



A Real Team Effort- Thank You All!

“Thank you for your amazing dedication and support for the girls at this time”

“The great amount of planning and effort that has no doubt gone into this by UHS teaching team is really paying off. Fantastic job. Thank you all so very, very much!”

“Thank you to all teachers & staff for your hard work and support for our kids. Both my girls (Year 8 & sixth form student) really enjoy all lessons. This is something different for them to do and both found many positive things about it. I really love to watch them while they are working...”

“Thank you to everyone at UHS for providing my three girls with this incredibly structured, organised & well co-ordinated new way of learning. At a time like this knowing they’re busy, occupied & learning is a huge relief...”

“The teachers have been amazing! The 1st home-school week went without a hitch. My daughter has got on with her work and I even hear laughter!”

“You are making an incredibly worrying time a great deal easier to bear!”

“Thank you to all the teachers and staff at Ursuline High School! It is an absolute life saver to know that the girls are in their routine, still learning.”

“The learning is very structured and extremely organised... thank you UHS...”

“A big thank you to everyone involved in the planning and delivery of this new approach to learning. Keep up the great work!”

The education system has most certainly looked a great deal different for the majority of this half term, as teaching and learning moved out of the traditional classroom setting and the virtual world of online learning on **Microsoft Teams** became the new 'norm' - with all of its benefits and challenges. Whether students were keeping fit with Joe Wicks and the P.E Dept (Feedback from the Year7's- kangaroo jumping was the best!), researching scientists and creating rockets, curating a WW1 exhibition, finding out about foods from different continents, learning about life in Kibera, working through revision documents, engaging in motivational videos or participating in our online prayer - you have all risen to the challenge of distance learning superbly. Well done to our amazing teachers for embracing Microsoft Teams and all the hard work that went into adapting the curriculum online in innovative new ways to engage our students and provide them with the best

'learning tools' and support possible. Particular acknowledgement to our support staff including ; our teaching assistants and ICT support team -the work 'behind the scenes' has been integral to the smooth running of teaching on Teams. But lastly (and certainly not least), to our parents- for their unwavering support, gratitude and positivity during these unprecedented times- your help supporting with student learning at home has been truly appreciated. We are so proud that our Ursuline community has embraced online learning with such positivity and good will, we hope that the continued consistency in student learning at Ursuline leaves you all with one less worry as we end this 'term'!



“Thank you to all the teachers!”



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Early in March, the Ursuline Education Community held their annual conference. All of us were inspired by the call to action made by Eco theologian Father Sean McDonagh in response to Pope Francis publication 'Laudato Si' Care for our Common Home.

We all need to take care of creation. On Wednesday 24th April we will be celebrating Earth Day. All students will be introduced to 'The Journey to 2030; Mobilising our Catholic Church' to act on our Ecological Crisis. We will be reflecting and making plans about the little steps we can take while we are in lockdown and celebrating what we have done to date. Please access it on line and join us in making a difference.

As we end the term and prepare for Easter we remember all our families who have been affected by COVID 19, all those who are ill and those who have sadly died as well as all the Carers who give so generously of themselves.

Students and families can access on line services at Easter. Details are on our website.

I wish you and your families a safe, healthy and peaceful Easter.

Best wishes

Julia Waters BSc (Hons) MA
Headteacher



Coding Crazy



Year 8 students were selected to take part in an Interfaith coding event at **Twitter Headquarters** in Central London.

The Event brought together young women from diverse faiths (Jewish, Muslims and Catholic). Pupils from the following schools attended the session: **Hasmonean Girls School**, Mill Hill; **Yavneh College**; & **Ayesha Community School**, Hendon. The course was led by a female coding engineer from Twitter, who introduced the concept of coding with HTML and CSS. By the end of the session students had a functioning website they that created together. Teamwork!

Well done to the girls who took part!

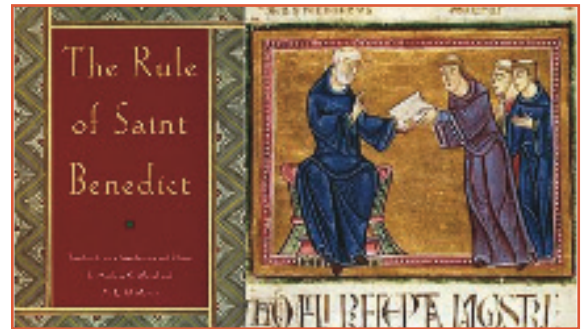
Educational Outcomes



Ursuline High School, Wimbledon, are delighted to announce they have been deemed one of the highest performers in England, winning national awards!

