



St Ursula's Weekly
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Message from the Headteacher

“Be happy, and
 always full of
 charity and
 faith and hope
 in God”



St Angela Merici
 Cf Rule, Chapter 9/11

On Saturday 21 September 2019 we held our annual Open Day. It was a fantastic event. Hundreds of families came through the door on a gloriously sunny day, Our school looked beautiful and our girls were amazing; taking visitors around as guides and showing off the subjects they are taught. The parents were all very impressed by the way in which the girls conducted themselves and were so proud to be Ursuline's.

I want to say a huge thank you to our girls, the Premises team, Mrs Williams and the Admin team, as well as all the Teaching staff for all their hard work and commitment to our school.

Ms Hamilton



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 September 2019

**FOSTUR'S
 ANNUAL
 GENERAL MEETING**

**Monday 14 October
 6.00pm**

All welcome!

Please come and be part of supporting your daughter's school and make a few friends along the way!

Beginning of Year Mass - St George's Cathedral Southwark

Six students along with Ms Hamilton, Mrs Durrant and Mrs Elderfield were invited to celebrate with all schools in the Diocese the annual Beginning of the Year Mass at George's Cathedral. It was special this year as it was celebrated by the new Archbishop John Wilson. It was a lovely service which we were honoured to attend and be part of.

Look out next week for news on Ms Cahir and Mrs Kerr's Year 11 trip t to Cambridge!

A HUGE thank you to FOSTUR for our visualisers!

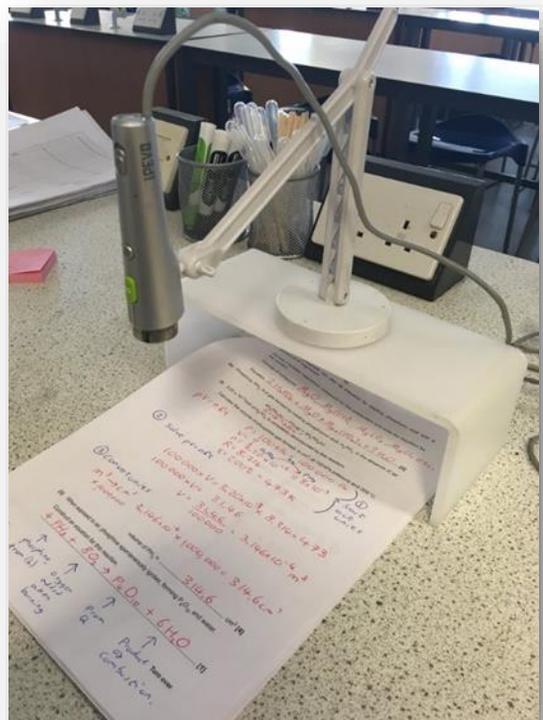


What is a visualiser?

Basically a camera on a stick! The 'live' image is then transmitted on to the large whiteboard in each classroom. FOSTUR have bought every department a visualiser. This will help teachers and students in lessons in a variety of ways:

- Sharing student work – put the students' work under it to share with the class.
- Identify student mistakes and misconceptions so you can deal with them directly before they grow.
- Live marking and assessment feedback; showing students exam technique.

If we want the students to get better at doing something..... explain and show at the same time!



Year 10 Curriculum Evening

On Tuesday 17 September we held the Year 10 Curriculum Evening which informed parents of the course syllabus and content that their daughters would be studying for the next two years. It was very well attended and I hope that parents found this a useful and informative meeting.

This is first of many evenings we hold for parents during the school year, which are designed to help their daughters achieve the most from their education and we urge attendance to as many of these as possible.

School Counsellor



The School Counselling Service is available at school for

students who may need some emotional support during school hours in a non-judgemental safe space, our school counsellor Kimberley is in school on Mondays and Tuesdays for students who would like to see her. If you do have any questions regarding this service please do get in contact and we would be happy to help.

