



## The Gift That Keeps On Giving!



“8 Ursula- thank you for all your hard work for HomeStart Merton. Your presentation was fantastic and the money raised through First Give will make a HUGE difference. You should be very proud of your efforts.  
**Sharon, HomeStart**

Our Year 8 Philanthropists have been very busy fundraising for their chosen charities this past term or so and we were very pleased to hold our **First Give Philanthropy Final** on Friday 10th May in the school hall. This year's charities were: **HomeStart UK, Lambeth and Southwark Mind, Momentum, Stem4, The Alzheimer's Society, The Wimbledon Guild** and **React**. Each form had the opportunity to present a pitch to judges in front of their peers on why they felt their charity was most deserving of the extra £1000 and what fund-raising ideas they themselves had come up with to help raise the most money possible. All 7 tutor groups did excellently and it proved to be a hard job for the judges

choosing who to nominate the money to. Congratulations however goes to 8 Ursula, whose charity **HomeStart UK**, (local community network of trained volunteers and expert support helping families with young children through their challenging times) was awarded the extra £1000! The judges based their decision on the thorough research that had been made into the charity, the confident presentation skills, catchy jingle and the clear display of how the £1000 could make such a difference so many children and their families. Every team and charity was a winner, as due to all of their hard work, compassion and team spirit, over **£1,700** was raised for the charities in total, a great testament to all the teams and something to be very, very proud of!

Many thanks to the **Mayor of Merton; Mary Curtin, First Give**, our charity representatives and our judges; **Alice Debrowska – Head of Consultancy at Cranfield Trust, Katrina Frempong – UHS Sixth Form student** who was on the winning team when she was in Year 8, **Phillip Holt- former Air Traffic controller and International Speaker, Sophia Barnes- Former Primary School Business Manager.**



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Dear Parents and Friends,

Ursuline Education has taken a big step forward this term with the inauguration of the Ursuline Education Community. This team of staff from across Ursuline schools in England will be spearheading professional development and support for Ursuline schools (both staff and students) as we move into a new era of Ursuline Education led by lay staff.

We shall be sharing a new student profile and logo across all schools reflecting one of our mottos from St Angela Insieme (together).

Thank you for your support with our focus on the environment. The school council will be initiating a number of initiatives and with support of all staff, we will be working towards a more sustainable school environment. So step one next term will be a focus on a 'no go zone' for plastic bottles and cutlery!

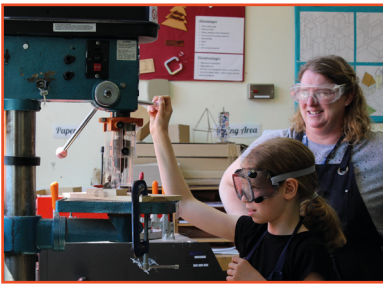
Have a good half term.

Julia Waters

Julia Waters BSc (Hons) MA  
Headteacher



## Polish School Visit



“It was fun having other students in our lessons and learning some polish.. I also really enjoyed the play..” **Year 7 Student**

We were pleased to welcome staff and 19 students from **The Polish School**, Warsaw on **Thursday 16th May**. Our Year 7 students were treated to a performance of Romeo and Juliet in English and then shadowed students in lessons- taking part in a range of subjects including P.E, Computer Science, Geography, History, Art, R.E & D&T. The experience allowed our guests to practise their English, whilst UHS students took the opportunity to learn some polish! The afternoon was rounded off with students enjoying lunch in the sunshine with their new friends! A wonderful day was had by all and we cannot wait to welcome you back again soon!

## Literacy Lovers!



“ I was very pleased to find out that I was runner-up in the 11-16 category in the Stratford Literary Competition!”

**Year 9 Student**

We are proud to announce that the following pupils were published by the **Stratford Literary Festival 2019 Young Poets Competition**. Well done to Mia & Tara (Year 11), Annie-May, Alanna, Weronika and Aleeyah (Year 9)! (See school website for more details).

## Long Servers!



Congratulations to Ursuline, Wimbledon staff who were recognised for their hard work and dedication at **Merton's Long Service Awards** this half term- staff have over 250 years of combined service- a great achievement! Thank you all! (See school website for more details)

## Creativity At Work!



Students have been working hard on their final projects creating inspired artistic pieces during their **GCSE and A Level art exams** this half term.

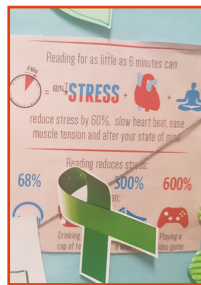
We look forward to seeing the full display at our annual **Arts Evening** exhibition in the *St Angela's Centre* next term!

