



St Ursula's Weekly

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Message from the Headteacher



“Act, move, believe, strive,
hope, cry out to him with all
your heart”

St Angela Merici

Prologue to the Counsels /17

This week

This week we welcomed the new Year 7 parents! They came for an information meeting where they were given the opportunity to meet senior staff as well as Form Tutors and Heads of Year. This is an important evening as it marks the beginning of our new partnership.

We also had an Enrichment day this week where students visited the V @ A Museum, The Jewish Museum and Dover Castle and Year 8 had their Retreat Day. The students said they gained a lot from their experiences and we had some wonderful feedback from museum staff and the public on how engaged and well behaved the girls were. They are a credit to the school.

Please can I remind you all that school finishes early for ALL students next Friday 19 July 2019 at 2pm and we will continue the school term as usual on Monday 22 July and then finish the school term for the summer holidays on Tuesday 23 July at 1pm

Ms Hamilton

ST URSULA'S SUMMER FAIR (FOSTUR) SATURDAY 13th JULY 2019, 12-3 pm



Please note that entry is through the gate at No. **64 Crooms Hill**. Entry - 50p children. £1 adults. £1.50 Family .

Dear Parents/Carers,

FOSTUR ONLINE RAFFLE – LAST CHANCE!

Our **ONLINE raffle** is live until 11 pm on 12th July. There's up to £1,000 worth of prizes in total! Cost £5 per ticket. Don't forget to leave a name/contact so that we can put your details onto the raffle tickets.

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/Team/StUrsulasRaffle>

GENERAL RAFFLE

In addition, our usual **GENERAL raffle** tickets will be available to purchase on the day at a cost of £1 per strip. Prizes include a BODY SHOP gift hamper, wine and Chocolates and Riverdale items.

TOKENS AT THE FAIR

Like many School Fairs we are moving over to a **TOKEN** purchase system for most of our side stalls. *Food and Drink will continue to be cash payment.* 1 TOKEN=50p

FOOD STALL DONATIONS

If you would like to provide any food dishes as donations to the Fair we will be accepting them from 11am on the food and cake stall on Saturday 13th July.

CAKE COMPETITION

We are running a cake competition at the Fair. Cakes need to be at the Fair by 12.30 in order to be judged! First prize is a Combination Meal at Nando's Greenwich. Please note that cakes will be sold to raise funds.

On behalf of the school community, thank you very much for your support - FOSTUR Summer Fair team.

Sports Day Pictures 2019



School Calendar

Summer term

Saturday 13 July 2019

FOSTUR Summer Fair – 12-3pm

Friday 19 July 2019

School finishes at 2pm today

Monday 22 July 2019

Normal school day

Tuesday 23 July 2019

School finishes at 1pm - Last day of term !

Thursday 22 August 2019

Year 11 GCSE Results Day – 10am

St Angela's

Autumn Term

Back to School

Tuesday 3 September 2019 – Year 7 only

Wednesday 4 September 2019 –

Yrs. 8 - 11 school return – 8.40am –

Uniform check

Thursday 5 September 2019

Whole school in

CAKE COMPETITION

St Ursula's SUMMER FAIR (FOSTUR)

Sat 13th July 12-3pm

**Prize - Combination Meal at Nando's
Greenwich**

St Ursula's Bake Off! Do YOU have what it takes?

Create your most amazing bake and bring it in by 12.30pm to the Summer Fair cake and food stall area ready for judging!

Please note that cakes will be sold to raise funds.



Fair entrance is at No. **64 Crooms Hill**, a few doors down the hill from Our Ladye Star of the Sea Church.

St Ursula's win Yr. 10 Greenwich Schools Athletics for the third year in a row!

On Tuesday 2nd July Ms. Nash and Mrs. Franklin took a team of Athletes to the Greenwich Schools Athletics championships at Sutcliffe Park. This is a competition that St Ursula's have traditionally done very well in, winning the Yr. 10 trophy for the last two years.

With the competitive edge from sports day still in their blood; the team had another exceptional day, with all pupils achieving a very high standard of performance.

Notable performances from the following pupils:

Ann-Marie A (Yr. 7) 1st in Shot Put

Oge M-D (Yr. 8) 1st in Triple Jump

Ida K (Yr. 8) 1st in Discus

Chi-Chi C (Yr. 9) 1st in 100m and Shot Put

Naomi D (Yr. 10) 1st in 200m

Amie F (Yr. 10) 1st in 800m

Melissa K (Yr. 10) 1st in 1500m

Awale A-O (Yr. 10) 1st in Triple Jump

Rebecca M (Yr. 10) 1st in High Jump

Yr. 10 relay team 1st in final.

