



**URSULINE HIGH
SCHOOL**

Welcome to
Year 9
Information
Evening



Welcome

Mr Kelly
Headteacher

Mr Glavina
Assistant
Headteacher for year
9



Mr Adam
Deputy
Headteacher

Mrs Alexander
Deputy Headteacher

Miss Guiheen and
Miss Smith
Heads of Year 9

Our aim





URSULINE HIGH SCHOOL

THEME 2023-24

“Pilgrims of faith”

**Year 9 Virtues:
Integrity
Discerning
United in Harmony**



Prayer of Saint Angela



Gracious God,
Let us remain in harmony,
United together;
All of one heart and one will.
Let us be bond to one another
By the bond of love,
Respecting each other,
Helping each other,
And bearing with each other
In Jesus Christ.
For if we try to be like this,
Without doubt,
You, Lord God,
Will be in our midst.
Amen



Tonight we'll cover...

- Who's who in the Y9 team
- How and when to contact the school
- How we will communicate with you
- Enrichment
- Teaching and Learning
- Pastoral Care



The Y9 Team

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9 Catherine	Seoighe Kearney (Maths)	seoighe.kearney
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How and when to communicate with the school

Issue/Concern	Member of staff	Method of contact
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General enquires about the Ursuline • Friendship issues • Organisation • Homework Clubs/enrichment Uniform • Equipment Punctuality 	Form Tutors	Email address on previous slides
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mental health Bullying • Safeguarding Online safety Absence request forms • Request for your daughter to receive school counselling/educational wellbeing practitioner • Financial support/free school meals. 	Head of Year or Pastoral Support Assistant	Pop A: Erin.Guiheen@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk Pop B: Paige.Smith@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk Phone: 020 8255 2688 Ext: 3173 Pastoral Support Assistant – Mrs McCourt: Sarah.McCourt@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk Phone: 020 8255 2688 Ext: 3101
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attendance and punctuality/lateness. All absences and lates must be reported via email or Weduc. 	Ms Young	Bernadette.young@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk Phone: 0203903144
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subject specific enquires 	Subject teacher or Head of Department/Faculty	Please see the school website: https://www.ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk/contact-us/staff-contact-details/
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent portal, laptops, and other IT queries 	Laptop Doctor	laptop.doctor@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk

How we communicate with you

- Messages from Weduc
 - Notices
 - Enrichment
 - Newsletters
- Automated emails from Arbor (sanctions)
- Academic Review days
- Parents Evenings (subject teachers)
- Termly reports
- Instagram or Twitter - if you don't already follow us, please do @uhswimbleton



Key Dates

Academic Review Day 1 – 19th and 20th October

School Production – 30th November

Year 9 Parents' Evening – 21st February

Multicultural Evening – 20th March

Academic Review Day 2 – 27th (half-day) and 28th March

Year 9 Parents' Revision Evening – 14th May

Year 9 EOY exams – 10th June

Sports Day – 28th June

Fest Week – 15th to 19th July

Y9 Pastoral Workshops for Parents

26th or 28th Sept: Mental Health During The Teenage Years - An Introduction And Overview

12th or 18th Oct: Getting Into School - Common Challenges & Supporting School Avoidance

16th or 17th Nov: "I Wish I Looked Like Them" - Helping Teens Navigate Body Image Issues

4th or 7th Dec: Understanding and Supporting Teen Sleep & Self-Care

15th or 24th Jan: Understanding & Supporting Your Teen with Autism Spectrum Condition

6th or 7th Feb: Social Media & Gaming- What Parents Need To Know

26th or 27th Feb: Managing Exam & Assignment Stress

11th or 14th Mar: Parenting Teenagers With Characteristics of ADHD

24th or 25th Apr: Managing Exam & Assignment Stress

14th or 16th May: Supporting Your Teenager With Emotional Difficulties & Self Harm

Attendance and Punctuality

- We must know if your daughter is not attending by 8.45am as this is a safeguarding duty - either by phone or email
Bernadette.young@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk 02039083144
- The school's attendance target is 96%. We monitor all students, and if your daughter has an attendance below 94% you will be sent a letter
- Punctuality is monitored daily, any student who is late will receive a 30 mins detention **on that day**, the student and the parent will be notified by email by 11am, failure to attend will result in a Friday detention for an hour.
- If your daughter needs to leave school early, or is coming in late after an appointment, please email
Bernadette.young@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk and ask her to bring the proof of the appointment.

