

Year 9 Update

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Summer Term A 2023

There have also been some other great achievements...
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Dear Parents / Carers,

Celebrated over the last seven weeks, Easter is the most important season in the Church's year. It is a season of hope, joy, and celebration, and a reminder to us of all the importance of optimism – looking forward to what lies ahead. The same is true of the Summer B half term, the last half-term of the academic year, with many events planned to mark the end of the school year and celebrate the brilliant achievements of students across the cohort.

Over the Easter break, several Year 9 students joined in the annual ski trip in Austria. Speaking to staff and students who went, I was pleased to hear that such a great time was had by all – a truly memorable experience. I am also delighted to see that throughout Spring A, there has been an increased uptake in extra-curricular activities from the year group, with students attending a variety of sports and other clubs. This constitutes an important part of life at Ursuline High School, and it would be great to see as many as possible get involved as we move into the final half-term.

I was very proud to invite our Year 9 public speaking club members to present in assembly this week, and hope that this has helped to inspire further members of the year group to try public speaking – especially with the end of year debates just around the corner. Earlier in the term, we welcomed students from other Ursuline Schools across London and Kent for our Year 9 Conference on the theme of 'Leading for Justice'. Around 20 of our own Year 9 students took part – either as participants, or leaders – and the day was very successful, embodying the culture of encounter and the school's core values. I look forward to further opportunities for students in the year group to involve themselves in similar events.

The Summer B Term is packed full of events for students in Year 9 to look forward to, including Sports Day, Year 9 Serviam Assembly, Year 9 Celebration, Year 9 Debates, Sports Celebration Dinner, and UHS Fest Week (dates for all these events can be found on page 2). During Fest Week, many students in Year 9 will be attending residential trips in Europe including France and the Netherlands, while those not on residential trips will be taking part in several engaging activities in and out of school including a visit to the London Docklands Museum, and an alternative sports day at Morley Park. The term will conclude with our end-of-year liturgy on Friday 21 July.

I would like to remind you that Year 9 Exam Week will take place 12-16th June. I know that students have been working hard both in and outside of lessons to prepare for these, and I know that they will rise valiantly to the challenge and demonstrate how much they have learnt this year. Our mantra is simple: if students do their best, their best is good enough, and the results will take care of themselves. Thank you to those parents who attended our recent Revision Meeting. For those that didn't make it, a copy of the slides can be found on our website.

I look forward to welcoming students back on Monday 5 June. Have a wonderful half term!

Yours faithfully,
Mr Roberts
Head of Year 9

Students enjoying playing a spot of tennis with Mr Roberts in the sunshine this half term!



Students' Achievements

1 - Most Rewards:

1. Hannah M (9M) - 114
2. Silvia G (9T) - 111
3. Simran S (9U) - 105

Congratulations to **9 Teresa** - currently leading the way with **2003 Reward Points!**

2 – Highest Attendance:

There are currently **16** students in Year 9 who have **100%** attendance. Please do keep up the good work!

Congratulations to **9Ursula** who lead the way with **97%** attendance!

3 – External Successes:

- Congratulations to **Maia H-M (9F)**, who represented Surrey at a **National Athletics Tournament** in April, achieving **Gold** in the two-lap race (150m), and **Bronze** in the 4x2 lap relay.
- Congratulations to **Erin O'B (9B)** and **Silvia G (9T)** who completed the **London Mini-Marathon** in April.

If your daughter participates in sport or other activities outside of school, please do encourage her to let us know.

Summer A Highlights

- **Year 9 Ursuline Conference** – Around 20 of our Year 9s welcomed visiting students from other Ursuline Schools across London and Kent on 25 April.
- **Mass for the Feast of the Ascension** – Representatives from each form attended Mass for the Feast of the Ascension on 18 May.



Year 9 Ursuline Conference



Feast of the Ascension Mass

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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.

9 Angela – poppy.rushforth@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk

9 Bernadette – ian.chiswa@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk

9 Catherine – agnieszka.ciechanowska@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk

9 Francis – laura.grant@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk / john.lester@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk

9 Margaret – rachel.oneill@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk

9 Teresa – jason.ching@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk

9 Ursula – serena.sidaway@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk

Head of Year (Mr Roberts) or Mrs McCourt (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.

james.roberts@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk

sarah.maccourt@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk

Ms Young and Mrs McCourt – 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](#)

Kindest regards,

Mr Roberts