

Year 7 Update

Spring B Term 2023

See page 2 for a snapshot of upcoming events!



Dear Parents / Carers,

We are delighted to update you on the Year 7 highlights and accomplishments for this half-term. Firstly, congratulations to all students who performed at the St Cecilia's concert. The concert was beautiful, and the Year 7 participants were outstanding; we really admire their commitment and dedication to this special evening. Students also took part in another stand out event this half term- Multicultural Evening, it was a fantastic evening of cultural celebration. As always, it was lovely to see so many parents come to support, thank you.

At the start of Spring B, two students from the head girl team, Layla and Eirinn launched their 'big sister' programme, a very special Ursuline initiative, which has been hugely popular with 44 Year 7 students attending! Students are loving the sessions and getting huge value from being assigned an older role model. This Spring Term, Year 7s have been lucky enough to have a variety of new clubs to join thanks to the leadership projects launched by our Year 12 Arts Award Students. Students are now participating in cartoon drawing, charcoal drawing, and a talents club where they are showcasing their gifts and talents! In addition, Year 7s have been busy in Cheerleading club creating routines with Ms. Church!

As we approached the season of Lent, students took part in their Ash Wednesday Service, students have continued to fully participate in our Lenten Programme and engaged in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, where they have had time to reflect on their actions and interactions with others. They have also been involved in a "digital detox", with no laptop use in lessons. We are as always proud of the students' commitment to Serviam; they have shown stewardship through our Food bank collection where they have donated bags of rice which will be distributed to local families in need. We have also spent time discussing Ramadan, which commenced on the 22nd March. A huge thank you to Liyana (7M) Alayna, Ella, and Sophia (7U) who confidently delivered a beautiful and insightful presentation in a recent Year 7 assembly!

We were pleased to see so many parents engaging in our Academic Review days as our term has drawn to an end, we hope you have found them informative. Congratulations to Year 7 on an outstanding Spring Term- which we ended with our Easter Liturgy! We look forward to what the Summer Term brings, with many events and activities scheduled including a parents revision evening for those end of year exams and planning for UHS Fest Week and Sports Day! We wish you and your families a healthy, happy, and blessed Easter, and look forward to welcoming students back on Monday 17th April, where we will be approaching the 132nd anniversary of our school. Thank you as always for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

Ms Pinto and Mr Dunne, Head of Year 7 & Assistant Head of Year 7

Spring B Highlights

- Launch of the Big Sister programme
- Launch three new clubs delivered by the Year 12 Arts Awards students
- Food Bank collection
- Cheerleading club
- The start of Lent and Ramadan
- Multicultural Evening
- World Poetry Day



World Poetry Day Workshop



Multicultural Evening

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

Year 7 Total Rewards: 1489

1 - Most Rewards:

Students with the top three rewards are:

- 1) Anna Marie G - 85
- 2) Iliana T - 83
- 3) Isabella R - 81

Overall, the tutor group with the most rewards since September with is 7F!

2 - Highest Attendance:

There are currently 19 students in Year 7 who have 100% attendance! The tutor group with the best attendance so far is 7C - really well done!

3 - External Success:

Eva T - Was accepted into the National Youth Choir Great Britain and will be performing at the 40th Anniversary concert at the Royal Albert Hall in April!

Grace G - achieved her first horse riding goal at the Lower Morden Equestrian Centre with an 'all clear rosette'!

Amarachi A & Lara P - Have successfully started the Polka Theatre Programme in Wimbledon and will be performing in the Summer term!

Maci - competed with both her cheer teams in Nottingham this half term, and is now a double national champion! Congratulations- we're very proud of you Maci!

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.



Maci - Cheerleading Double Champion!

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Upcoming Events:

April

- 3rd – 14th April – Easter Holidays
- 17th April: Return to School: Start of Summer A Term
- 21st April – Earth Day
- 22nd April – 132nd Anniversary of the School
- TBC – Year 7 to 10 Tennis Festival at AELT



May

- 1st May – Closed for May Day Bank Holiday
- 2nd May – Parents Revision Evening for End of Year Exams
- 3rd May – Polish Constitutional Day
- 5th May – Student Consultative Meeting
- 8th May – Bank Holiday for King Charles III Coronation
- 7th May – 5-a-side Football Tournament
- 18th May – Voluntary Mass for the Feast of the Ascension
- 22nd May – Year 7 End of Year Exam Week commences
- 29th May – 2nd June – Half Term

Looking Ahead

- 5th June – School Returns
- 5th June – World Environmental Day
- 30th June – Sports Day
- 3rd July – Year 7 Serviam Assembly; Hall
- 6th July – Year 7 Parents' Evening; Hall
- 10th July – Year 7 Celebration
- 13th July - End of Year Concert
- 14th July – Sports Awards Dinner; Hall
- 17th – 21st July – UHS Fest Week
- 21st July – 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.*

Wellbeing

Parental Workshops

19th April: Adolescence: How to build bridges, 6.30pm

26th April: Personality Types: How to be open and inclusive, 6.30pm

3rd May: Technology: From passive consumers to responsible users, 6.30pm

8th June: KS3 Relationships & Healthy Lifestyles Parental Workshop

19th June: Parent Workshop to support parents of SEND students

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](#)

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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, behaviour/sanctions, clubs/enrichment, uniform, equipment, travelling to/from school, trips/calendar events.

- 7 Angela – naen.park@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk
- 7 Bernadette – lanu.carvajal@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk
- 7 Catherine – jacqueline.clark@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk
- 7 Francis – laura.mchale@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk
- 7 Margaret – gabriela.gregory@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk
- 7 Teresa – georgina.kent@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk
- 7 Ursula – katharine.grandin@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk

Head of Year (Miss Pinto), Assistant Head of Year (Mr Dunne) or Ms Sawicka (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.

- georgina.pinto@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk
- magdalena.sawicka@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk

Ms Young and Ms Sawicka – 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](#)

Kindest regards,

Miss Pinto