

Year 10 Update

See page 2 for a snapshot of upcoming events!



Autumn Term B 2022

Dear Parents / Carers,

As we approach the end of the Autumn Term, I am delighted to see how well Year 10 have continued to settle into Key Stage 4. GCSE courses are now well underway, and the Year 10 students have diligently and conscientiously risen to that challenge. Also, they continue to live out the ethos of the school in all that they do inside and outside of the classroom through their contributions to Serviam activities.

During this half term Year 10 participated in many external events: students attended the National Grid Energy Challenge and learned about the London Power Tunnel project (the purpose of the 'Challenge' is to highlight the importance of STEM in future careers), Emma Towuaghantse, Mia Gallagher, and Ellen Walsh travelled to the Women of the World 'International Day of the Girl' event on the Southbank, which involved a speed networking event on the London Eye with women who are leaders in their professions. They then went to County Hall and heard from the truly inspirational keynote speaker Dr Shola Mos-Shogbamimu. Several Year 10 students also participated in Remembrance Day Services at Wimbledon College, Kingston, Wimbledon Village, and the Lord Mayor's show.

Year 10 also had a visit from an influential and informative guest speaker from the Holocaust Education Trust. Born in 1939, Marcel Ladenheim, a Holocaust survivor, shared his experience of hiding in France, while his father was sent to Auschwitz in 1941. The talk was followed by a Q&A session and the feedback from Year 10 was overwhelmingly positive.

At the end of the Autumn A term, the enrichment feedback from students was that they wanted a Basketball club, and a Senior Netball club on a separate day to the Triple Science lesson. These clubs are now running on site on a Wednesday (Netball) and a Thursday (Basketball). There is lots on offer for Year 10s to get involved with, so please do encourage your daughter to sign up if she has not already done so; or to let us know if there is something she would be interested in if it is not currently offered. Enrichment is so important to students' well-being, and even more important while they are working hard for their GCSEs.

Our term closes with our expansive Advent Programme designed to reflectively prepare for the Nativity of Christ including our Christmas Gift Appeal, Christmas Tree Service, Christmas Jumper Day, Christmas Carol Service, Senior Citizens Christmas Party, and Christmas Staff and Students' Lunch. Year 10 raised a fantastic £212.25 at their Christmas fundraising fair, with the proceeds going to the young carer's charity; HoneyPot - we are so proud of their efforts.

We have lots to look forward to in the Spring A half-term including the Wimbledon Partnership visit to King's University, Maths and Careers Speaker series, Intermediate Maths Challenge and Form Retreat Days. Congratulations again, to all of Year 10.

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

Yours faithfully,

Ms Kearney
Head of Year 10

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

Students' Achievements

Check out our [student achievement](#) page for pics!

1 - Most Rewards:

1. **Olivia B (10T)** - 48
2. **Briana S(10M)** - 45
3. **Zofia H(10F)** - 45

Congratulations to **10M** who are currently leading the way with **678** Reward Points. Year 10 have received a total of **3621** rewards this half-term

2 - Highest Attendance:

There are currently **62** students in Year 10 who have **100%** attendance. Please do keep up the good work!

Congratulations to **10F** who lead the way with **97.38%**!

3 - External Success:

- Congratulations to **Anastasiia N (10B)** who travelled to Germany and Copenhagen for a fencing competition
- Congratulations to **Emma T (10T)** for her success in Surrey Junior Netball Competition
- Congratulations to all of the Cadets who participated in the Remembrance Day Services in Kingston and Wimbledon

If your daughter participates in sport or other activities outside of school do encourage her to let me know - I would love to celebrate their efforts!

Autumn A Highlights

- School Production of 'A Christmas Carol'
- National Grid Energy Challenge
- Holocaust Survivor Talk
- Christmas Fair
- Christmas Tree Service
- Christmas Gift Appeal
- Carol Service
- International Day of the Girl
- Remembrance Day Services
- Model United Nations



Model United Nations Trip



Christmas Carol Service!

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January

- **3rd January** – Start of Spring A Term
- **11th January** – Wimbledon Partnership Visit to Kings College University
- **16th January** – Martin Luther King Day
- **17th January** – Maths and Careers Speaker Series
- **23rd January** – Feast of St Angela
- **27th January** – Holocaust Memorial Day
- **Date TBC** – Year 9 and 10 Intermediate Maths Challenge
- **30th Jan** – Children's Mental Health Week

February

- **1st February** – LGBT+ month
- **2nd February** – 10A Form Retreat
- **3rd February** – 10B Form Retreat
- **6th February** – Spanish trip to Pontevedra
- **6th February** 10C Form Retreat
- **7th February** – 10F Form Retreat
- **8th February** – 10M Form Retreat
- **9th February** – 10T Form Retreat
- **10th February** – 10U Form Retreat
- **Date TBC** – Mid-year Serviam Celebration Assembly
- **11th February** – Last Day of Term
- **21st February** – INSET Day
- **22nd February** – Start of Spring B Term

Looking Ahead

- **29th March** – Bayonne Exchange – French School of Largante
- **31st March** – Ski Trip to Austria
- **10th April** – Science trip to Camino de Santiago
- **28th April** – BFI MFL Trip

Wellbeing

Parental Workshops

- **26th Jan: KS4 & KS5 Drug Awareness Parental Workshop**
- **15th June: KS4 & KS5 Relationships and Sexual Health Parental Workshop**

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)

Education Wellbeing Service
Upcoming Events For Secondary Parents 2022/23
Supporting your teenager's mental health webinars

- 22ND, 26TH OR 27TH SEPT** – Mental Health during the teenage years - an introduction and overview For year 7 & year 8 parents
- 9TH, 10TH OR 15TH NOV** – Supporting your teen through emotional storms - emotion regulation skills and strategies For all secondary school parents
- 26TH, 30TH OR 1ST JAN/FEB** – Understanding and supporting anxiety during the teenage years For all secondary parents
- 13TH, 16TH OR 17TH MAR** – Supporting and managing exam and assignment stress: top tips and ideas for parents For all secondary parents - year 11 and 13 focus
- 4TH, 9TH OR 11TH MAY** – Understanding and supporting teen sleep: an overview of the research and recommendations For all secondary parents

Scan QR code with your phone's camera to sign up for free via eventbrite or search: www.eventbrite.com/c/secondary-parents-nhs-wellbeing-workshops-725989

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.

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Dear parent(s)/carer(s),

Parent Communications:

At the Ursuline parental communication is really important to us. I have listed below a reminder of the correct person you should contact for a particular enquiry which I hope you find helpful

Form tutors – general enquires about the Ursuline, friendship issues, organisation, homework, clubs/enrichment, uniform, equipment, travelling to/from school, trips/calendar events.

10 Angela – sulumentary.odhiambo@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk

10 Bernadette – lucy.collier@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk

10 Catherine – joshua.noone@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk

10 Francis – niall.carton@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk

10 Margaret – zoe.antell@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk

10 Teresa – ellen.byrne@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk

10 Ursula – mercedes.alvarez@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk

Head of Year (Ms Kearney) or Ms Brown (Pastoral support assistant) – Mental health, bullying, safeguarding, online safety, absence request forms, request for your daughter to receive school counselling/educational well-being practitioner, financial support.

Ms Young and Ms Brown – Attendance and punctuality/lateness (please report student absence before 9.30am).

ITHelpdesk@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk – for IT/Weduc/progresso/laptop related enquires.

Subject specific enquiry – please contact the subject teacher, all staff contact details can be found on our Ursuline directory below.

[Staff Contact Details - Ursuline High School](#)

Kind regards,

Ms Kearney