

# Year 7 Update

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## Summer Term A 2023

### Dear Parents / Carers,

Year 7 has had another fantastic half-term in the classroom and beyond! A particularly special and proud moment was watching all 216 students create a guard of honour to wave goodbye to our Year 11 students on their last day in their blue uniform! The year group has consistently shown they are supportive members of the Ursuline community - from recording thoughtful video messages wishing Year 11s and 13s the best of luck, to even lending the odd calculator in moments of emergency! We are as always proud of the students' commitment to Serviam.

Students have worked very hard during their lessons and at home to prepare for their end of year assessments and we thank all parents/carers who attended the revision evening in preparation for this. Whilst this was a daunting time for some Year 7 students, we hope students remember and take time to reflect this half term on how much they have grown and achieved since primary school, academically and personally. We're proud of them.

Students have enjoyed and actively participated in the recent [WeSee Education](#) workshops as part of their PSHEC curriculum. Many students fed back that they found these sessions useful and are now implementing one useful strategy to support their emotional well-being. 35 students have also signed up for the WeSee challenge and are looking forward to taking part in this. Do take time out to talk to your daughters about how the workshops are helping them. Also, you can visit their [website](#) for more information including details of their parent workshops. Our WeSee workshops coincided with our celebration of Mental Health Awareness Week, where students benefited from learning about and monitoring their zones of regulation.

A team of students in 7F demonstrated their creativity and consideration for their year group by designing a Year 7 newspaper which was distributed amongst the year group. Students really enjoyed finding out the 'quote of the week,' reading about the nominated 'teacher of the week,' and completing the quizzes! Thank you so much Florence, Eva, Isabella, and Bethany!

It was great to celebrate Polish Constitution Day of the 3<sup>rd</sup> May, students brought in Polish baked goods and cooked traditional cuisines in the food rooms. Student representatives also took part in the Feast of Ascension Mass this half term and Enrichment has continued to be popular in Spring B.

Congratulations to Shae, Raffaella, Maeve, Willow, Tallulah, Charlotte, Evie, and Leia who won second place in the athletics competition on Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> of May. All their efforts, training and determination paid off and the students were very encouraging and supportive of one another!

We look forward to what the Summer Term B brings, with many events and activities scheduled including Debates, Sports Day, UHS Fest Week, Serviam and their end of year celebration assembly! We wish you and your families a restful, happy, and healthy half-term, and look forward to welcoming students back on Monday the 5<sup>th</sup> of June.

Yours faithfully,

**Ms Pinto and Mr Dunne, Head of Year 7 & Assistant Head of Year 7**

## Students' Achievements

**Year 7 Total Rewards: 11,955**

### 1 - Most Rewards:

Students with the top three rewards are:

- 1) Anna Marie G - 95
- 2) Iliana T - 94
- 3) Evie G - 88

Overall, the tutor group with the most rewards (2390 in total) since September with is 7T!

### 2 - Highest Attendance:

There are currently 15 students in Year 7 who have 100% attendance! The tutor group with the best attendance so far is 7C - really well done!

### 3 - External Success:

**Florence** - Raised £75 by baking brownies for **Marys Meals**, a charity which supports providing meals for many children living in the world's poorest communities.

**Eliana** - Successfully secured a place to attend **Rafael Nadal's tennis camp** in the USA!



**Ruby, Elisa, Amarachi and Freya** - For delivering outstanding performances for their LAMDA public speaking showcase and receiving excellent feedback from Ms Tansey!

*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.*

## Summer A Highlights

- WeSee Education workshops
- Debates planning
- Mental Health awareness
- Athletics competition
- End of year assessment week
- LAMDA Public Speaking Showcase



**Year 7 Newspaper Students**



**Guard of Honour: Clapping Out Year 11**

*There have also been some other great achievements this half term, you can find these on our [Twitter](#) [P.E Dept Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#)!*

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## Upcoming Events:

### June

- 5<sup>th</sup> June – School Returns
- 5<sup>th</sup> June – World Environmental Day
- 30<sup>th</sup> June – Sports Day

### July

- 3<sup>rd</sup> July – Year 7 Serviam Assembly; Hall
- 6<sup>th</sup> July – Year 7 Parents' Evening; Hall
- 7<sup>th</sup> July – Sports Awards Dinner; Hall
- 10<sup>th</sup> July – Year 7 Celebration
- 13<sup>th</sup> July – End of Year Concert
- 17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> July – UHS Fest Week
- 21<sup>st</sup> 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.*

## Wellbeing

### Parental Workshops

8<sup>TH</sup> June: KS3 Relationships & Healthy Lifestyles Parental Workshop

19<sup>th</sup> June: Parent Workshop to support parents of SEND students

Cost of living crisis: please use the link to check if you qualify for the governments Free School Meals scheme:

[https://self.merton.gov.uk/service/Pupil Premium and Free School Meals application](https://self.merton.gov.uk/service/Pupil%20Premium%20and%20Free%20School%20Meals%20application)

### Additional Support

[Young Merton](#)

[Young Minds](#)

[Off The Record](#)

[Kooth](#)

[MindEd](#)

[e-wellbeing](#)

### Year 7 Virtue: Summer Term

#### Joyful

You are not afraid to show others that the simple things in life make you happy; like spending time with family and friends. You can recognise the difference between the temporary happiness that we get from focusing on ourselves and the joy we feel when we focus on others.

*"Clap your hands, shout to God with cries of joy!" Psalms 47:1*



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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, behaviour/sanctions, clubs/enrichment, uniform, equipment, travelling to/from school, trips/calendar events.

- 7 Angela – [naen.park@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk](mailto:naen.park@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk)
- 7 Bernadette – [lanu.carvajal@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk](mailto:lanu.carvajal@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk)
- 7 Catherine – [jacqueline.clark@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk](mailto:jacqueline.clark@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk)
- 7 Francis – [laura.mchale@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk](mailto:laura.mchale@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk)
- 7 Margaret – [gabriela.gregory@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk](mailto:gabriela.gregory@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk)
- 7 Teresa – [georgina.kent@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk](mailto:georgina.kent@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk)
- 7 Ursula – [katharine.grandin@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk](mailto:katharine.grandin@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk)

**Head of Year (Miss Pinto), Assistant Head of Year (Mr Dunne) or Ms Sawicka (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.

[georgina.pinto@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk](mailto:georgina.pinto@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk)  
[magdalena.sawicka@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk](mailto:magdalena.sawicka@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk)

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

[ITHelpdesk@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk](mailto: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](#)

Kindest regards,

Miss Pinto