



KS3 Showcase: Animal Farm!



“All animals are equal, but some animals are more equal than others..”

On Wednesday 29th and Thursday 30th June, our Arts faculty were proud to present our first KS3 summer production, which this year was based on **George Orwell's** classic tale: **Animal Farm**. The story is based on a farm of animals who tired of the drudgery of farm life and tyrant farm owner Mr Jones, rebel against their human farmer, lead by pig Napoleon, hoping to create a happier environment, where animals can be equal, free and happy. However their trust is misplaced and betrayal, and hunger for power leads to the animals suffering under another dictator, this time one of their own, causing them to question if animals can truly ever be free...

Our KS3 cast really stepped up to the plate with this revolutionary tale. There were some fantastic performances from **Olachi M** as wise rebellion insightter, Prize Boar Old Major, and **Emma T** was menacing as pig- turned fierce dictator Napoleon.

Bianca GB put in a great permannce as Napoloeon's mouthpiece, manipulative porker pig Squealer, while intelligent and animated boar Snowball was interpreted wonderfully by **Laura J**, and loyal, hardworking cart horse Boxer was played with flair by **Berta K**. Not all animals brought into the ideals of rebellion however, and old, cynical donkey Benjamin was brought to life by **Rebecca F**! Incompetent and cruel Farm owner Mr Jones was expertly puppeteered by **Clarice I**, **Miechrist KP** and **Rachel N**!

There were some great storytelling on display in the names of **Aitana TM**, **Sabia OD**, **Poppy P**, **Erin H**, **Anna OS**, **Nicola G**, **Eugenia K** and **Isabella T**.

Many thanks to our Arts faculty and all our cast and crew for another professional, and thought provoking production, as well as all of the (many) hands on deck behind the scenes to make this a reality! See you next summer!



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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

School life has been at its best this half term; with Sports day, celebrating student contribution to Serviam at assemblies, awarding academic excellence and the progress of every student. We have been inspired by the KS3 production of Animal Farm, entertained by the choir, orchestra and instrumentalists at the KS3 music evening and enjoyed recognising the wonderful achievements of our sports women at Sports Dinner.

Our Ursuline Community has so much to thank God for. Our school is incredibly blessed. I would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Hoban on her retirement after 35 years of incredible service to the school community. Mrs Hoban has been an inspirational Geography teacher and leader throughout her career. We wish her every happiness!

The year has not been without its challenges. We will continue to strive to overcome them and work with you as parents to support all our families. Thank you for your unfailing support.

Enjoy a relaxing and warm summer!

Ms Waters
BSc (Hons) MA Headteacher



Exhibition



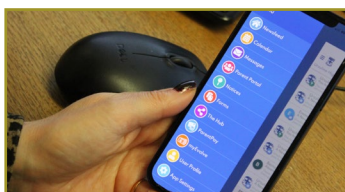
On **Thursday 23rd June** we were delighted to host our annual **Art Exhibition** in the **St Angela's Centre**. Students in Year 11/13 and their parents invited to attend. It was a great celebration of all their artistic achievements throughout GCSE and A Level with their art teachers. We look forward to showing you more images in September (once the work has been moderated!)

Open Events



Take a look at our website for more details on how to sign up to our [open events 2022](#).

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USA Visitors



In June we were pleased to host **Peggy McCormick-Platz** from the **Ursuline Education Network**, Cincinnati. A wonderful lunch including chicken curry, naan and eton mess was provided by food technology students, with the help of **Ms Hoyles, Head of Food Technology**. The Head Girl Team were invited to the lunch to speak to Peggy about life at UHS Wimbledon!

Knife Crime



With the shocking knife crime statistics in the UK, we warmly welcomed a representative for the **St Giles Trust** to speak to students this half term. We also participated in the knife arches organised by Merton police- so important for safety!

Asian Women Awards



"I really enjoyed the night and found it truly inspiring to be amongst so many amazing and successful Asian women under one roof. It had really encouraged me to also work hard and try my best in the future as an Asian female!"

Year 6 Transitions



We welcomed our new Year 7-to be students to our school on for their **Transitions Day**. Students spent the day getting to know their tutor and fellow students and enjoyed a tour of the school!

Merton College



Year 10 and 12 students visited **Merton College** this half term. During the day they enjoyed a tour, Q&A with current students, and a talk on studying at Oxbridge and lunch in the college. The students then had time to look around **Oxford** and see some other colleges and get a feel for the city.

Year 7 Retreat



On Friday 8th July, Year 7 students took part in their **Retreat Day** at Sacred Heart Church. *"I enjoyed Retreat and all of the teambuilding activities, the activity where we had to plan our escape as a family of refugees really made me think."*

STEAM: Harry Potter



On **Thursday 9th June**, STEAM Academy and computer science students enjoyed a trip to **Warner Brother Studios**, for a **Harry Potter tour!** Students had a great day, treated to a sound production workshop, investigating how various sound effects were made in the film series, before entering into the world of Hogwarts, Witchcraft and Wizardry- for their studio tour!

Celebrations!

We rounded off a busy and successful year with our **celebration afternoons** the week prior to half term. These were wonderful opportunities to celebrate all students' achievements and present awarded for various successes. Including Ms Waters **Achievement** and **Serviam** awards (see **Year 10 winners** pictured). Details for each year group can be found in the Head of Year Newsletters.