Ursuline High School, Wimbledon has been recognised nationally by receiving prestigious awards for their outstanding key stage 4 and 5 results last year. The awards are based on 2019 data provided by the **Department for Education** and **Ofsted**, and for the school's commitment to collaboration, analysed by **SSAT**, the Schools, Students and Teachers network! See school website for more details!

Benedictine Charism



The **Avila Partnership** welcomed Catholic Primary and Secondary Schools to the 'What Makes Great Catholic Schools' fourth seminar on **Thursday 12th March**. The keynote speaker **Fr Stephen Ortiger OSB**, former Abbot of Worth Abbey and Headmaster of Worth School introduced the idea of Benedictine hospitality to the delegates.

Two Benedictine Sisters from Tyburn Convent; **Mother Marilla** and **Sister Fatima** also joined us for the morning and gave presentations about their formation work with young people in New Zealand. Our next seminar will discuss Ignatian Spirituality with Keynote speaker **Fr Adrian Porter SJ**. For further information about the programme, please email **Rebecca.Paterson@avila.education**.

See school website for more details!

World Book Day



Year 7 UHS students had a great time listening to the brilliant author and screenwriter **Catherine Johnson** on World Book Day. A big thank you to **Kings College School, Wimbledon** for hosting a great event and allowing us the opportunity to attend! www.catherinejohnson.co.uk/books

The Lines of the Law : Global Community



Year 10 students had a wonderful visit to **King's College London** in March, where they had a real insight into life as a university student. The group had a tour by current students and got to attend a lecture on law.



We are happy to inform you all that the toilet blocks UHS helped fund for the **Girls' Secondary Technical School** in Nigeria have just been completed (see above). Each year group donated half their profits from Christmas fairs back in December.

We are so pleased we could help- many thanks to **Mr Theo Ogumba** for inspiring us to get involved!

Globe Theatre



Year 9 students recently went on a trip to the **Globe theatre** in London. The group went to see *Macbeth* as part of their GCSE English preparation. They loved the drama and atmosphere in the Globe and it brought the work of Shakespeare to life!

WOW...



“The WOW festival was inspiring. It was moving to hear the amazing speakers share their stories. I am proud to be a woman who is part of such a supportive community.”
Student

A group of 10 Year 12's and Year 10's attended the **Women of the World's** 10 year anniversary festival to mark International Women's Day on *Friday 6th March*. The festival was opened by the **Duchess of Cornwall** who spoke of the key issues facing women both in Britain and across the world and our need to work together to tackle them. We heard from **Nimco Ali**, co-founder of **Daughters of Eve** which is addressing the issue of FGM. We also heard from booker prize winner **Elif Shafak**, **Gina Miller** - the campaigner and activist famous for taking the British Government to court over Brexit, and from **Helena Kennedy**

QC who chaired the final session. Our students engaged very well with the day which addressed many challenging issues including child marriage and domestic abuse. One student said; “I found the WOW Conference an empowering experience. All of the speakers were so inspiring and it was a pleasure to listen to them”.

See You Soon..



Our **Year 11 students** during their last P.E lesson and final assembly last week and our **Year 13 students** enjoying their impromptu 'last Year 13' lunch!

We look forward to hopefully providing you all with special celebrations come September!



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

Defend The Defenders!



We held the finale of our **CAFOD Schools #DefendTheDefenders Inter-House Football** week at **Morley Park** on the 13th March with our 5-a-side Tournament! Over £100 was raised & Congratulations to the Winners- 1000 House Point prizes going to St Angela, St Margaret & St Bernadette! Students also enjoyed a penalty shootout and a quiz!



Pass it on...



A big thank you for your great work and community spirit in completing the #PassItOn Challenge (screenshots above). We hope you have a safe & restful Easter #StayIn

Follow [@UHSPeDept](#) on Twitter to see full video.

Silver Basket : Relaxing Mind



Congratulations to our **Year 7 Basketball Squad** who took the Silver Medal at the **Merton School Sports Partnership Borough Championships** in March! Thank you Harris Academy Morden for hosting!



Year 11 enjoyed a period of quiet time with **meditation** and relaxation in the dance studio this term! It is so important for positive mental health!

Gone Wild!



Wimbledon Tennis!



This half term students were excited to attend a tour of **Wimbledon Tennis** as part of **International Womens Day**- it was amazing to be surrounded with photos of so many champions! Students also enjoyed tennis sessions with the **Wimbledon All England Lawn Tennis Club** as part of the **Wimbledon Junior Tennis Initiative!** Plenty of ball skills worked on!



Ursuline went wild just before half term- see above for the 'animal encounters'!