

# Year 9 Update

## Autumn Term B 2024

See page 2 for  
a snapshot  
of upcoming  
events.



Dear Parents / Carers,

As we approach the end of term, I am delighted to say that Year 9 students have continued their fantastic start to the year. As always, it has been a pleasure witnessing the great work across the year group – both in and out of the classroom and I am proud to see every student living out our core ethos, Serviam in all that they do.

Many students across the year group took part in the school's production of 'Shrek'. This was an astonishing performance, reflecting the hard work and effort of all students involved – both on stage and behind the scenes – and a truly proud moment for them all. Very well done.

In addition, Year 9 students have continued to show great dedication and enthusiasm in their uptake of other enrichment activities including Sports Clubs and School Council to name a few. There will be new activities on offer in the Spring Term, so please do encourage your daughter to get involved and to try something new. As ever, please do let us know if there is something your daughter would be interested in, if it is not currently being offered. Also, it is always a pleasure to hear about your daughters' involvement in activities outside of school so please do continue to share their achievements with me, so that they can be celebrated in school. A huge congratulations goes to Eva T (9M) & Gabriella G (9M) who have both gained places in the prestigious National Youth Choir! Wow! We wish them the very best of luck.

Our Autumn term closes with our expansive Advent Programme to reflectively prepare for the Nativity of Christ including our Christmas Gift Appeal, Christmas tree service, Christmas fundraising fairs, Christmas Jumper Day, Christmas Carol Service, Senior Citizens Christmas Party, Christmas Staff and Students' Lunch. See our Autumn term Catholic Life newsletter for further details of other events. The year group ran a very successful Christmas fair, with many haggling at their stalls and others walking around in festive jumpers to attract customers. I am proud to share that year 9 raised an incredible £497.91 for their chosen charities. It's been lovely to hear of the vast array of external successes during Autumn B, please do continue to let us know of any external successes ahead of our next newsletter, we would love to celebrate them.

Spring A will call for students to start to think more seriously about their GCSE options. Please continue to have discussions with your daughter regarding their progress and interests and encourage them to think about the subjects they may wish to continue or take up next year. There will be a Pathways Information Evening for Year 9 parents on 14<sup>th</sup> January (see email from Mr Nichols sent 10<sup>th</sup> Dec). This will be ahead of the GCSE Options Taster Day on 4<sup>th</sup> February, which will provide the students key insight into various GCSE courses, some of which will be subjects not studied at KS3 - so a chance to experience something new.

Wishing you and your families a joyous Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

Kind regards

Mrs Torode, Head of Year 9

## Students' Achievements

### 1 - Most Rewards:

1. Saffiyah C – 61
2. Sapphire D - 53
3. Maja B - 51

Congratulations to **9 Teresa** - currently leading the way with **995 Reward Points!**

### 2 – Highest Attendance:

There have been **55** students in Year 9 who have 100% attendance so far this year.

Well done! Congratulations to **9 Francis** who have had the best attendance this year with 96.12%.

### 3 – External Success:

- Congratulations to Imogen for passing her Grade One Piano exam! Great dedication!
- Well done to Lucy and all our Year 9 cadets that attended the Lord Mayors Show and Remembrance Sunday services.
- Esme E (9F) - Completed a triathlon in November.
- Eva C (9F) - Took part in the London Games Cross country in November. Challenging!
- Willow H (9F) - Dance performance show in Southfields with her Max Dance school. Wow!
- Isabella (9F) - Won a tennis Competition in Sutton and selected for Ball Girl Trials. Amazing!
- Bethany S (9F) - Rugby team won the Waterfall cup (Old Emmanuel's). Great news!
- Elsie R (9F) - Awarded the most valuable netball player on her Netball Team in Tooting. Wow!
- Sofia S (9F) - Won her Dance competition in Claygate. We're so proud of you.

## Autumn B Highlights

- Year 9 Christmas Fair
- Shrek the Musical
- CAFOD non-uniform day
- Catholic Children's Society Gift Appeal

- Advent Programme
- Christmas lunch – a full roast dinner together.

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



**School Production:  
Shrek: The Musical**



**Year 9 Christmas  
Fair**

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**Virtues: Spring Term:** Discerning, **Summer Term:** United in Harmony



## Upcoming Events

### January

6<sup>th</sup> – Start of Spring A Term  
6<sup>th</sup> – Mass in Chapel – Feast Of The Epiphany  
10<sup>th</sup> – UPA Doughnut Day  
16<sup>th</sup> – Merton Indoor Athletics Competition  
24<sup>th</sup> – School Council Meeting  
29<sup>th</sup> – Year 9 Mass of St. Angela (1:40 - 2:40pm),  
Sacred Heart Church

### February

3<sup>rd</sup> – LGBT History Month  
5<sup>th</sup> - Webinar – Social Media & Gaming, 7.00-7.30pm  
6<sup>th</sup> – Merton Borough Basketball Competition  
7<sup>th</sup> – Chaplaincy Team Retreat  
7<sup>th</sup> - UPA Doughnut Day  
7<sup>th</sup> – Inter House Cross Country  
11<sup>th</sup> – Women in Science Day  
13<sup>th</sup> – Academic Review Day (P5 & 6)  
14<sup>th</sup> – Academic Review Day (All Day)  
14<sup>th</sup> – Last Day of Spring A Term  
17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> – Half-Term  
24<sup>th</sup> – INSET Day  
25<sup>th</sup> – Start of Spring B Term

### Looking Ahead

12<sup>th</sup> March – St. Cecilia Day Concert 7.30-9.30pm  
19<sup>th</sup> March – Multicultural Evening, 6.00-8.30pm  
*\*Please note this is not a complete event list and is intended to provide a snapshot only. Events may be subject to change.*



**School Production: Shrek**

## Wellbeing

### Free Parental Workshops

South West London and St George's Mental Health NHS trust are running a number of free wellbeing workshops for parents / carers of secondary school aged children.

Click here for more information and to book:

### [Secondary/College Parents - Wellbeing Workshops | Eventbrite](#)

Education Wellbeing Service

Upcoming Events For Secondary Parents  
Spring/Summer Term 2025  
Supporting your teenager's mental health webinars

4TH OR 6TH FEB Social Media & Gaming: What Parents Need To Know

24TH FEB Managing Exam & Assignment Stress For Parents Of Young People In Years 11-13

26TH OR 27TH MAR Exam And Assignment Stress Management For Parents Of Young People In Years 7-10

24TH OR 30TH APR Parenting Teenagers: Conflict And Communication

7TH OR 9TH MAY Supporting Your Teenager With Emotional Difficulties And Self-Harm

To view further event details and descriptions, and to book on to any of the webinars, please scan the QR Code or follow the link to our Eventbrite collection. [Click here](#)

We also provide free 1:1 early help support programmes for young people to support with anxiety or low mood. Speak to your school to find out more.

## Laptops & Social media/gaming

Just a polite reminder that school laptops are for school related work only. Please remind your daughters that they are not for accessing social media, gaming or web browsing non school-related content.

### Additional Support

[Young Merton](#), [Young Minds](#), [Off The Record](#), [Kooth](#), [MindEd](#), [e-wellbeing](#)