School Calendar

Autumn Term 2019

Wednesday 2 October 2019

KS4 Art trip

Friday 4 October 2019

AM - School Photographs

2pm

Year 7 Welcome Mass –
Our Lady Star of the Sea Church

Thursday 10 October 2019

Enrichment Day

Friday 11 October 2019

GCSE Geography Trip – London
Docklands

Monday 14 October 2019

FOSTUR AGM

Friday 18 October 2019

Charities Day

HALF TERM

Monday 21 – Friday 25 October 2019

Monday 28 October 2019

Back to school and
8.40am Uniform check

Tuesday 29 October 2019

7pm Year 7 Parents Information
Evening

Tuesday 19 November 2019

7pm GCSE Certificate Evening
Details to be sent out shortly

Sunday 8 December 2019

Carol Service
Our Ladye Star of the Sea Church

Christ The King Leadership Training

Last week Miss Deegan escorted our new senior Junior Leadership Team to Christ the King: Emmanuel where they took part in leadership training! After some icebreakers with other secondary school JLT members, pupils started discussing important qualities needed for leadership and group work, as well as what their priorities would be for this year to help their school community.

One highlight was a visiting speaker, Janet Daby MP for Lewisham East, who talked about her own journey to leadership that started with taking on responsibility at school!



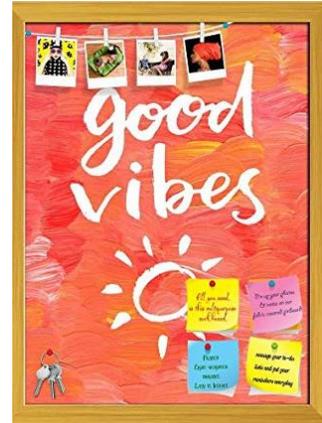
The workshop highlighted the need for a positive attitude to problems and negative situations. As a result St Ursula's will be adopting the 'Good Vibes' wall (see next page)!

Well done to Tobi, Rebecca, Georgina, Oliwia and Nana for their enthusiastic participation in leadership training!



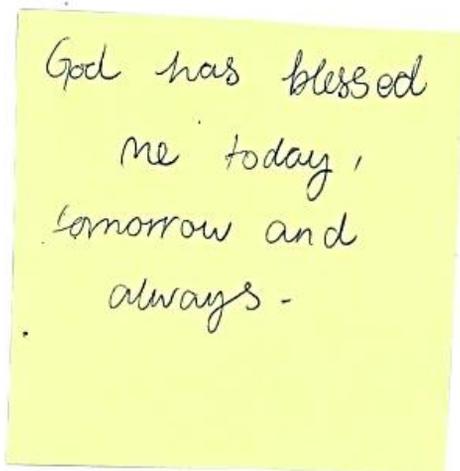
The key to success in life is a positive attitude, even when things go very wrong! Thinking positively not only achieves results, it is important for your mental health.

Now, you can share your positivity!



Write down one good thing that has happened to you or that you've witnessed recently and pop it into the 'Good Vibes' box in the library. Then, Miss Deegan and the JLT will post them on the 'Good Vibes Wall' on the outside library display board to share! Some may even appear in this newsletter!

Here are some highlights from this week's vibes!





It's National Poetry Day on Thursday 3rd October!

This year's theme is 'Truth'

Why not enter Miss Deegan and Ms Cahalane's poetry competition?!

Check it out on the next page!

Here is a one of National Poetry Day's highlighted poem's about truth, make sure to read it backwards too!

Refugees by Brian Bilston

They have no need of our help

So do not tell me

These haggard faces could belong to you or me

Should life have dealt a different hand

We need to see them for who they really are

Chancers and scroungers

Layabouts and loungers

With bombs up their sleeves

Cut-throats and thieves

They are not

Welcome here

We should make them

Go back to where they came from

They cannot

Share our food

Share our homes

Share our countries

Instead let us

Build a wall to keep them out

It is not okay to say

These are people just like us

A place should only belong to those who are born there

Do not be so stupid to think that

The world can be looked at another way

(now read from bottom to top)

'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!

