



Sports Success & Awards



Summer B is known for celebrations as we recognise students achievements throughout the school year. On *Friday 28th June*, we held our annual **Sports Day** which was held at **Wimbledon Park Athletics Track**. There is no 'i' in team and our students really demonstrated this throughout the day- the support, teamwork, perseverance and desire to succeed on display throughout all the events was truly outstanding! It was a pleasure to watch our students demonstrate their sporting prowess! Congratulations to our winning houses; Year 7: Angela, Year 8: Margaret, Year 9: Ursula and Year 10: Francis and well done to the winners of the House Cup; Catherine.

On *Friday 5th July*, our P.E department were delighted to host our **Sports Awards Dinner and Presentation Evening**! A fantastic celebration of the sporting success students have demonstrated throughout the year. This year students heard from guest speakers; Amy Gordan; Surrey Cricket Women's Captain and Judy Wallis who launched our brand new Sixth Form Cricket Academy.

There were a variety of awards presented throughout the evening, particular stand out awards included; Year 7 Little Enthusiast; *Sophia A*, Resilience Award: *Sophia H*, the Merici Award for Elite

Sports Performance: *Ema*, and Sportswoman of the Year which went to *Lucy*. We are also incredibly grateful to have received so much support from our Sixth Form Sports Leaders who volunteered their time to help this year and were recognised with their well deserved Sports Leadership Awards for 23-24. Congratulations everyone for an amazing academic year of sporting success!

Serviam is at the heart of every Ursuline student, and we continue to help recognise the efforts of those who have contributed to Sports Leadership, we were therefore delighted to present this year's Serviam in Sport Award to *Genevieve*, and this year's Jack Petchey Award went to *Siân* (Year 13).

We were saddened to hear of the passing of *Sir Jack Petchey CBE* (1925-2024), who did an incredible amount of work with schools in particular through his well known <u>Foundation</u>, may he rest in peace.







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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends, Welcome to the Inform for July 2024. Join our growing social community! Instagram: <u>UHSWimbledon</u> Twitter: <u>UHSWimbledon</u>

We have reached the end of the academic year which has been an incredibly successful and eventful year in the life of this wonderful school. This term I had the honour of being formally inducted as the headteacher; and thank you to everyone for your kind words and support at this time and throughout the Year.

The students in Year 13 and in Year 11 have completed their formal public examinations, and despite the damp Summer we have experienced so far we are full of admiration for their energy and commitment in their endeavours. We look forward to celebrating their successes in the Summer, when we send the students in Year 13 off to university, apprenticeships, further education and employment.

As for the Year 11 graduated students, we look forward to the enrolment process into our Sixth Form, as they will be inducted into programmes with our motto of 'Belong and Succeed'. Well done to all the other students in the school who completed end of year examinations; enjoy the rest which comes after knowing they have done their best and deserve their rewards.

The term has finished off with a packed programme of activities during Fest Week. The extensive offer of residential trips including Iceland, Normandy, Rhineland, Madrid, Blankenburg, and PGL, was complimented by a diverse and extensive range of local day visits and programmed activities in school.

We trust that this week will have capped off a year full of enriching experiences in the school, where our students continue to learn how to develop their gifts and talents in fulfilment of our mission of Serviam.

Wishing everyone in our school community, governors, staff, parents/carers and most importantly our students a well deserved rest and safe holiday.

See you all back in September.

Eoin Kelly

Headteacher

Taiwanese Visitors



It has been a pleasure to host staff/ students from **Taiwan** for the last two official weeks of Summer B. Our guests were part of the **UK School Integration Programme** - in affiliation with *Kingston Study Centre.* They enjoyed accompanying students in their day-to-day school life and we have a feeling they will be keeping in touch!

Mr Kelly's

On *Monday 8th July* we celebrated a significant milestone in our school's journey with a beautiful **Commissioning Service** for our new headteacher, *Mr Kelly* at *Sacred Heart Church*. Mr Kelly's commissioning service was more than a ceremony; it was a declaration of our commitment to growth, unity, and excellence. Here's to new beginnings and a bright future for our school! See full story on our <u>Instagram</u> here.