All of these outstanding results led to the following final standings:

Yr. 7- 5th out of 13 schools

Yr. 8- 2nd out of 13 schools

Yr. 9- 4th out of 12 schools

Yr. 10- 1st out of 7 schools



A huge well done and congratulations to the Yr. 10 team, who managed to retain the Yr. 10 trophy for the 3rd year in a row and to all of the teams who finished in the top 5. The Yr. 8 team only missed out on 1st place by 3 points, so maybe the team to watch for next year.

Ms. Nash

St Ursula's tour the battlefields of Belgium 2019

From 3rd – 6th July the 9th St Ursula's battlefield tour of the Ypres Salient in Belgium was a very enjoyable experience. Forty students immersed themselves in the History of the First World War, a century later, as well as enjoying the laid back and peaceful atmosphere of the beautiful city of Ypres in Flanders.

Day 1

The first day started at 6am followed by a very straightforward Sea crossing to Calais, then after a drive of an hour or so to Ypres, lunch on the 18th century town walls and orientation in Ypres Grote Markt.



The students visited the haunting 'Flanders fields' museum in the rebuilt Medieval cloth hall. St Ursula's historians were asked to look at the artefacts from several of the sights we were soon to visit like the Yorkshire trench and dugout. All 40 students were brave enough to also climb the famous cloth hall tower. However they didn't copy the medieval pastime of throwing cats off the top to prevent witchcraft! They were joined by the intrepid Mr Mandalos and Miss Ghelma.

We then walked to the Atlantis bowling alley, where the St Ursula's students thrilled the Belgium public with an expert display of ten pin bowling. Isobel W and Erin S were the joint winners, with style awards going to Poppy B and Sanyu KN. We then drove to our hotel and had a well-earned dinner.

Day 2

Day 2 started later with some morning visits to battlefield sites. Firstly the brooding soldier memorial to the Canadian victims of gas in 1915 gave an insight into that deadly weapons awful consequence, before we visited the preserved Yorkshire trench system and dugouts where 155 soldiers' remains were discovered as recently as 1992. After this St Ursula's hit the famous Bellewaerde theme park and spent the next few hours being thrown in the air, spun around, getting soaking wet and other apparently exciting activities. It's fair to say many students showed more willing than some members of staff. Highlights included the terrifying Dawson's duel and equally scary Boomerang and Huracan.

After a dinner in the beautiful Yperley restaurant we took part in the daily Menin gate ceremony with Cassea S, Eillis B and Ya-Adama K the girls lucky enough to lay the wreath honouring the thousands of soldiers who have no known resting place after fighting in the Salient area.



Day 3

After breakfast, we drove to Zonnebeke, and the 'Platoon day' began in earnest when we enjoyed a guided tour of the Passchendaele museum. The Belgian experts showed our students many aspects of a soldier's life including walking through German and British recreated trenches and the Dugout experience of life for the troops in the claustrophobic underground tunnels

They were then split into units and put on their uniforms from 1917 as they began to understand what it took to be a serving soldier in WW1. The ensuing 3 mile walk to Passchendaele with Chisom N as the Lieutenant and Paola F, Michelle E, Elise O and Olivia M as Captains, was a gruelling experience in hot weather. It included simulated grenade throwing (the bombardier was Sophie C), gas attacks and emergency first aid treatment administered by Nadiya P, and Macey K with Millie H as the unfortunate victim!



It ended poignantly at Tyne cot cemetery the largest Commonwealth war cemetery in Europe, and the identities and fates of many of the soldiers whose footsteps they followed in were revealed, most movingly by Paola F who read superbly. After changing and receiving the congratulations of the instructors for their attitude, we went for much needed rest and recreation time. The evening gave girls time to rest, play football, table tennis and take part in Yoga, thanks to Miss Cahir.

Day 4

St Ursula's final day in Belgium took in a battlefields tour of the Salient. We first went to the eerie Langemark German cemetery which is a quiet and sombre place compared to Tyne cot.

Our next stop was Essex farm, the site of a preserved field dressing station and where John McCrae wrote his celebrated poem 'in Flanders fields', read expertly on the same spot by Aoife M.

The tour concluded at the preserved (and less muddy than usual) hill 62 trenches, where many faced their fears in the long dark tunnels and got wet in the slippery conditions which brought home how difficult life in the frontline would have been.

After lunch and a visit to the ever helpful De Leonidas chocolate shop, the weekend drew to a close with a Eurotunnel journey back to the UK.

