7F) visited the Google Headquarters with the 25th Wimbledon Guides. They had a fantastic time programming robots, coding and learning what a typical day at Google is like. (photo bottom left)



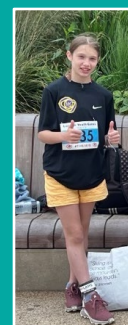
Lilian (7U) and Megan (7M) at the Chaplaincy Conference



Merton Borough Rounders Gold Medalists.
L>R Poppy (7U), Ava (7C), Helen (7M)
Sophia (7U) and Ivy (7M)

Summer B Highlights

- Celebration Assembly
- Chaplaincy Conference
- Debates
- Ethos Day
- Go Forth Mass
- Good Samaritans Mass
- LAMDA Public Speaking Showcase
- Merton rounders Gold Medal winners
- Naz Foundation t trip to City Hall
- Parents evening
- Refugee Week visits
- Serviam Assembly
- Sports Day
- Sports Dinner
- Summer Music Concert



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Celebration Assembly Winners



Achievement Awards: Loreнна A-B (7F),
Matilda M (7T), Camilla M-F (7C)



Serviam Award: Ivy M (7M)



Virtue Awards

"Insieme": Lilian Q (7U), "Loving":
Anna S (7C) & "Joyful": Hind K (7C)



Subject Prizes



Passion for Challenge to Success: Julia M
(7T), Achievement in Challenge to
Success: Lucia V-Z (7B), Passion for
Reading: Alice V (7F), Most Rewards:
Iryna V (7U), Resilience through difficult
challenge: Sophie J (7T)



Subject Prizes



**Fabulous vocals by Anna
L (7T). Well done!**

**Congratulations
to all our
awardees.**

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

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Upcoming Events:

September / October

- **Weds 4th Sept** – School returns for Year 8
- **Thurs 5th Sept**– Mass of the Holy Spirit
9.50-10.40am, in the school hall (parents welcome)
- **Weds 11th Sept**– Year 8 Information Evening,
6.00-7.00pm, in the school hall
- **Weds 25th Sept** – Main school Open Evening, 6.00-8.30pm
- **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*



Year 7 Virtue: Summer Term

Joyful

You are not afraid to show others that the simple things in life make you happy; like spending time with family and friends. You can recognise the difference between the temporary happiness that we get from focusing on ourselves and the joy we feel when we focus on others.

“Clap your hands, shout to God with cries of joy!” Psalms 47:1

Wellbeing

Parental Workshops

KS3 Online Parental Workshop: Media & Safety (Gaming & Social Media)

Thurs 10th 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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Dear parent(s)/carer(s),

Parent Communications:

The below details are correct for the current academic year. The Year 8 team will be shared with parents/carers in the Autumn A Information Evening and in the Year 8 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, punctuality, trips/calendar events.

7 Angela	Mr Davies	Gareth Davies
7 Bernadette	Ms Valentine	Debra Valentine
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 phone no later than 8.45am. Bernadette.young@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk 0203908 3144

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