

Year 10 Update

See page 2 for
a snapshot
of upcoming
events!



Summer A Term 2025

There have also been some other great achievements...
Check out our [Instagram!](#)

Dear Parents / Carers,

Celebrated over the last seven weeks, Easter is most important season in the Church's year. It is a season of hope, joy and celebration, and a reminder to us all of the importance of optimism – looking forward to what lies ahead. As we move towards the Summer B term, there is certainly a lot to look forward to: debates, trips, sports day, FEST week, and our end of year celebration assembly where we will come together and mark the many amazing achievements of students across the cohort, this year. Auditions are also about to start for 'Hairspray' next year's school production, which is very exciting, students can refer to the email sent by Ms Surbey for further details.

I would like to commend all students for their maturity in how they approached the end of year exams. In many cases, this was the first opportunity students had to complete full-length GCSE style exams, spread across eight days, and it was wonderful to see students rising so resiliently to this challenge. The end results speak for themselves, with many students commended in our celebration assembly last week for achieving above their target in three or more subjects, and I am very proud of the achievement of the entire year group!

Over Easter, several Year 10 students joined in the annual ski trip in Italy. The trip was a resounding success, and it was a pleasure to witness the amazing progress made by students in all groups: the 'advanced' group, who were speeding down the slopes from day 1; the 'intermediates' who were not far behind; and the 'beginners' who, by the end of the week, were fearlessly skiing from the top of the mountain... while I was threw myself over and twisted my knee (it still hurts!)

This term has brought with it many excellent opportunities to engage in trips, enrichment, and extra-curricular activities. The year group have been offered Debating workshops, a trip to tour the Houses of Parliament and Science workshops. I would like to congratulate our Athletics team who came third in their competition. They played incredibly well against very good teams. I want to wish the Ball Girls good luck for next term as their commitments really take off in their new roles in Summer B.

We are delighted to announce that our next school production will be Hairspray and further details regarding how students can be involved will be released in due course.

This term, Year 10 students have started to submit their Ursuline Sixth Form applications to the school. Over the course of Summer B, interviews will be taking place, during which students can gain more advice on their pathways, including what they need to do in order to secure their sixth form places. Students will also have taster sessions provided in the subjects they hope to take in the next stage of the school career. See email from Mr Ryan for further details and information.

Thank you to all who attended the revision information evening on 21 May in the sixth form centre. Further arrangements regarding the exams will be shared with you and with students over Half-Term and when they return on 3 June, and I would like to thank you all for your support of your daughters as they prepare for these exams. The End of Year 10 exams run from Monday 17 – Wednesday 26 June, and a digital copy of the timetable is also attached along with information regarding 'study leave' which will be operation during the week. These exams give an excellent indicator of your daughter(s)' progress and help to prepare students for the mock exams in Year 11, and their real GCSEs which will be in full swing only a year from now. I'd like to remind students of the importance of these exams; and to remind them to do their very best. If they do this, the results will take care of themselves.

At the time of writing, Year 10 attendance for the year-to-date sits at 94.22% - comparable to the same time last year. Whilst this is good, and higher than the national average, there is room for this percentage to grow as we enter the final half-term. Attendance between now and the end of Year 11 is particularly important in maximizing your daughter(s)' potential to succeed in their GCSEs, and we very much look forward to working with you and with them to get them over the line.

Wishing you a wonderful half-term break,
Miss Smith and Miss Guiheen
Heads of Year 10

Summer A Highlights *(see page 2 for some photos)*

- Year 10 Vaping workshop
- Year 10 End of Year Exams
- Trip to King's for Debating workshop
- Year 10 Stocks and Shares Challenge

Students' Achievements

1 - Most Rewards:

1. Kinga K (10B) and Bethany M (10A) - 36
2. Rosa V (10F) - 33
3. Norissa (10C) - 31

Congratulations to **10B** - currently leading the way with **599 Reward Points!** With **10C** being 1 point behind!

2 – Highest Attendance:

There are currently **15** students in Year 10 who have **100%** attendance. Please do keep up the good work!

Congratulations to **10A**, who jointly lead the way with **95.55%** attendance.

3 – External Successes:

Congratulations to our Athletics team who came 3rd in their tournament,

Annabel W came 3rd in the Womens Under 17 Surrey Championship for 3000m. We are incredibly proud of her achievement especially as the student who came 1st in the country and the 2nd was a national runner!

Well done to our Year 10 Tennis team also came third against Kingston Grammar!

Lots of 3rds for this half term but I am sure our girls will continue to get ahead of the game. We are very proud of all of you!

**Well done to
Ava M,
Keiyan, and
Halili W who
competetd in
the Mini
Marathon**



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Make sure to check out our Summer Term
>>> **Enrichment Programme** <<<



Upcoming Events:

Virtues: Summer Term:
Acting with Truth

June

- 2nd June – Summer B Term Begins
- 5th June – World Environmental Day
- 5th June – Parental Workshop KS3- Relationships and healthy lifestyles (USFC)
- 6th June – Deadline for Year 10 Application to the Sixth Form
- 17th -26th June – Year 10 Exam Week
- 25th June – Parents Evening in Hall
- 27th June – Sports day – parents / carers welcome all day at Weir-Arches Athletics & Fitness Centre (Formally Kingsmeadow) Kingston KT1 3PB (email to follow)
- 30th June until- 13th July- Wimbledon Championships
- 30th June – Year 10 Taster Day for Sixth Form Courses
- 30th June – Student Leadership Celebration in the School Hall

July

- 1st July – Summer Concert; Hall
- 1st/2nd July – Year 10 One-on-One Sixth Form Interviews with a member of SLT
- 4th July – Annual Sports Awards Dinner; Hall
- 10th July – Year 10 Debates; Hall
- 10th July – Year 10 Celebration; Hall
- 14th -17th July – UHS Fest Week
- 18th July – End of Term - Summer Holiday

**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
announcement.
Hairspray The Musical!**



Kings Aspirations Programme



'Our Lady of the Roses'



Borough Athletics

Wellbeing

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**



Ski Trip

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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.