



St Ursula's Weekly

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Message from the Headteacher



“Rejoice together”

St Angela Merici

Cf Last Counsel /22

This week

The Summer Fair was a great event and success and raised £3,200 for the school. I cannot thank FOSTUR and Mr Green, the Premises Team and all the staff involved for making it happen. Thank you so much to every one who attended and supported the event and made it such a great day!

As the year comes to an end and we have already seen our Year 11 go, we also say goodbye to a few members of staff and this year we see a few key members leaving us (see over). I hope you will join me in thanking them for their loyal, hard work and great service to the school and wish them well in their retirement and futures.

May I now take this opportunity in this last Weekly of the year, to wish you all a good summer break, whatever you do. Whether that is spending time at home with friends and family, going on holiday in the UK or abroad or just taking the time to relax.

Whatever you do I hope you spend time doing something you enjoy and find some space and peace for yourself and your family.



God Bless

Ms Hamilton

School Calendar

Summer term

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

September 2019 -

Start of the new school year

As always, the start of the new year in September will begin with a uniform and equipment check. This will include uniform, hair, make up, nails, bag checks and anyone breaking the rules could be sent home, to correct their uniform, and come back to school. The up to date uniform list will be on the school website if you are unsure or have any queries.

There will also be random bag searches for prohibited items including mobile phones. Confiscated items are kept securely for the remainder of the term as per the behaviour policy, but hopefully there will not be any!

Thank you for your support as always.

Goodbyes

After 31 happy years at St Ursula's **Mrs Amos**, the School Business Manager is retiring! She started here in 1988 at a Lunchtime Supervisor, worked as a Classroom assistant before working in the finance office and becoming the School Business Manager and a member of SLT. She has worked for 5 Different headteachers! Mrs Amos has worked tirelessly for the school and it's students over the years and many students lives have been made better from her help and support. Mrs Amos knows the school so well and we are worried about what we will do without her. But she is ready to spend time with her granddaughter and more time doing the things she enjoys most like travelling , so we wish Mrs Amos every happiness and health in her new adventures and thank her for everything she has done for over the years here at St Ursula's!



Father Fernando is also off to a new role at St Paul's Academy. He has been here at St Ursula's for 15 years, working his way up from being a teacher to a member of the Senior Leadership Team (SLT). He has been Head of Year 11 and the students have benefited from his compassion, warmth and those great speeches at the Certificate Evenings! We wish him every success in his new role at St Paul's and thank him for all he has given to St Ursula's and it's students over the years. I'm sure in our small Catholic Community our paths will cross again very soon!

Mr Welch, the Premises Manager also retires this summer. He has been with us for 8 years and has worked endlessly in the the maintenance of the school and keep the old, but unique St Ursula's premises working well for students to be able to access their education. Nothing was too much trouble for Mr Welch and he would often go above and beyond the call of duty especially for a cup of tea! We thank Mr Welch for his loyal service and wish him a restful and enjoyable retirement!



Mrs Parker an MFL teacher is leaving after 6 years for a European adventure with her family to Luxemburg! Again we thank her and wish her the best of luck in her new life. Äddi / Awar and and Vill Gléck Mrs Parker!



Mr Moore, teacher of Science leaves us after to go and teach in Italy!

Grazie Mr Moore for the enthusiasm and energy you bought to St Ursula's and best of luck in Italy – Addio!

We also say a fond farewell to Mr Green who in his short time with us has bought good many things to St Ursula's – Staff Choir and the Christmas Child, the focus on Well being and Mental Health. We wish him every success in his new role!



Ms Salmah an English teacher leaves us too. We thank her for all her hard work over the last year covering Ms Devine whilst she was on maternity leave and wish her well for the future.

Year 7 have a great time at Dover castle

The whole of year 7 had an enjoyable day out at Dover Castle on 10 July as part of their enrichment programme, in this case with the History department. They explored the castle using the knowledge they have recently gained from their castle investigations.

Highlights of the day included the battlements walk, which took in Admiralty lookout (used in World War One), World War two anti -aircraft guns and Napoleonic defences, including cannons and barracks.

They then had to negotiate the narrow medieval walls, looking out for the deep moat and spooky guard rooms along the way. Megan B commented, "It was a tiring walk but we got some great views of the English Channel and the really deep moat".

The next stop were the medieval tunnels deep under the castle, reportedly the most haunted part of the site. On the way back students saw the famous Oubliette where unfortunate prisoners were dropped into a hole and shut in, never to emerge. Despite the temptation this wasn't the case on this visit.