## Societies Week



As part of **Societies Week** students held/ took part in variety of events including a talk with **Wimbledon College** on Travel and Tourism (*Cultural Diversity Society*), an 'around the world' bake sale (*The Culinary Arts Society*) and a trip to the Imperial War Museum (*The Pankhurst History Society*).

# Mindful May



As part of **Mental Health Awareness Week**, students have participated in creating a library display of helpful hints and tips for good mental health practise. The *Mental Health Awareness Society* also held a 'How To Tackle Exam Stress' symposium to give extra help and guidance to student during the exam season! (See school website for more details.)

# Plastic Pollution



**Student Council** have championed the idea of replacing their plastic water bottles with reusable ones to try and reduce the amount of **plastic usage** in school. This idea has been warmly welcomed by the school and will be actively encouraged from next term! Great idea! Get sourcing those eco-friendly bottles!

# Guess Who..?

"I found this game really useful in helping me to make memorable historical connections regarding key information needed for my exam.."



## Year 11 Student

Prior to the Year 11 study leave, we spotted some **great revision tools** around the school. Including a 'guess who' game in history where students had to ask questions in order to decide on the historical identity of the person on the card.

# Debating Success!



"It was great to participate in workshops in debating techniques with schools across London."

## Year 9 Student

Congratulations on our **Year 9 Debating Teams'** success in the multi-borough heat of the **London Debate Challenge**. Winning through to represent Merton in this year's pan-London final is a wonderful achievement. You worked excellently as a team and the judge's feedback was glowing! (See school website for more details.)



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# Gifts And Talents!



Our Year 13 students were given a well-deserved send off at the **Year 13 Leavers' Celebration** on Friday 10th May, with a **Mass and Awards Ceremony** at Sacred Heart Church, followed by a reception at the Sixth Form Centre. In her address Ms Waters advised "As you go out into the world.. continue to use your gifts and talents for the benefit of others..." We will miss you all tremendously! (See school website for more details)



# Career Pathway Day



Year 12 students were given an opportunity to really think about their next steps during **Career Pathways Day** on Tuesday 21st May. Students were given a formal introduction to the UCAS process and received talks on 'University Life- What to Expect..' from **Freddie Warner, Kings College University** and a valuable session on how to write an effective personal statement from **Rhys Phillips** from the **University of Southampton** (above), whose most memorable piece of advice regarding a great personal statement was to 'redraft..redraft..redraft and then redraft again!'

For students interested in Apprenticeships and Gap Years there were focused group sessions with **Sixth Form Study Advisor, Ms Petheram**.

# The Road To Oxbridge!



The Year 12 students on the **Oxbridge Programme** spent a day in Oxford visiting **Merton College** and seeing the city. We were given tours by the students and a seminar on the Oxbridge application process. The weather was glorious, the whole day was very inspiring and the students had a great time.



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

## We're In!



We were so pleased to officially start using our **Playing Fields at Morley Park** this half term. Students have been relishing the extra space and the opportunity to take part in our extended sports provision which includes cricket, football and rounders!

## PGL



Another Summer Term and another **PGL tour** - a fantastic few days of football and netball prowess, with our **Year 10 netballers** coming 3rd overall in the **England Netball** competition (above)! The trip was rounded off with some fun zipline and archery activities!

## Football Runners Up



Great effort by our Year 7 Footballers who take the runners up medals in the **Surrey Schools U12 final**, losing 3-1 to **Winston Churchill School**. We are very proud of your efforts!

## DofE



**DofE expeditions** have been progressing well this term with Bronze expeditions to **East Grinstead** and **Box Hill** in mid-May. Students have been busy putting their navigation, fitness and tent skills to the ultimate test! (See school website for more details)

## A Sprinting Success!



Congratulations to our super speedy and super talented **Athletics teams** for their fantastic performances at **Merton School Sports Partnership Borough Athletics** this half term! We are so pleased to announce that our Year 7, Year 8/9 AND Year 10 teams won the overall competitions! 1st place medals all round!

## All About Tennis!



Congratulations to our tennis player **Sophie Marie** who has been busy on the courts with an **U14 win**, R/Up at **Tunbridge Wells** and **U18 doubles win** at **Manor Open**. Fantastic Sports Leadership shown by our Year 9's at **Merton School Sports Partnership Primary Inclusive Tennis** this half term (left) - role models! Finally our Year 10 team won the **Surrey Schools League Round 2** win against **Putney High School** this term! Well done ladies!