Wimbledon Partnership



Year 9 and 10 Wimbledon Partnership students had the opportunity to experience sessions in Chinese, Music, Engineering and Ancient Greek. The pic with the Vex Robot shows the Engineering session. A very educational afternoon!

Philippines Week



As part of our **Philippines Week** this half term, **Year 7** students enjoyed creating traditional masks and tasting popular Filipino snacks in the Humanities department at lunchtime.

Sixth form students of Filipino descent shared some myths with the students!

Refugee Week



Refugee Week by taking part in a borough-wide celebration of the wonderful diversity brought to our community by refugees at the **Chaucer Centre** in Morden. See full story on our website.

Settling In!



We are so pleased that our new **Ukrainian** students have settled in to school this half term. Among all of the uncertainties in their lives at the moment, we did not want school to be one of them. A huge thank you to our students for exemplifying Serviam and providing a fantastic Ursuline community welcome, and to our existing students fluent in Ukrainian for being excellent translators!



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Taster Day



On **Monday 4th July** we held our **Sixth Form Taster Day** for **Year 10** students, where they got to experience a variety of sixth form lessons, such as **T Level Lab Science** (above).

Cultural Day



We held our student-led **Year 12 Cultural Day** on **Wednesday 13th July**. It was a wonderful celebration of the diversity in the Ursuline sixth form!

Year 13 Celebrations!



On **Friday 1st July**, we held a lovely **Celebration Evening** for our **Year 13** students. Students had an formal celebration in the school hall, before attending their special BBQ and gathering.

See you in August for those exam results!

Medics Talk



Our aspiring **sixth form Medics** received a talk from UHS Alumnae and a current medical student **Gifty Quartey**. Gifty attended to provide some helpful tips and advice on the **BMAT** medical exams!

Cambridge



Our **Year 12 Oxbridge** students had a fantastic time at the **Cambridge University Open Day** this half term!

Banking!



Year 12 A Level Maths students visited the Bank of England Museum recently! See our Instagram account for more details!

Supreme Court



On **Monday 4th July** a group of **20 Year 12** students visited the **Supreme Court** and watched a case from the viewing gallery and visited Privy Council court (which wasn't in session). We ended the day with a tour of the **Palace of Westminster**, tea in the **House of Lords** and a talk from **Lord Teverson**!

Conference



On **Tuesday 5th July** the **Year 12 Societies** hosted their very own **Year 12 Societies' Conference!** There were 13 different sessions in total, nine guest speakers, quizzes, musical performances, debates, language learning (Spanish and Sign Language) and even a Fashion workshop!

Here are some of the student comments from the day:

"My favourite parts were the midwifery speech, the Spanish society, and the Afro-Caribbean society."

"...reminded me of the journey that I've done for the whole year with my friends. It's a very precious memory for me..."

Buddhapadipa Temple



As part of their **'Beliefs in Society'** topic, **Year 12** students visited the **Buddhapadipa Temple** this half term. See our Instagram account for more details!



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rock climbing cross country
trampolining basketball hockey
dance duke of edinburgh award
wimbledon ball girls cycling

Wimbledon Tennis!



Students have had an exciting time at Wimbledon this year as ball girls!
Ines B, Clara B, Elena G, Hannah L, Eleanor L, Marina M and Sophia R!

There were many memorable moments including; Marina in Year 9 being selected to be an official Flower Girl! It's been a long, and hot few weeks. But you all did brilliantly, we spotted you a few times on tv throughout the championship!

Congratulations to all our ball girls for 2022. We hope you had an amazing time! Already excited to get going with selections for 2023!

Sports Day



On Friday 1st July we held our annual **Sports Day** over at **Weir-Arches Athletics & Fitness Centre**, Kingston! It's been a few years now since we have been able to host a 'normal' sports day and students displayed wonderful support to their forms and year groups on the day- the atmosphere was electric and students coped well with the very warm conditions they were presented with!! Our competitors showed a great deal of perseverance and resilience and teamwork during their competitions, displaying some of our core values! Many thanks to parents who also came to support!

Please see below for the results:

Year 7: Ursula (140 Points)

Year 8: Francis (162 points)

Year 9: Catherine (186 points)

Year 10: Ursula (145 points)

Well done everyone!

Sports Awards!



On Friday 15th July, our P.E department were delighted to host their annual **Sports Awards Evening!**

It was a great opportunity to celebrate a fantastic academic year of our students' sporting achievements. Some notable mentions include;

Resilience Award - Caitlin

Merici Award (for highest achievement) - Holly

Serviam in Sport - Adele

Sportsperson of the Year 2022 - Ines

This year we were delighted to welcome **Joanna Rowsell**, Team GB Track Cyclist and holder of several Olympic and World Gold Medals. Joanna shared with students her sports journey, and how, since her retirement, she is now currently training to be a doctor- an amazing set of achievements!

Cricket Champs!



Congratulations to our **Year 7/8 Cricket Team** who won the finals of the **Merton School Sports Partnership** Borough Cricket on Wednesday 6th July. Well done champs!

A huge thank you to **Ricards Lodge High School** for hosting us all!