The History department would like to thank the girls who went for their excellent attitude and behaviour and to Miss Ghelma and Miss Cahir for giving up their time and making the trip possible.

Music News

Congratulations to the three St Ursula's pupils who represented us so brilliantly in the Royal Greenwich Young Music of the Year Grand Final.

The standard was extremely high and the event was a spectacular afternoon of extraordinary young performers from across the Borough.

We are extremely proud of all of the finalists and delighted to announce that Anne-Mei was the overall WINNER of the Senior Category!!

Congratulations to all of the finalists and well done Anne-Mei, the Royal Greenwich Young Musician of the Year! What a wonderful accolade for our school.

Ms Johnson



The Royal Greenwich Youth Orchestra is recruiting new members for Autumn 2019 and you are invited!



RGYO opens its doors to new members on Monday 30th September 2019

Conducted by [Edward Farmer](#), the orchestra is open to all Royal Greenwich young people aged 8 – 18 who play orchestral instruments at grade 3 standard and above.

Weekly rehearsals take place on Monday evenings at Blackheath Halls, and will offer local young Royal Greenwich residents the opportunity to make music and make friends with other like-minded young people. Each term ends with a concert for families, friends and members of the public and will be supported by musicians from the London Symphony Orchestra.

Recent repertoire includes Grieg's *Peer Gynt Suite*, Brahms's *Academic Festival Overture*, Mozart's *German Dances* and Leonard Bernstein's *West Side Story*.

Our conductor

Edward Farmer is a conductor and composer working in Film, Television, and live performance. He has worked with many top professional orchestras including London Philharmonic Orchestra, Polish National Radio Symphony Orchestra, and Budapest Festival Orchestra, and as an educator with youth orchestras at University and Conservatoire level.

Our partners

The RGYO is generously funded by Arts Council England and is a partnership between the Royal Greenwich Music Hub, Blackheath Halls, the Conservatoire and the London Symphony Orchestra.

Details

Who is it for? Young people living or going to school in the Royal Borough of Greenwich age 8-18

Level of experience: Members should be Grade 3+ on their orchestral instrument

Dates: Monday evenings starting Monday 30th September 2019

Time: 18.30 – 20.30

Venue: Blackheath Halls, 23 Lee Road, Blackheath, SE3 9RQ

Cost: FREE of charge

Further information and booking

To find out more, and to book your place go to: <http://rgyo.co.uk/>

Like us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/rgyorchestra>

Get in touch

If you have any queries, please email the RGYO Manager: Helen Hendry: info@rgyo.co.uk

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12-3PM



We are ready to party with you and your family at the Summer Fair this Saturday!

Entry 50p, £1 adult, £1.50 family entry.



Join the Cake Competition

Bring along your most delicious creations and join the **St. Ursula's Bake Off Cake Competition** to win a voucher for a **Combination meal at Nandos!**

Please bring your amazing cakes up to the food and drink stall at the fair by 12:30 pm, leave your name hidden under the cake.

The cakes in the bake off will be sold to raise money.

Great fun at the Summer Fair!

Ice cream van,
Barbeque and beers,
Penalty shoot out,
Teachers in stocks,
Coconut shy,
Cakes and drinks,
Fruit cups, sweets and jellies,
Tombola,
Craft stall,
Side stall games,
Bouncy castle



summer FAIR

ST. Ursula's 2019

Amazing prizes on our grand Raffle!

The FOSTUR SUMMER FAIR RAFFLE draw will take place on Saturday 13th July 2019. We have amazing donations in prizes, so dig deep and purchase a ticket or few!!!

Ticket costs £5 each.

Please take a look at the website below to buy your tickets. The winners and the total raffle sales will be posted on the website.

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/Team/StUrsulasRaffle>

One-month Semi-Private Training Programme from Greenwich Training worth £300

Family voucher for one week at David Lloyd Kidbrooke

Traditional Afternoon Tea for two at The O2 InterContinental London (£37 each)

Classic Afternoon Tea for two at The Clarendon Hotel Blackheath

Tea/Coffee and Cakes for two at Lakedale Coffee

2 tickets to Greenwich Theatre for the "Brooklyn The Musical"

2 tickets to Greenwich Odeon (£25 each)

2 tickets to Blackheath Halls Opera (£17 each)

4 tickets to St. Paul's Cathedral (£18 each)

4 one-hour jumping at the O2 Oxygen Freejumping (£15 each)

4 games at Hollywood Bowl at the O2

Family Ticket (2 adult + 2 children) from Viscount Cruises for River Thames Cruise

£50 voucher from Sticks'n'Sushi Greenwich

Combination meal at Nando's Greenwich

... and more