Celebrations!



A huge thank you to everyone who came to celebrate our **Year 11** students at their celebration evening on *Wednesday 19th June 2024*. Congratulations to our awardees. See <u>Instagram</u> and our <u>school</u> <u>website</u> for further details. Looking forward to seeing you in all in August for **Results Day.**

We ended the summer term with our usual array of year group **Celebration** and **Serviam Assemblies**. Congratulations to our winners and well done to all students for another productive and successful school year.





Communications

We are committed to effectively communicating with our parents/carers. To read more about our Communications Strategy visit the <u>Parent Communications</u> page of our website.

Are your details correct? To ensure you are receiving relevant communications from us, please ensure you notify us of any changes to contact details;

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Dallas

It was our pleasure to once again host our fellow **Ursuline Dallas** students from *3rd-7th June*.

Dallas students were excited to visit various tourist attractions, but also really embraced our local community, visiting our local football team; AFC Wimbledon,



and helping out at the DONS Location Action food bank in Wimbledon! It was a pleasure to host them, we hope Ursuline Dallas enjoyed their stay.

Arts Evening



On *Thursday 27th June* the Art department held their annual Art exhibition of the amazing work created by the GCSE and A Level students as part of their final projects. Due to exam regulations we are unable to show these until after they have been moderated, so we look forward to sharing these in our next Inform in Autumn A.

Teach Wimbledon



Largenté

Summer Concert

On *Monday 1st July*, we held our Summer concert at *Lantern Arts Centre*. The choir going on tour to Blankenberge for FEST Week performed their whole set to a packed audience. Well done to everyone involved.

On *Thursday 11th July* we held a celebration for our *Teach Wimbledon* graduates at *Roehampton University*. Congratulations to all our graduating teachers.

Interested in training to teach? Visit; <u>www.teachwimbledon.com</u>

> 20 students and 3 teachers travelled to Largenté, **France** during May half-term.

Students had a great time and just enough sunshine to enjoy.



Shrek Auditions



Year 6 Transitions

On Wednesday 3rd July we held our Transitions Day for Year 6 students to help them become familiar with our school ahead of starting in Year 7 in September! Students received a warm welcome assembly, met their tutors, and had a school tour! Thank you to our Year 12 student leaders for supporting the day.



We brought the school year to a close with our annual Fest Week on 15th-19th July. Students enjoyed many fun activities during the week from activities in central London (including the zoo, art galleries, and a boat trip), to amazing trips to Madrid, Iceland, Normandy, and PGL team building trip (above)!

release details regarding ticket purchasing. Stay tuned!

We are delighted to announce we

will be performing **Shrek** as our 2024 winter school production.

This looks set to be another

talent from the Arts Faculty.

memorable display of creative

Students have been auditioning this

half-term and are now fully casted.

Rehearsals will be underway in the

Autumn Term when we will also





On Tuesday 18th June, LAMDA students in Year 7-9 took part in an acting showcase in St Angela's Arts Centre. Great performances all round to a packed and engaged audience. Well done

Conference & Sancta Familia Mass



Our Chaplaincy team shared their ministry at the CCE National Chaplaincy Conference on Thursday 13th June with Mr Cunliffe held at St Mellitus College. Students demonstrated great leadership skills- well done.



pen Events

BOOK FROM 9th July - 19th Sept!



Open Events 2024



SIGN UP TO ONE EVENT! NO TICKET - NO ENTRY

It was great to be part of the congregation at the Sancta Familia Mass at St George's Cathedral on Wednesday 26th June.

> Our main school Open Evening will be held at UHS on Wednesday 25th Sept with open mornings from Monday 30th Sept-Friday 4th Oct. This will be an exciting time for prospective parents (and any current parents with Year 5 or 6 children) to view the school and hear about Ursuline High Schools' offer. Tickets are available to book from now until 19th September, further information can be found on our website here.

Students of other faiths and non-faith are welcomed to our events and should secure places.



