

# Year 9 Update

Summer B Term 2025

Check out our Sports Day video [here](#).

See page 2 for upcoming events, page 3 for our wellbeing directory.



Dear Parents/Carers,

This half-term has brought with it many reasons for celebration — from sporting achievements both in and out of school, to displays of academic brilliance, exceptional commitment to *Serviam* and our school values, exciting end-of-year events, and so much more.

Our students have done incredibly well, and we are very proud of all they have accomplished. Please take some time to read through their reports and the actionable feedback provided. Many Year 9 students embraced opportunities to represent the school at conferences and inter-school events this half-term. Our recent *Serviam* and Celebration Assemblies were a wonderful chance to acknowledge the outstanding effort and achievements of the year group, and I would like to take this opportunity to once again congratulate all our prize winners.

A special mention goes to Olivia M, winner of the *Serviam* Award, and Jewel ND, who was named *Student of the Year*. Congratulations also to 9 Margaret, who triumphed once again at Sports Day, securing the trophy for the third consecutive year! Thank you to all students who demonstrated exemplary behaviour and supported one another and other year groups with great maturity and school spirit. We also extend congratulations to Maeve G, who received a commendation, and Catarina B, who earned a Merit Award in the Wimbledon Young Writers' Competition for their outstanding work.

The Year 9 Debates, held on 9th July, were a resounding success and greatly enjoyed by all who attended. Topics debated included:

- *Performance-enhancing drugs should be legal for athletes at sporting events*
- *Influencers have too much power*
- *Artificial intelligence will save the world*
- *The legal voting age should be lowered to 16 in the UK.*

This week, students are enjoying *Fest Week*. Some have had the incredible opportunity to travel abroad — to New York, Germany, and Italy — while others took part in enriching local activities, including trips to the Tower of London, a cinema visit, an alternative Sports Day, and football coaching from Fulham FC. Check out our Instagram for photos!

I am proud of how much the year group has grown — both personally and academically — from Year 8 to now. I look forward to continuing to support them next year as they begin their journey towards GCSEs. Wishing you and your families a restful and joyful summer holiday (don't forget to check out our [Summer Inspiration & Resources](#)). I look forward to welcoming students back for Year 10 on Thursday, 4th September 2025.

Yours faithfully,  
**Ms Torode**  
**Head of Year 9**

*There have also been some other great achievements this half term and Fest Week activities, you can find these on our [Instagram](#)*



## Students' Achievements

### 1 – Celebration Award Winners:

- Serviam Award: Olivia M 9B
- Achievement Award: Jewel ND 9U
- Year 9 Virtue Awards:
  - Maeve G 9M – Integrity
  - Isabella R 9T – Discerning
  - Julia O 9B – United in Harmony

### 2 – Most Rewards:

- Trisha VC 9C

Congratulations to **9C** - currently leading the way with **2070 Reward Points!**

### 3 – Highest Attendance:

There are currently 10 students in Year 9 who have **100%** attendance. A fantastic achievement!

### 4 – External Successes:

- Isabella S 9F and Connie J 9M have had huge success as Wimbledon Ball girls- Well done!
- Congratulations to Lara A 9M and her high achieving Grade 5 Ballet exam.
- Good luck to Eva W 9T who qualified for the British Rowing Championships in Nottingham on 21st July in the women's J14 coxed quad event after representing Merton in the LYG.
- Congratulations to Roisin H 9C for being accepted on to Sound & Music year long programme for composing music.
- Well done to Lara P 9M for performing at the local music festival 'RutsFest' in Merton Park with her band SW15.

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

## Summer B Highlights

- Sports Day – Winners 9 Margaret!
- Celebration
- Debates
- Serviam Assembly



Wimbledon Ball Girls



Student Leader Celebration



Going Forth Mass

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## Upcoming Events:

September / October

- Mon 1<sup>st</sup>/Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept: INSET DAYS
- Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> Sept – School returns for Year 10
- Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> Sept – Year 10 photos in the Learning Resource Centre, P1&2
- Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> Sept – Mass of the Holy Spirit 11.05-11.55am, school hall
- Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept – Year 10 Information Evening, 6.00-7.00pm, school hall
- Weds 24<sup>th</sup> Sept – Main school Open Evening, 6.00-8.30pm
- Weds 8<sup>th</sup> Oct – Ursuline and Wimbledon College Joint Sixth Form Open Evening, 4.30-7.00pm, held at Wimbledon College
- Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct – Academic Review Day (from 1.35pm)
- Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Oct – Academic Review Day (from 12.50pm)
- Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Oct – Autumn B Ends
- Mon 27<sup>th</sup> – Fri 31<sup>st</sup> Oct: Half Term

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



### Celebration Assembly

#### Achievement Award

Jewel

#### Serviam Award

Olivia

#### Congratulations!

See full list of awards

[here.](#)



**GO TERESA –**  
Overall House  
winners of this  
year's sports day!  
Well done.



**Congratulations to**  
9 Margaret on their  
Sports Day victory  
(again). Well done!



### Sports Awards


#### Dinner:

Well done to  
all our Year 9  
winners!



## Wellbeing


### Parental Workshops



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


**Upcoming Events For Secondary Parents Autumn Term 2025**  
Supporting your teenager's mental health webinars

10TH SEPT 25  
7.30 PM-8.30 PM




SCAN OR CLICK HERE

17TH SEPT 25  
12.30 PM-1.30 PM




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23RD SEPT 25  
1 PM-2 PM



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24TH SEPT 25  
6 PM-7 PM



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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](#)



[wellbeinginschoolsevents@swlsg.nhs.uk](mailto:wellbeinginschoolsevents@swlsg.nhs.uk)

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>

## Additional Support

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

# Year 9 Update



## 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 10 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](#). Our webpage has details of who to contact during school and out of school hours.

### 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. On this page you will also find out [Summer Inspiration & Resources](#).

### 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.