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Date	Event
Mon 3rd June	<b>SCHOOL RETURNS</b> Year 10 Geography Fieldwork Day GCSE Exams; Hall, Gym and USFC A Level Exams (Until Weds 19th June) (Until Mon 24th June) (Until Friday 7th June)
Tues 4th June (6:30 - 7:30pm)	Year 7 Exams; St Georges Year 10 Sixth Form Transitions Parents' Meeting; USFC
Thurs 6th June (8.45am-12.40pm)	Year 10 Networking with Year 12 YSVP Care Home Visit to Kew House
Fri 7th June (1.35pm)	Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Year 8 Visit to a Mosque
Mon 10th June	Year 8 Exams until Friday 14th June; Healthy Eating Week Activities; Food Room
Weds 12th June	Year 12 Faith Development Day
Fri 14th June (2.00-3.00pm)	School Council Meeting; SFCR Year 10 P.E Practicals' and Art Textiles Exams
Mon 17th June (Until Tues 25th June)	Digital Learning Week Year 10 Internal Exams
Tues 18th June (11.45-1.00pm)	UCAS Day at Kings College
Weds 19th June	GCSE Music Concert Trip (evening)
Thurs 20th June (All Day)	Year 12 Business & Economics Students Trip to Thorpe Park
Fri 21st June (2.00-3.00pm) (6.30-9.30pm)	Year 7 Retreat Day School Council Meeting Annual Sports Awards Dinner
Mon 24th June	Dallas Student Visit
Tues 25th June	Summer Tea Party for Retired Members of the Parish Year 12 Serviam Assembly; USFC
Weds 26th June (4.00-6.30pm)	Year 10 Taster/Careers Day for Sixth Form Year 7 Parents' Evening; Hall & Gym
Thurs 27th June (8.45-10.30am) (Until Friday 28th June) (11.00-12.30am) (7.30-8.30pm)	Year 7 Understanding the World of Work; Hall Oxbridge Residential Trip Talk on the Cambridge Application Process at Kings College Year 11 Celebration Evening; Hall
Fri 28th June (8.45am-12.30pm)	Ypres Trip Year 11 External Sixth Form Induction Year 13 Leavers' Prom
Mon 1st July (Until Thurs 4th July) (Until Tues 2nd July)	Year 12 Geography Trip; Juniper Hall Ball Girls at Wimbledon Tennis Year 11 Induction to the Sixth Form; Hall
Tues 2nd July (All Day) (Until Fri 12th July)	Year 9 Learning Conference; USFC Year 11 Work Experience New Uniform Sale; Hall
Weds 3rd July (5.00-7.00pm)	Teach Wimbledon Graduation Day
Fri 5th July (9.00-12.00pm)	Whole School Sports Day Teach Wimbledon Induction Day; Ricards Lodge
Mon 8th July (1.00-3.00pm) (1.25-3.10pm) (8.45-10.30am) (1.25-3.10pm)	UPA Nearly New Uniform Sale Year 7 Celebration; Hall Year 10 Interviews for Sixth Form Year 7 Debates; Hall
Tues 9th July (Until Tues 10th July) (1.25-3.10pm) (8.45-10.30pm) (1.25-3.10pm)	Year 8 Celebration; Hall Year 10 Debates; Hall Year 9 Celebration; Hall
Weds 10th July (4.00-6.30pm)	Year 10 Parents' Evening
Thurs 11th July (8.45-10.30pm) (1.25-3.10pm)	Year 9 Debates; Hall Year 10 Celebration; Hall
Fri 12th July (All Day) (All Day)	Year 12 Career Pathway Interviews Year 13 Enrolment Day
Mon 15th July (All Week) (1.25-3.10pm)	UHSFest Week Year 12 Work Shadowing/Careers & Personal Development Week DofE Expeditions Year 12 Biology Field Trip; Wimbledon Common Merton Deanery Leavers' Mass
Fri 19th July (See Chaplaincy Newsletter)	<b>END OF TERM</b> End of Year Masses
Mon 22nd July-Thur 29th Aug	<b>SUMMER HOLIDAYS</b> A Level/Level 3 Results Day GCSE Results Day (All Day) (All Day)
Thurs 15th Aug	Year 12 Sixth Form Enrolment
Thur 22nd Aug	Year 12 External Enrolment
Fri 23rd Aug	<b>INSET DAYS</b>
2nd & 3rd Sep	<b>SCHOOL RETURNS</b>
Weds 4th Sep	