Travel To And From School

- We **strongly** encourage all students to walk to and from Wimbledon
- Line up at the Arterberry road bus stop not the bottom of Crescent road
- Students must be considerate of our neighbours regarding noise and must never enter a residents garden or sit on walls/railings
- No loitering in Wimbledon – no shops
- No more than 4 students together
- Travel carefully (e.g using crossings, avoiding use of airpods/headphones etc)

Morley Park

- Year 9 travel for PE to Morley Park
- Students line up in Brescia, are registered and then escorted to the playing fields
- Students must remain with the group and following the instructions of the staff member at all times
- Students do not have access to the canteen at breaktime on the days they have PE so should bring a suitable snack
- Failure to follow these instructions is a major safeguarding breach and will result in withdrawal from PE at Morley Park

Teaching and Learning

We have an ambitious curriculum with high academic rigour that ensures our students develop a lifelong passion for learning.

Our curriculum is content rich, where students are taught the skills to retain their knowledge with fluency and are able to apply this knowledge creatively and with purpose.



A research informed curriculum and pedagogy.

A research informed curriculum means that we use the latest research and evidence to ensure best teaching practice for Ursuline students.

This involves:

- ❖ **The use of retrieval practice to embed knowledge in long term memory.**
- ❖ **Feedback in a variety of styles that deepens the learning. Students are expected to act on this.**
- ❖ **Modelling and scaffolding of work.**
- ❖ **Ambitious and challenging curricula designed by subject specialist leads. Expect your daughter to struggle at times and get things wrong. This is how we learn.**



In essence.

- Students will:
 - » Learn
 - » Remember
 - » Apply.

Staff will:

- Plan and deliver engaging lessons.
- Identify gaps in knowledge and understanding and close those gaps through targeted support.
- Know your daughter so they can deliver the right teaching practice to support her learning.



GCSE Options

Options Evening:

16th January – Year 9 Pathways presentation

26th January – Taster Days

21st February – Year 9 Parents' Evening

8th March – Options choices deadline

GCSE early entries including MFL will not be entering until year 10

Students to meet with Ms Guillet regarding early MFL entry: Monday 4th December- lunch time in M7



Organisation – the essentials

- Board Pen
- Mini whiteboard
- Laptop, charger and headphones
- Planner- record all homework
- Stationery equipment



Social Media in Year 9

- Countless friendship issues which are exacerbated by the misuse of social media
- Drawn into issues with other students
- Tempted to say unkind comments
- Unable to move past comments online
- **We ask that parents ensure that access to any social media platforms is age appropriate**
- If students do use social media, this will be taken into consideration when dealing with issues raised
- We need to work together to support our young people and we are stronger if we all do the same

Dangers Online

- Risk of coercion
- Pictures, comments etc can be passed on without permission.
- Access to people they do not know easily
- Not easy for young people to recognise a 'stranger' online
- Easy to inadvertently share personal info
- Child exploitation

Risky Behaviour

- Vaping is normalised on social media platforms and branding of these products is appealing to teenagers.
- There is a widespread perception among teenagers that nicotine suppresses appetite and therefore vaping can help with weight control/loss – this is addressed via PSHEC
- Pressure to attend gatherings (local parks, Wimbledon Common, unsupervised homes) increases from Y8 onwards. Do you know where your child is when not with you and who is supervising them?
- Set very clear boundaries about acceptable, safe behaviour outside school with friendship groups and maintain regular contact.