After a welcome lunch year 7 turned their attention to the keep. This was full of artefacts, secret passages and even a medieval toilet, complete with authentic smells. A spiral staircase lead to the roof and some excellent views over the channel and of the town of Dover and the rest of the Castle site.

So a great outing summed up by Chloe L, who commented, "I really enjoyed the whole day".

Competition winners

The winners of the Dover castle booklet competition were as follow;



1st prize-Ann-Marie A



2nd prize-Megan B



3rd Prize-Cameron A



*See Mr Turpie to get your prizes!

Ypres competition winners 2019

The winners of the Belgium trip photography competition were as follows;

1st place - Olivia M for her haunting photo of the German cemetery at Langemarck.



2nd place Ellis B for her perspective shot of the brooding soldier memorial in St Julien.



3rd place Alicia Q for her close up shot of the Menin gate in Ypres.



Well done to all those who entered, the winning pictures and some of the others are on the school website and will be in the History department for all to see.

Mr Turpie and Mr Mandalos

Peer Mentors

Well done and congratulations to the new year 10 students, who have successfully completed their peer mentor training.

As always the work of the peer mentors is a valued asset in supporting year 7 in their transition into secondary school life.

I would like to thank them in advance for the dedication and commitment in their new role.

Mrs Teresa Higgins

Learning Support Centre Manager

Preparation for Confirmation

Could this be the right time for you?

Classes start
Saturday
September
21st



Be a part of
parish
activities

Course information:

Starts on Saturday 21st September 2019 – Saturday 7th March 2020
every Saturday, from 11.30am-1.00pm at 73 Comerford Road SE4 2BA

Sacrament of Confirmation will take place at 7.00pm Mass on Tuesday 10th March 2020, conferred by Bishop Patrick Lynch

Application forms are available from St Mary Magdalen's Brockley - 020 8691 1322: by email brockley@rcaos.org.uk and from Mrs Antonia Azodo – 07939 340150: aiazodo@gmail.com

Information required from the candidates is:

- > Name and Christian name
- > Date of birth
- > Church of baptism
- > Date of baptism
- > Date of First Holy Communion
- > Church of First Holy Communion
- > School attended
- > Religion of parents/guardian

For further information and to start taking part in activities to gain your Certificate for Parish Service before the course commences - Please contact Mrs Antonia Azodo – 07939 340150: aiazodo@gmail.com or Father Michael Ezenwamadu, email: brockley@rcaos.org.uk



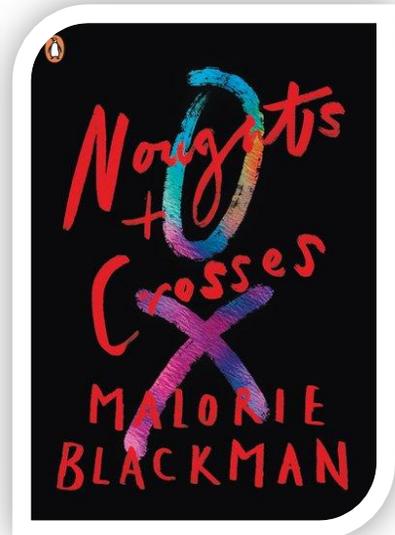
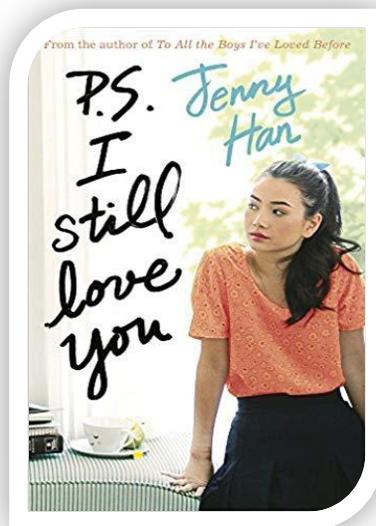
We've had a wonderful year of book lending, let's look at some of the statistics for this year!

St Ursula's Library Loan Statistics September 2018 – July 2019

Since September pupils have loaned over 7,000 books

You loved them so much you renewed over 480 times

Your top 3 favourite books were...



