Year 10 Update

See page 2 for a snapshot of upcoming events!



Summer Term A 2023

There have also been some other great achievements...

Check out our Twitter P.E Dept Twitter and Instagram!

Dear Parents / Carers,

At Ursuline High School we encourage all our students to use their unique gifts and talents for the Common Good through acts of Serviam. By doing this, students experience first-hand the positive effects of giving themselves selflessly in service to others and see the impact of helping someone in need. Over the course of this academic year, Year 10 students have been focusing on specific virtues. The Autumn Term's virtue was Being Attentive, the Spring Term's focus was Leading in Justice and this term we are reflecting on the virtue Acting with Truth. The Year 10 students are encouraged to contemplate their actions and their words, to be true to themselves.

On May 12th, the Year 10 students were visited by the <u>Daniel Spargo-Mabbs</u> <u>Foundation</u>, a drug and alcohol education charity that aims to support young people to make safe choices and to help them develop life skills and resilience. The Foundation was set up in January 2014 by Tim and Fiona Spargo-Mabbs in response to the devastating and avoidable death of their 16-year-old son Daniel having taken ecstasy. If you'd like to find out more about the DSM Foundation and access parent/carer resources, please visit <u>www.dsmfoundation.org.uk</u>. We offer our thanks to the Foundation for all that they do and for taking the time to speak to us.

Several Year 10 students engaged in activities with the Wimbledon Partnership Scheme ISSP this half-term. The students had the opportunity to visit the Houses of Parliament in Westminster and get involved in an 'Introduction to Debating' workshop at King's school. The school's annual debating competition is also fast approaching. Students will be given an opportunity to propose/oppose topics that directly impact their lives such as: 'Everyone should study maths until 18' or 'Climate Change is the greatest threat facing humanity today'.

Fifteen Year 10 students connected with Plan International UK and Beyond Equality to partake in a workshop with their peers from St Philomena's. Both organisations are charities that work in the gender equality sector with a focus on cultural change and individual growth.

Year 10 students have recently received their log in details for our Applicaa portal. To apply for a place at Ursuline High School Sixth Form please submit your application via Applicaa no later than the $1^{\rm st}$ week of June. Offers to internal applicants will be made during the week beginning $10^{\rm th}$ July and students have until $2^{\rm nd}$ October to accept their place. If you need further information, please contact $\underline{\text{me}}$ or $\underline{\text{Brendan Ryan}}$.

Lastly, preparation for the Summer B term is well underway with Year 10 students engaging in end of year exam revision. The exams will begin on June 19th and end on June 28th. After exam season, many events and activities will be taking place including Sports Day, UHS Fest Week, and the end of year celebration assembly! I wish you and your families a restful, happy, and healthy half-term, and look forward to welcoming students back on Monday the 5th of June.

Yours faithfully,

Ms Kearney Head of Year 10

Summer A Highlights

- Polish Constitution Day
- DofE Expedition Training Day on Box Hill
- 132nd Anniversary of the School
- King Charles III Coronation
- Mental Health Awareness Week
- Parent's Revision Evening for Internal Exams
- Chaplaincy Retreat to Desenzano House
- Oxford University Trip

Students' Achievements

1 - Most Rewards:

- 1. Emilia L (10M)
- 2. Brianna S (10M)
- 3. Alicja W (10M)

Congratulations to **10M** who are currently leading the way with **1066** Reward Points. Year 10 have received a total of **726** rewards this half-term.

2 – Highest Attendance:

There are currently **9** students in Year 10 who have **100%** attendance. Please do keep up the good work!

Congratulations to **10C** who lead the way with **96.4%!**

3 – External Success:

- Congratulations to Ann M-Y (10M) who has secured a place on the mentoring and support Target Oxbridge Programme
- Congratulations to **Zoe H (10C)** who participated in the London mini marathon
- Congratulations to our Wimbledon Ball Girls; Larissa M10F, Gabriella K 10F, Lana A 10T and Ellen W 10B, who are committed to and excelling in their training

If your daughter participates in sport or other activities outside of school do encourage her to let me know –I would love to celebrate their efforts!



DSM Foundation
Drugs and Alcohol



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Upcoming Events:

June

- 5th June School Returns
- 5th June World Environmental Day
- **5th June** Deadline for Year 10 Application to the Sixth Form
- 13th June Trip to Buddhist Temple
- 19th 28th June Year 10 End of Year Exam Week
- 29th June Year 10 visit to Jewish Synagogue
- 30th June Sports Day

July

- 3rd July Year 10 Taster Day for Sixth Form
 4th July Year 10 History Trip to Imperial War Museum
- 4th/6th July Year 10 One-on-One Sixth Form Interviews with a member of SLT
- 6th July Year 10 Serviam Assembly; Hall
- 7th July Annual Sports Awards Dinner; Hall
 W/B 10th July Offers of Sixth Form places made to Year 10 students
- 12th July Year 10 Parent's Evening; Hall
- 13th July Year 10 Celebration; Hall
- 17th July Year 10 Trip to Madrid
- 17th-21st July UHS Fest Week
- 21st July End of Term Summer Holidays

*Please note this is not a complete event list and is intended to provide a snapshot only. Events may be subject to change.

Year 10 Virtue: Summer Term

Acting with Truth

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"Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices." **Colossians 3:9**

Wellbeing

Parental Workshops

15th June: KS4 & KS5
 Relationships and Sexual
 Health Parental Workshop

The rising cost of living is well documented. The pressures on parents and families are at an all time high.

We urge all parents who have experienced any change of circumstance to check if they qualify for extra help from the government through the Free School Meals scheme. If your daughter qualifies then she will receive daily credit to her account for use in the school canteen.

In order to check if you qualify you must fill in an online application at:

https://self.merton.gov.uk/service/Pupil Premium and Free School
Meals application

Additional Support



Young Merton
Young Minds
Off The Record
Kooth
MindEd
e-wellbeing

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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.

10 Angela – sulumentary.odhiambo@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk

10 Bernadette – <u>lucy.collier@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk</u>

10 Catherine - joshua.noone@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk

10 Francis - niall.carton@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk

10 Margaret - zoe.antell@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk

10 Teresa – ellen.byrne@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk

10 Ursula – mercedes.alvarez@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk

Head of Year (Ms Kearney) or Ms Brown (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.

seoighe.kearney@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk sylvia.brown@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk

Ms Young and Ms Brown – Attendance and punctuality/lateness (please report student absence before 9.30am).

ITHelpdesk@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk – for IT/Weduc/Arbor/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

Kind regards,

Ms Kearney