Safeguarding Team

Leading
with justice



Ms Rachael Gilmore
Assistant Headteacher
Designated Safeguarding Lead
Mental Health Lead

Faith-filled
& hopeful



Ms Kerry Connor
Assistant Headteacher
Ethos and Behaviour
Safeguarding Officer



Ms Jo Wild
Wellbeing Co-Ordinator
Safeguarding Officer



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Ms Sarah McCourt
Year 8 & 9 Pastoral Assistant
Safeguarding Officer



Ms Danielle Boateng
Care Coordinator
Safeguarding Officer

Where Can I Get Practical Advice?

- www.childnet.com
- www.saferinternet.org.uk
- <https://www.tigermobiles.com/2015/05/how-to-protect-your-children-on-their-smartphone/>
- <https://www.internetmatters.org/>



Further parental support

- [Childnet](#) offers a toolkit to support parents and carers of children of any age to start discussions about their online life, to set boundaries around online behaviour and technology use, and to find out where to get more help and support
- [Commonsensemedia](#) provide independent reviews, age ratings, & other information about all types of media for children and their parents
- [Government advice](#) about protecting children from specific online harms such as child sexual abuse, sexting, and cyberbullying
- [Government advice](#) about security and privacy settings, blocking unsuitable content, and parental controls
- [Internet Matters](#) provide age-specific online safety checklists, guides on how to set parental controls on a range of devices, and a host of practical tips to help children get the most out of their digital world
- [Let's Talk About It](#) provides advice for parents and carers to keep children safe from online radicalisation
- [London Grid for Learning](#) provides support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online, including tips to keep primary aged children safe online
- [Lucy Faithfull Foundation StopItNow](#) resource can be used by parents and carers who are concerned about someone's behaviour, including children who may be displaying concerning sexual behaviour (not just about online)
- [National Crime Agency/CEOP Thinkuknow](#) provides support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online
- [Net-aware](#) provides support for parents and carers from the NSPCC and O2, including a guide to social networks, apps and games
- [Parentzone](#) provides help for parents and carers on how to keep their children safe online
- [Parent info](#) from Parentzone and the National Crime Agency provides support and guidance for parents from leading experts and organisations
- [UK Safer Internet Centre](#) provide tips, advice, guides and other resources to help keep children safe online

Enrichment

Please visit our website to see our extensive list of extra-curricular on our website following the link below:

<https://www.ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk/curriculum/enrichment/>

Autumn A 2023 SPORTS CLUBS
September 2023-December 2023

Day	@ Morley Park	@ UHS Sportshall/ Courts
Monday	Year 8-11 Football Club With SMSC Coaching/ CMD/TM	Year 10-11 Netball Club (ALT)
Tuesday		Year 9/10 Wimbledon BBG Trials & Training (RCO) Sportshall <i>(Any Y10s in P7 science, please attend immediately afterwards at 4.05pm)</i> Year 7 Netball Club (ALT, TM and CMD) Netball Courts
Wednesday	All Years Gaelic Football Club CMD and TM <i>(Until October Half Term)</i>	All Years Badminton Club (Sportshall) RCO GCSE PE Intervention/ PEP Catch up (ALT)
Thursday		Year 7 Football Club (RCO) Sportshall Year 8/9 Netball Club – TM/ CMD/ALT
Friday 1.40-3.30pm @ MP 1.40-2.45pm @ UHS	At Morley Park: Cross Country Club 7-13 (TM/CMD)	GCSE PE Rock Climbing Club – Controlled Assessment Practice and Preparation. 1.45-3pm (RCO) GCSE PE Netball Practice and video moderation 1.45-3pm (ALT) All years Dance Bites Street Dance club & Skateboarding club (Charged) Code for Skate sign up; https://www.urbanstudiosessions.co.uk/uhs The password: sk8uss.

Contact Details

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Heads of Year 9

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**Thank you for your time
this evening!**

