

# Year 8 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,

What a busy exciting final half term we have had this year and there is so much we have celebrated. Students have really demonstrated their core values, Serviam, Respect, Kindness, Generosity, Perseverance and Gratitude. Along with those values students have demonstrated hard work and resilience to get to the end of this year. Well done to all the students that received subject awards in our Celebration for Achievement and passion, those with 100% attendance and punctuality, and especially to Sofia R for being awarded Student of the Year and Eva C for receiving the Serviam award.

Students have participated in Sports Day, Serviam Assembly, Debates, Extra-curricular clubs and competitive fixtures including, Athletics, Cricket, Tennis, Rounders, Volleyball and Trampolining. Many students auditioned for next terms school production 'Shrek', the Yr 8 choir were exceptional and Mr Kellys commissioning service and so many of them performed wonderfully at the Summer concert.

Well done to 8Margaret who won Sports day, 8Catherine who won the cheerleading and the Year 8 Debates opposing the motion 'The UK doesn't need a Monarchy'.

Year 8 worked tirelessly on their end of year exams and showed great work ethic and resilience to the challenges they pose. We had some fantastic results and students have received their results including actionable feedback including their full reports. It is important, with your support, to address the targets and feedback given to help students close gaps in their learning and continue to work to the highest standard in Year 9.

We have ended with Fest week with students on trips to Normandy and Blankenburg. Students here have been to Chessington World of adventures, STEM activities, the Cinema, Hackathon Day, an alternative Sports day and the Tate museum. Students have had a fantastic, active time learning more about the world around them.

Year 8 has not been without challenges, but without making mistakes, we do not learn how to do better and be better. I am very proud of all of Year 8's achievements and successes and look forward to overcoming more obstacles together in Year 9 with your dedicated continued support.

Wishing you and your families a restful, happy, and healthy summer break, and we look forward to welcoming students back on Wednesday 4th September 2024.

Yours faithfully,  
Ms Torode

## Students' Achievements

**Year 8 Total Rewards: 8344**

**8Teresa: 1584**

**1- Most Rewards:**

- Elizabeth S
- Sariah S-D
- Estefania I-L

Congratulations!

**2- Highest Attendance:**

There have been **10** students in Year 8 who have **100%** attendance for the year. Well done!

Congratulations to **8Angela** who have had the best attendance this year with **96.7%**.

**3- External Success:**

- Isabella B (8C) played the Khim in the Thai Music Circle's concert for Princess Sirindhorn of Thailand at the Wimbledon Thai Temple in May
- Lara A (8M) has submitted her Grade 2 piano performance and passed her theory exam.
- Maeve G (8M) won squash bronze in the LYG and her club's girls' junior championship

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

## Summer B Highlights

- Sports Day
- Serviam Assembly
- Debates
- Year 8 Celebration
- Summer Concert
- Fest Week
- Mr Kelly's Commissioning Mass



Sports Day



Mr Kelly's Commissioning Mass

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## Upcoming Events:

September / October

- **Weds 4<sup>th</sup> Sept** – School returns for Year 9
- **Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> Sept** – Mass of the Holy Spirit, 9.40-11.10am, in the school hall (parents welcome)
- **Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> Sept** – Year 9 Information Evening, 6.00-7.00pm, in the school hall
- **Weds 25<sup>th</sup> Sept** – Main school Open Evening, 6.00-8.30pm
- **Weds 9<sup>th</sup> Oct** – Sixth Form Open Evening, 5.00-7.30pm
- **Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> Oct** – Academic Review Day (from 1.35pm)
- **Fri 25<sup>th</sup> 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.*



**GO MARGARET – Form winners of this year's sports day! Well done.**

## Year 8 Virtue: Summer Term

### Faith-filled

Faith helps us grow in friendship with Jesus and his friendship helps us become the best we can be by becoming more like him. Growing in friendship with Jesus means learning to trust him and knowing that he is always with us. Faith is always open to new things because if you have faith you are a trusting person.

*"Jesus said, "Do not be afraid, only believe." Mark 5:36*

## Wellbeing

### Parental Workshops

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

Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> 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 R (8T)**



**Serviam Award: Eva C (8F)**



### **Virtue Awards:**

"LISTENING": Amelia Rozak (8A),  
"COMPASSIONATE": Gracie B (8A),  
Daniella J (8M)



**Passion & Achievement Subject Awards**



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**Congratulations to  
all our awardees.**

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

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Dear parent(s)/carer(s),

## **Parent Communications:**

**The below details are correct for the current academic year. The Year 9 team will be shared with parents in the Autumn A Information evening and in the Year 9 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 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.

8 Angela	Ms Williams	<a href="mailto:rachel.williams@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk">rachel.williams@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk</a>
8 Bernadette	Mr Panchins	<a href="mailto:francois.pachins@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk">francois.pachins@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk</a>
8 Catherine	Ms Hawkins	<a href="mailto:rosamund.hawkins@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk">rosamund.hawkins@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk</a>
8 Francis	Ms McHale	<a href="mailto:laura.mchale@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk">laura.mchale@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk</a>
8 Margaret	Mr Chiswa	<a href="mailto:ian.chiswa@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk">ian.chiswa@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk</a>
8 Teresa	Mr Gibson	<a href="mailto:georgina.gibson@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk">georgina.gibson@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk</a>
8 Ursula	Ms Surbey	<a href="mailto:carys.surbey@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk">carys.surbey@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk</a>

**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.

[Anne-Lise.Torode@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk](mailto:Anne-Lise.Torode@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk) Head of Year

[Karlin.Eloff@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk](mailto:Karlin.Eloff@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk) Pastoral Support Assistant

**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](mailto:Bernadette.young@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk) 0203 908 3144

## **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](#)

Yours sincerely,

Ms Torode