Belong and Succeed

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External Year 11 students took part in

their **External Taster Day** on *Tuesday*

Year 11 on Thursday 27th June for the

full Sixth Form Taster Day to prepare

all students for their transition to sixth

Year 10 also took part in a Sixth Form Taster Day on Monday 1st July to open

their eyes to sixth form course options

in preparation for next year. Sixth Form

interviews were held on 2nd-3rd July.

25th June, then joined our current

form in September 2024.

Twitter: @SixthFormUHSWC

Induction Day & Taster Day





T Level Nursing

On Wednesday 26th June, T Level Nursing students had a visit from nurses at St Heliers Hospital who provided them with practical advice and guidance navigating their nursing placements in local hospital and care settings. Including the importance of emotional resilience!



EVELS THE NEXT LEVEL QUALIFICATION



Open Evening

Considering Sixth Forms for 2025 entry?

We are pleased to announce that our **Ursuline and Wimbledon College Sixth** Form Open Evening will be held at the Ursuline on Wednesday 9th October, 5.00-7.30pm.

Transform your education journey at our Sixth Forms, where faith drives learning and our values drive success.

Ursuline Sixth Form offers an excellent pathway to your chosen university, further education institution, degree apprenticeship or training programme. Find out more on our sixth form website here.

Common Room Upgrade

Year 12 students are absolutely loving our brand new sixth form common room! Equipped with a sleek new TV and comfy furniture, this space is perfect for relaxing and socialising! At Ursuline Sixth Form, we believe in the

power of community and friendships, and these spaces are designed just for that.

Bath University



University trips are a vital part of the sixth form experience, giving students a glimpse into life beyond school. On Tuesday 4th June our Year 12s enjoyed an inspiring trip to Bath University and explored its potential as a uni option!

Supreme Court



Year 12 had an absolutely amazing time at City Hall on Wednesday 26th June for 'The Great Get Together'! This inspiring initiative, inspired by the late Jo Cox, encourages people to come together to celebrate what they have in common, make new connections, and bridge divides. See Sixth Form Instagram for further details.





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Ball Girls





Wimbledon Tennis took place 3rd-16th July We are delighted that June, Karolina, Martha, Aitana, Abigail and Marina had the opportunity to participate as Wimbledon Ball Girls over the past two weeks. How exciting!

We hope they have enjoyed the experience.

Surrey Schools Tennis



A solid performance from our U15 Tennis Team in the Surrey School's Quarter Finals at St Catherine's Bramley on 20th June.

Some fantastic rallies and close games but we leave with an 8-4 knockout. Still, a brilliant afternoon playing in the sun.

Cricket

Well done to our **U15 Cricketers!** Even with a mildly depleted team, beat **Raynes Park** in the straight final at the **Merton Borough Competition** on *5th June*. Final Score: RPHS 211/12 UHS 260/8 Catch of the day: Rebecca Top Run Scorer: Eliza Top Bowler: Charlotte 4/23



Multi-Skills Morning



A huge well done and THANK YOU to all of class 8Margaret who single-handedly led an excellent **Multi-Sports Morning** with some of our visiting Primary Schools on *12th June*.

Merton Youth Games



It has been a busy few weeks for many of our students who have been selected to represent Merton at the **London Youth Games** in June. Well done *Maeve*: Bronze medallist with the **Squash Team**! (Top, right) **Basketballers**: *Alyssa & Stephanie* (top, middle)

U13 Footballers: Joanne, Robyn, Leia, Sophia, Alyssa & Clara! (Top, left) The Final Results of the Merton London Youth Games came in toward the end of term! With **Merton** finishing **12th** overall!

Further highlights included:

Aquathon: Michaela, Adella, Anna and Olivia.

Netball: Annabel, Abigail, Halili & Lottie.

Hockey: Shannon & Niamh

Thank you everyone who took part!





DofE Gold



DofE Gold students took part in an expedition training weekend in the North Downs on *15th June*. Completing a 20km hike through the **North Downs**.







On *Monday 17th June* Year 8 took part in a Team Building and Picnic Afternoon at *Morley Park Playing Fields*.