

#### Welcome to the Ursuline Family

Welcome Prayer

Miss. Alana Murphy





## JOURNEY **STARTING** TODAY Building community

Working together







#### **Enthusiasm**

Joy

#### Expectations

#### **Desires**

#### Hopes

Concerns



#### **Ursuline High School**



"Live together in openness to one another, each one accepted, valued and loved for herself. The diversity of gifts, nationality and culture will then enrich the community."



ST. ANGELA MERICI

#### **URSULINE COMMUNITY**



Lord, thank you for the opportunities you offer us to work together, side by side, in education and formation.



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May we grow together in faith and love, respect and understanding, in a spirit of generosity and a willingness to serve. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.





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#### **Induction into Year 7**



Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April & Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2019

Mr. Didier Adam



# Why such a comprehensive process?

Getting to know each other Hitting the ground running...

Identify strengths, areas for development and specific, personal needs



## **Assessment in April**

Reading: 60 mins; Writing: 25 mins Maths: 60 mins

The Reading and the Maths assessments are used for grouping students. They inform our teaching in September as teachers know the students' strengths and weaknesses before they start school.

The Writing assessment will be used as the baseline piece of work, marked by your daughter's English teacher in September.

Cross-referenced & reviewed with SATs in the Autumn Term.



## **Assessment in April**

#### Logistics:

Arrive at Crescent Road entrance at 9.30am Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April. Pick-up at 1pm.

Wear current school uniform. Bring 2 pens, 1 pencil, 1 rubber and 1 ruler Queries to Ms Barcellona

Driving and parking on Crescent Road is not possible on Saturday.



#### **Student interviews**

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April, Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April and Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May. 4.00pm – 7pm

Arrive at Crescent Road entrance.

Please fill in advance all forms sent in the Welcome pack (interview form, medical info, student data form, biometrics form, residential deposit etc.)



# Grouping

7 tutor groups:

Population 1: St Angela, St Bernadette, St Catherine, St Francis Population 2: St Margaret, St Teresa and St Ursula.

3 students maximum from any one primary school. Mixed form groups based on prior learning, no difference with Population A or B.

Y7 teaching is only grouped by ability for English (French), and Maths.



# **Student Induction**

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 9.30am – 3.00pm Arrive at Crescent Road entrance. Wear current school uniform. Bring packed lunch and drinks. Bring pen/pencil. Bring a copy of your best piece of extended writing from Y6 – this will be stuck into the English book, to ensure progression.



## **School dinners**

School dinners are compulsory.

- Cashless system: parents put credit onto their daughter's account
- This is done online via ParentPay or at school office.
- Students access their account via a biometric reader.

Menus can be accessed on the school website. (Parents/School Menus)



#### Key dates reminder

Saturday 27th April – assessment

#### Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April, Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April and Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May – interviews

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July – Induction Day & final day for payment for residential

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July – Second-hand uniform sale

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September – 1<sup>st</sup> day of school



## **Learning Support**

Mrs. Jennifer Delhoum

Learning differences are a gift... You just need to learn how to use them.



#### Identification

Parent

**Primary School** 

Medical reports and Agencies

Screening



### Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2019

Extra time

Medical needs

Laptop

Notify me after this meeting

Provide relevant paperwork: EP, School, Medical note



#### SEND induction Day Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June (Parents and students with an EHCP only)

- Any student with an Educational Health Care Plan will be invited by letter.
- Parent/Carer and student are expected to attend the morning session (9.45-11.45am).



#### SEND Screening Days Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June morning Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June morning

Any student who scores below 50% in the English test on Saturday may be invited in by letter. Only the student attends. Any student who scores below 50% in the Maths test on Saturday may be invited in by letter. Only the student attends.



## Why screen students?

We screen vulnerable students by looking in depth at:

Reading skills

Spelling skills

Processing skills

Maths skills, if appropriate

This enables us to know the strengths and weaknesses of students who may or may not have been identified at primary school. It allows us to provide the correct provision on arrival at UHS.