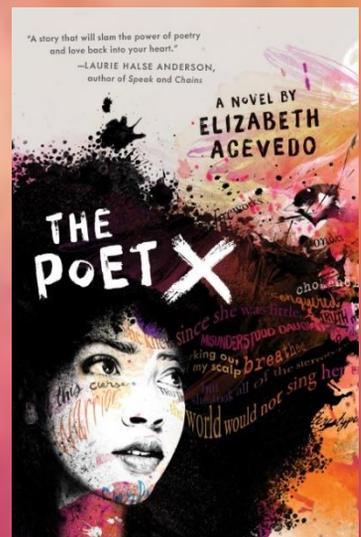
SUCCESS CRITERIA

- 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.





St Ursula's Convent School A Humanities College and Teaching School

Teacher of Science required January 2020 (MPS)

The Governors of St Ursula's Convent School invite applications from highly motivated, inspirational and outstanding teachers for the post of Teacher of Science from January 2020 or sooner if available.

The successful candidate will be responsible for assisting the Head of Department in strategically leading and delivering the curriculum, and will have shared responsibility for the overall effectiveness in providing the highest quality of Science education for all our students in our outstanding school. **For the right candidate there is also the potential for the post to include a TLR.**

We are looking for an inspirational teacher with a proven track record who:

- Has commitment to and understanding of education
- Has experience in raising standards
- Has excellent communication, organisational and interpersonal skills
- Is an outstanding teacher

The successful candidate will:

- Join a forward-looking, high achieving school
- Contribute to the wider improvement of the School.
- Be a driven and professional character that is committed to your students as well as your colleagues.
- Be joining a supportive department, who like to work on the same wavelength.

What we can offer you:

- Constant feedback outlines that the school is welcoming, friendly and supportive.
- A culture of distributed leadership.
- Opportunities and encouragement to develop both personally and professionally.
- You can ensure that your well-being is a high priority.

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- All staff have exceptionally high standards and expectations
- Senior Leaders and all teachers are passionate about making a difference
- Governors are strongly supportive of the school.

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St Ursula's Convent School is committed to safeguarding and protecting the wellbeing of children and young people and expects all staff to share their commitment. An enhanced DBS is required for all successful applicants.

Details can be found on the school website

If you wish to book a pre-tour of the school, please contact Louise Shackel ext. 127

Closing date: Friday 11 October 2019

Interview date: w/c 14 October 2019





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Head of Science Required January 2020

Salary: MPS + TLR 1 (£8,069 - £13,654 pa)

The governors seek to appoint an enthusiastic, innovative and committed teacher of Science to lead and further develop this highly successful department. You will have excellent leadership skills and you will be able to motivate, inspire and communicate outstanding practice.

We are seeking a practitioner with the drive, commitment and passion for developing high quality learning and teaching that will inspire young people and ensure continued outstanding results.

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Donate for St Ursula's

Online donations via Virgin.

You can use this link for ad hoc donations or set up monthly payments. You can also set up your own fundraising targets. We are working on embedding this link into the school website, but for now the below link can be used.

We are also set up for donations directly through **payroll giving** if your employer offers that option – **Charities Aid Foundation** and **Charities Trust** have FOSTUR listed for your donations. This type of donation is taken tax free from your salary!

All of your donations will go towards buying much needed IT equipment and funding playground improvements for our girls.

We really value your support

virginmoneygiving.com/charities/stursulas

What we have already achieved so far

We are a registered charity and eligible for gift aid. In our first 3 years we have held many events including the popular quiz night, bingo for the girls, support for the production of Annie including licencing, lighting and scripts, a FOSTUR sponsored run by parents, girls and staff, raffles and our annual summer fair.

We have raised over £19,000 so far, and have already paid for many items, including towards the sun shelter, 13 iPads, benches, music equipment and various educational items for our girls.

Many thanks for your future support - with your help we can build on this success.

£19,000
Raised

13
Ipads donated

1
Sun shelter

1
Electric drum kit