St Ursula's Top 20 Books

Sept 2018 - July 2019

#	Loans	Title	Author
1	44	To all the boys I've loved before	Han, Jenny
2	39	P.S. I still love you	Han, Jenny
3	34	Noughts and Crosses	Blackman, Malorie
4	30	The Fault in our Stars	Green, John
5	27	Four Children and It	Wilson, Jacqueline
6	25	Dork Diaries. Drama Queen	Russell, Rachel Renee
7	25	Wonder	Palacio, R. J.
8	25	Geek Girl	Smale, Holly
9	24	Dork Diaries: Birthday Drama	Russell, Rachel Renee
10	23	Lily Alone	Wilson, Jacqueline
11	23	The Hate U Give	Thomas, Angie
12	22	Looking for Alaska	Green, John
13	20	Dork Diaries	Russell, Rachel Renee
14	20	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Long Haul	Kinney, Jeff
15	19	Knife Edge	Blackman, Malorie
16	19	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The last straw	Kinney, Jeff
17	19	My Sister Jodie	Wilson, Jacqueline
18	19	The Diary of a Young Girl, Anne Frank	Frank, Anne
19	18	A Place Called Perfect	Duggan, Helena
20	18	Always and Forever, Lara Jean	Han, Jenny

SUMMER LOANS

The story doesn't end here! Don't forget you can now loan books for over summer! See Miss Deegan before Tuesday 23rd to renew or take out new loans; please return any overdue books!

'THE POET X' COMPETITION

Miss Deegan and Ms Cahalane have a new writing competition! We would like you to try and write about yourself/your life in verse (poetry) form like the Carnegie Medal winning novel – *'The Poet X'*! This book tells the story of a teenage girl's life in Harlem and the struggles she suffers growing up, in short poems. Focus on a small part of your life and be creative. In the extract below Xiomara talks about her mother's journey to and from work and how she perceives it!

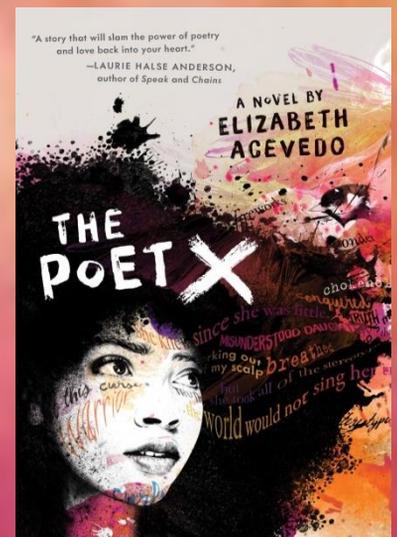
SUCCESS CRITERIA

- Structure your writing in verse poetry, NOT paragraphs!
- Maximum of 200 words!
- You don't need to rhyme, in fact it's better if you don't!
- Use all your literary devices to help you (i.e. imagery, repetition, enjambment, alliteration, assonance, sibilance etc.)
- Be authentic and truthful to yourself – but don't swear!
- DEADLINE: Friday 18th October 2019 via SMHW or in hardcopy!

The Poet X – Elizabeth Acevedo

Mami Works

Cleaning an office building in Queens.
Rides two trains in the early morning
so she can arrive at the office by eight.
She works at sweeping, and mopping,
emptying trash bins, and being invisible.
Her hands never stop moving, she says.
Her fingers rubbing the material of plastic gloves
like the pages of her well-worn Bible.
Mami rides the train in the afternoon,
another hour and some change to get to Harlem.
She says she spends her time reading verses,
getting ready for the evening Mass,
and I know she ain't lying, but if it were me
I'd prop my head against the metal train wall,
hold my purse tight in my lap, close my eyes
against the rocking, and try my best to dream.



FOSTUR



To all the staff, the parents and the pupils for the great support at the Summer Fair!

We raised £3,200!

Thank everyone for supporting FOSTUR and the school. We are very pleased we've been able to fund the visualisers purchase for the school. Donations are still open [virginmoneygiving.com/charities/stursulas](https://www.virginmoneygiving.com/charities/stursulas)

FOSTUR wishes all the girls and the families a happy summer break!



Congratulations to the Raffle prizes winners and a big thank to everyone who generously took part!



And the winner is...

A special thank to all the girls at the Cake Competition with beautiful and sweet creations!

1st Ellen Grace

2nd Iris

3rd Emily



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Greenwich Training

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**Hollywood Bowl 02
Cathedral**

St. Paul's

DAVID LLOYD

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GREENWICH HALLS OPERA

NANDO'S

02 OXYGEN FREEJUMPING

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GREENWICH THEATRE

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*Many thanks to all of the above for
their very kind and generous donations to the
St Ursula's Summer fair 2019.*