#### **Digital Learning**

Mr. Owen Nichols



#### What is 'Digital Learning?' Our Vision

We have an **Anytime, Anywhere policy** to **maximise every learning opportunity** students have:

- In the classroom
- Anywhere on the school site before, during and after school
- At home

Integration of technology to support and enhance every girl's learning

Every student has the opportunity to *take advantage of the latest developments* in teaching and learning techniques One-to-one devices in the classroom and how they enhance the students' learning experience





#### **Share ideas**

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#### **Student collaboration**





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#### Teacher - student Student - student

# Assessment during lessons



A clear picture to show which questions/topics students are still unsure of



# Subject specialist tools



Activities			Benefits				
Online person MyMaths Mangahigh	MyMaths.co.uk	•	Students complete Maths questions and get instant feedback on their answers. The teacher is able to see the student's results so can see where they need extra support				
Mathswatch	And a set of the set o	•	Videos to provide personalised independent learning opportunities for every student				
Blogs	Kidblog	•	Allows a dialogue between students and teachers from anywhere Students can feel more confident in sharing their ideas on a blog rather than in class				
Practise vocabulary and grammar using websites the school subscribes such as www.linguascope.com			Learn vocabulary or practise verbs in a fun and engaging way Practise key words and structures with loads of fun activities, providing instant feedback.				



# How do the girls use their tablets outside of the classroom?

Completing *homework and research* tasks during *break/lunchtimes* and before and after school (no need to be in specific place)

Reduced need to print all homework tasks as this can be shown to the teacher from the tablet

Access to a *wide range of software and applications* that are under school license to enable students to *continue learning* from what they have done in lessons

**Collaborative learning -** Students are able to work on presentations/reports as a team without the need to be in the same physical location – a vital skill in the 21<sup>st</sup> century workplace

#### **MS Teams**



# Our VLE is MS Teams and is accessible through the school website.

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#### School Tablet Scheme Information



- Contributions to the *Governors' Development Fund* 
  - *£30 per month* collected by Direct Debit throughout your daughter's time at the school.
  - Your daughter will receive a tablet to use in school and at home.
  - Your daughter will receive a *new tablet* at the start of *Year 10.*
  - Option to purchase the tablet for a minimal fee at the end of Year 9.
- Help available for students who are eligible for free school meals.



# How do your donations help our school?

Voluntary aided school

- In the last few years, donations have funded:
  - Refurbishment of the Science labs
  - Refurbishment of The Chapel
  - New minibus
  - Refurbishment of St Angela's Arts Centre and Gallery
  - Window replacement programme



#### **Safety and Security**

The school uses **online monitoring software** to ensure the use of school devices is appropriate and safe. **This is 24 hour monitoring.** Our parents need to have knowledge and understanding of the apps and programmes used to avoid any issues. It is essential that parents monitor usage outside of school too.

All Year 7 students will have a thorough introduction to using their tablet. This will include:

Using the *internet safely and responsibly* – information and sessions for both parents and students

Dangers of social networks (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram) Cyber bullying Travelling to/from school





#### Tips for a successful transition

#### Mrs. Victoria Jefferies











# **Common Year 7 worries**



Making new friends Not fitting in Coming from a small primary school Setting **Finding work hard** Homework Lots of teachers **Getting lost Carrying lots of books!** Bullying



#### Look forward to:



A new start Making new friends Learning new subjects Earning rewards and certificates

Getting involved in school life and extra curricular activities

Gaining some independence and responsibility





## **Social Media**



Most Social Media issues tend to arise in Y7/8: Almost all social media apps and programmes recommend *a minimum age of* **13 to have an account, with the permission of a parent/carer**. We, at the Ursuline, agree that the Y7s are too young and ill-equipped to deal with many of the issues that using social media can bring up – e.g. *insecurity, lack of self esteem, friendship fall outs exacerbated.* We recommend parents <u>DO NOT</u> allow use of social media in Year 7.

Image/Video sharing - Facebook, Youtube,

Live streaming, image sharing - Periscope, YouNow, Musical.ly, Instagram,

Instant messaging/video chat - Kik, Snapchat, ooVoo, omegle, Yubo/Yellow. Whatsapp requires users to be 16 or over.

(For more information, please refer to CEOP's advice and guidance <u>https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/</u>)



#### Year 7 students' advice



"Don't be afraid of the older girls. They think we're cute!"

- "Make friends in your form group and other form groups too."
- "Talk to your mum and dad and your primary school teachers."

"Work really hard in Year 6 so that you are ready for Year 7."

"Get involved in lunchtime and after school clubs."

"Be yourself."

- "Try to be confident."
- "Don't be afraid to ask for help."



# How can parents help?

- Talk to your daughters and encourage them to talk to their primary school teachers.
- Encourage your daughters to look on the school website to see some of the things they can look forward to.
- Practise the journey to school and alternative routes.
- Get in touch if you are unsure of anything.



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