

Year 9 Update

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a snapshot
of upcoming
events!



Autumn Term B 2022

Dear Parents / Carers,

As we approach the end of term, I am delighted to say that Year 9 students have continued their fantastic start to the year. As always, it has been a pleasure witnessing the great work across the year group – both in and out of the classroom and I am proud to see every student living out our core ethos, Serviam in all that they do.

Many students across the year group took part in the school's production of 'A Christmas Carol'. This was an astonishing performance, reflecting the hard work and effort of all students involved – both on stage and behind the scenes – and a truly proud moment for them all. Very well done. I look forward to the next production in the Summer!

In addition, Year 9 students have continued to show great dedication and enthusiasm in their uptake of other extra-curricular / enrichment activities: Wimbledon Ball Girl Trials, Sports Clubs and School Council, to name a few. There will be new activities on offer in the Spring Term, so please do encourage your daughter to get involved and to try something new. As ever, please do let us know if there is something your daughter would be interested in, if it is not currently being offered. It is always a pleasure to hear about your daughters' involvement in activities outside of school so please do continue to share their achievements with me, so that they can be celebrated in school.

We have lots to look forward to in the Spring Term including our Serviam Passport Celebration Assembly and Mass of St Angela, a further snapshot of events can be found overleaf). Spring A also calls for students to start to think more seriously about their GCSE options. Please continue to have discussions with your daughter regarding their progress and interests and encourage them to think about the subjects they may wish to continue or take up next year. There will be a Pathways Information Evening for Year 9 parents on 17 January (more details to follow).

Our Autumn term closes with our extensive Advent Programme to reflectively prepare for the Nativity of Christ including our Christmas Gift Appeal, Christmas Tree Service, Christmas fundraising fairs, Christmas Jumper Day, Christmas Carol Service (see highlights), Senior Citizens Christmas Party and Christmas Staff and Students' Lunch.

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

Yours faithfully,

Mr Roberts
Head of Year 9

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. Sofiia T (9C) – 77
2. Sandra K (9C) – 72
3. Eowyn F (9C) – 71

Congratulations to 9C who are currently leading the way with **1528** Reward Points!

2 – Highest Attendance:

There are currently **38** students in Year 9 who have **100%** attendance. Please do keep up the good work!

Congratulations to 9M who lead the way with **96.5%** attendance!

3 – External Success:

- Congratulations to **Holly B (9U)** who finished 6th place while competing for Team GB at the Trampoline World Age Group Championships in Bulgaria, in November. A truly outstanding achievement!

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

Autumn B Highlights

- **Year 9 Christmas Fair (left)**– Year 9 raised a total of £742.94 for Stewardship for The Young People's Trust for the Environment. 9 Margaret raised the most, with a total of £228.87.
- **Year 8 Christmas Fair** – A huge thank you to Year 9 for supporting the Year 8 Fair with such great enthusiasm.



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Upcoming Events

January

- **3rd January** – Start of Spring A Term
- **16th January** – Martin Luther King Day
- **17th January** – Year 9 Pathways Information Evening
- **24th January** – Mass for the Feast of St Angela, Sacred Heart Church
- **27th January** – Feast of St Angela
- **27th January** – Holocaust Memorial Day
- **30th Jan** – Children's Mental Health Week

February

- **1st February** – LGBT+ month
- **Date TBC:** Mid-year Serviam Passport Celebration Assembly
- **23rd February** – Year 9 Parents' Evening – School Hall
- **11th February** – Last Day of Term
- **21st February** – INSET Day
- **22nd February** – Start of Spring B Term

Looking Ahead

- **10th March** – Deadline for Year 9 Pathway Options
- **16th March** – Chaplaincy Retreat to Desenzano House
- **16th March:** Royal Observatory trip (Maths & Science)
- **17th July** – Choir Trip to Valkenburg
- **31st March** – Ski Trip to Austria
- **29th March** – Bayonne Exchange – French School of Largante
- **31st March** – Ski Trip to Austria

**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 January:** KS3 Drug Awareness Parental Workshop
- **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/PupilPremiumandFreeSchoolMealsapplication>

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/cc/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.

9 Angela – poppy.rushforth@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk

9 Bernadette – helen.mccauley@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk / ian.chiswa@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk

9 Catherine – agnieszka.ciechanowska@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk

9 Francis – laura.grant@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk / elizabeth.mudzimu@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk

9 Margaret – rachel.oneill@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk

9 Teresa – jason.ching@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk

9 Ursula – serena.sidaway@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk

Head of Year (Mr Roberts) or Mrs McCourt (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 Mrs McCourt – 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,

Mr Roberts