

Year 9 Update

Spring Term B 2025

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Dear Parents / Carers,

Year 9 have had a fantastic half-term contributing to the wider school community and developing their academic progress.

All students continue to demonstrate their commitment to the school's ethos and live out the school's core values of generosity and kindness including their active participation in our Lenten Programme. Year 9 students have been participating in various activities in the last 4 weeks such as donating to Wimbledon Foodbank, recognised and gave messages of hope to those people in our school community, and students also had the opportunity to take part in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Students have ended Spring B with their Easter liturgies, in which they behaved with the upmost reverence and respect.

We were delighted to see so many students participating in Multicultural Evening and Cultural Day, where many cultures were celebrated through dance, singing and the sharing of delicious food. It was lovely to see so many Year 9s – and their families – celebrating their cultures together. We were also proud of the students who took part in the St Cecilia Concert - it is always a pleasure to hear and see students putting their gifts and talents to good use, and developing their skills in leadership, teamwork, resilience, and more.

Students have worked hard this term with deciding their GCSE options and have had 2 guest speakers talking about their careers in engineering and banking, which have inspired the students to think big and broaden their horizons with regards to career opportunities. Thank you to those of you that attended our invaluable Academic Review Day appointments, despite being brief they are essential in focusing on the students' academic progress and wider social development.

It is at this point that I would like to remind you of the importance of your daughters' attendance. Research states that attendance has direct correlation with Academic success and unfortunately year 9 as a whole are not meeting the school target of 96%. There is plenty of support in school if your daughter is struggling to attend due to medical or wellbeing needs. Please reach out if you would like further support. We know that students social and emotional wellbeing is also supported by being in school and regular routines. End of year exams commence on 19th May and before then there are two parent meetings scheduled: the exam information meeting on 22nd April and parents evening on 30th April. We look forward to seeing you at these.

We wish you and your families a healthy, happy, and blessed Easter, and look forward to welcoming students back on Tuesday 22nd April.

Thank you as always for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

Ms Torode

Head of Year 9



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

Students' Achievements

1 - Most Rewards:

1. Tawiah T
2. Trisha VC
3. Jasmine S

Congratulations to **9 Catherine** - currently leading the way with **1617** rewards!

2 – Highest Attendance:

There are currently **12** students in Year 9 who have **100%** attendance. Please do keep up the good work!

Congratulations to **9F** who lead the way with **96.01%** attendance!

3 – External Success:

- Congratulations to **Mekhayla 9U** who's cheerleading team won the NCA Nationals Dallas!
- Well done to **Eva 9F** for outstanding extra-curricular work on the Holocaust
- Well done to **Oliva 9B** who performed at the Royal Albert Hall as part of Wandsworth Music
- Exciting news that **Hannah 9U** has been partaking in a prestigious BA work experience programme.

Spring B Highlights

- St Cecilia's Day Concert
- Multicultural evening
- Start of Ramadan
- Lenten reflections
- International Women's Day
- World Book Day



*'Walking the Way'
Passion Service*



St Cecilia's Concert



*Multicultural Evening &
Culture Day*

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Virtues: Summer Term: United in Harmony



Upcoming Events

April

- 4th – 12th April – Ski Trip
- Monday 7th April – Monday 21st April: Easter Holidays
- 18th April – Good Friday
- Saturday 19th April 2025 – Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel
- 20th April – Easter Sunday
- 21st April – Easter Monday
- 22nd April: Return to School: Start of Summer A Term
 - 6-6.45pm Yr9 Parents Revision Evening for internal exams
- 30th April-** 3.50pm-6.30pm- Y 9 Parents Evening

May

- 5th May – May bank holiday
- 12th May – Mental Health Awareness Week
- 16th May - KS3 Music Showcase, St Angelas Centre
- 19th May- Internal End of Year Exams
- 21st May – World Day for Cultural Diversity
- 23rd May – End of Summer A
- 26th – 30th May – Half term

Looking Ahead

- 2nd June – Summer B Begins
- 5th June- Parental Workshop KS3- Relationships and healthy lifestyles in USFC
- 27th June – Sports Day
- 30th June – 13th July- Wimbledon Championships
- 30th June – Student Leadership Celebration in the School Hall
- 1st July – Summer Concert, Hall
- 4th July – Sports Awards Dinner
- 9th July – Yr9 Debates
- 9th July – Yr 9 celebration, 1.35-3.10pm
- 18th July – End of term - End of Term - Summer Holidays

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



Congratulations to our Surrey Schools U14 Cup Finalists!
Eva T & Gabriella G (9M)



Olivia M (9B) performed as part of the Wandsworth Music Bright Sounds concert at Royal Albert Hall recently!



Largenté French Exchange

Wellbeing

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
South West London and St George's Mental Health NHS Trust

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.

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>

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Health and well-being Services Directory and Resource Library

Health and Wellbeing

The teenage years can bring about many well-being and mental health challenges for teens and their families. At the Ursuline High School, we fulfil our school values through our outstanding pastoral care. We understand that young women need to have the best view of themselves and the world around them to succeed.

We really do care for each one of our students and we ensure that their individual needs are known and met. Students have a variety of support available that they can access in school to support them, with any worries or anxieties students may have about school or outside of school.

Our focus on well-being is further supported by being part of the South-west London Mental Health Trailblazer. This partnership provides mental health support teams that work with students and their parents with the aim of ensuring they are well equipped to have healthy and honest conversations about emotional well-being – as well as connecting them to local services. This has enabled us to develop the services we have on offer at the Ursuline including a clinical psychologist, nurse and educational well-being practitioners.

If you or your daughter have a concern, then in the first instance please speak with your daughter's form tutor or pastoral support assistant. See the Year 9 list [here](#).

Safeguarding

At the Ursuline High School, the well-being and the safety of young people in our care is paramount. We recognize our duty to ensure arrangements are in place for safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. If you have a concern regarding a student please [contact the Safeguarding team](#).

Parent/Carer Support Services Directory

Explore our [Directory](#) for a list of charities and other parenting experts sharing practical strategies, and powerful insights that can help to inform your conversations at home.

Online Safety, Smart Devices and Social Media

Our [extensive online safety library](#) hosts our Smart Devices & Social Media Statement and other recommended resources related specifically to online safety. From social media and gaming to online challenges and conversation starters, our library is expansive.

Girls' only Education

The [On educating Girls': Creating a World of Possibilities' podcast](#) produced by the International Coalition of Girls' Schools (ICGS) is a robust global conversation among experts who are passionate about the education and healthy development of girls. Tune in for practical strategies, and powerful insights that can reshape your conversations at home.