



# St Ursula's Weekly

## Issue 292

### Friday 1 November 2019



## Message from the Headteacher

“Let charity  
always burn  
in our hearts!”



St Angela Merici  
Cf Rule Chapter 9/22

Today we observed the Holy Day of Obligation of the Feast of All Saints.

We attended Mass at our Church – Our Ladye Star of the Sea; Mass was celebrated by Fr Kevin and arranged – for the last time by our Chaplain – Susan Elderfield and of course as always Mrs Durrant, so thank you to both of them for all their help and support today. We had two services which were lovely, poignant Masses and the choir sang beautifully. Thank you also to Ms Johnson and Mrs Meere for their help with the choir. Special thanks also to Lydia Elderfield who joined us to help with the music.

Many Year 11's had their first PPE's this week and all start their written PPE's next week. I wish them a restful weekend, ready for their exams on Monday.

Ms Hamilton

## Mrs Elderfield – School Chaplain



Mrs Elderfield  
leaves us today to  
continue her good  
work.

She will be a great loss to our community as she has helped students and staff in so many ways, spiritually and pastorally over the past 5 years.

We are of course in the process of appointing a suitable replacement and we will keep you updated.

We wish Mrs Elderfield every success in the future and hope to see her back at St Ursula's regularly.

## School Calendar

### Wednesday 6 November 2019

4 – 6pm Year 9 Parents 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

# PRE PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS (PPEs)

## Started on 28<sup>th</sup> October 2019

Pre Public Examinations (PPEs) for Year 11s started this week and will run until Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November.

Well done to all Year 11s and 10s who have completed French and Spanish speaking exams, Music Performance exams, Drama exams and a two day Art exam this week. These will provide excellent preparation for public examinations in the summer and also give students and teachers valuable information about current levels of performance, strengths and areas for improvement.

### REMEMBER!

Pupils are responsible for bringing any additional equipment with them each day. Some exams for example may require calculators, pencils, a ruler or maths equipment.

**Make sure you have checked with your teacher what you need for each exam.**

Answers should only be written in black pen unless the exam paper instructs otherwise.

Pupils must bring at least **TWO BLACK PENS** with them to each exam.

**GOOD LUCK EVERYONE!**

[The PPE timetable](#) is available on the school website and a paper copy has already been provided to your daughter. This timetable sets out the day and time of each exam. Normal lessons will be in place if your daughter does not have an exam.

Pupils also had an exam assembly this week and were issued with the Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ) [Information for Candidates for Written Examinations](#). This information should be studied carefully by all pupils, parents and carers to ensure that the rules and regulations of the PPEs are fully understood.



### **The JCQ rules include:**

- Pupils must be on time for all exams
- Pupils must not take notes, mobile phones, iPods, MP3/4 players, smartwatches or wrist watches with a data storage device into the exam room
- Pupils must not talk, try to communicate with, or disturb other pupils in the exam room
- Any pencil cases must be completely clear and see through
- If pupils wear a wrist watch they must remove it and place it on their desk when they arrive in the exam room
- Small, plastic water bottles must be completely clear with any labels removed and contain water only.

## Oxford Trip Review

During the first term, we took 60 Year 11 students to Oxbridge universities over two trips. The first was to Cambridge's Gonville and Caius College and the second one to Mansfield College, Oxford. The girls had a great time learning about how to apply and be successful at an Oxbridge university, as well as getting to sample what it is like to study there. Here are some of their thoughts on the trips.

*"it was a great experience, before I saw Oxford, I never wanted to apply, because of what people who had never been there have said about it, but now it is definitely an option for me when the time comes."*

*"We got a tour of Mansfield College by some of the current second and third year students, who were a mixture of English, History and Geography students. After lunch in the lunch hall (which was more like a chapel than a canteen!), we got taken to a seminar room where we had 4 rotations of students who gave us taster sessions of their subjects"*

The feedback from both colleges was fantastic and we even got a retweet from Mansfield College: "It was great having you; such stars!"

Well done girls! #Inspiringfutures



Ms Cahir

Careers Lead

# History 'Big question' Autumn term 2019 results

The History department asked the question;

**If time travel was possible for a day would you go back to; Roman London? Tudor London? Victorian London? Or London in WW2?**

The conditions were that they would not stand out and would not be in any danger in the day they spent in the past.

The results, which started on open day, were very interesting with London in World War two claiming 15% of the vote. Many students and parents expressed an interest in seeing the effects of rationing and experiencing the Blitz!

Roman London came in first with 45% of student/parent votes. Comments from students included "I would like to see chariot racing up close".

Tudor London surprisingly only gained 10% overall with one student commenting, "It would be interesting to meet Henry the 8th".

Lastly only 30% of students wanted to go back to Victorian London, perhaps fear of Cholera or the workhouse scared them off?



World War two-15%



Roman London 45%



Tudor London 10%



Victorian London 30%

**Watch out for the next big question-coming soon!**



## Greenwich Parent Voice HUB

For carers of children with special needs

10am until 12 noon

16 October, 20 November, 18 December, 22 January

### Trinity Methodist Community Hall

265 Burrage Road, London SE18 7JW

- Meet GPV reps and other parents who understand.
- Get parents' advice on everything related to caring for your child, birth to 25, in mainstream, special, alternative or home education.
- Talk together a non-judgemental, comfortable environment.
- We've got experience and tips for you on a huge range of topics including ASD support, EHCPs, social care, education, leisure, housing, post16 and health.

Have a drink and a snack and take part in our creative activities if you want, there's a warm welcome for everyone including carers who are less confident, suffer from social anxiety, do not have English as a first language or may have their own learning difficulties.

Easy to get to by bus, parking on street nearby.



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**Different Together**

## Yoga for parents & carers

Gentle flow yoga for all abilities

Mats and equipment provided

Run by: Lauren Louise

**Fridays in term time**

**12 to 1.30pm**

*£5 per class drop-in or half term block for £18*

Trinity Methodist Community Hall

265 Burrage Road, London SE18 7JW



## Running for parents and carers

**FREE:** An informal meet up of carers and parents. Run and walk around Charlton Park. We are all ages, shapes and sizes, no judgement or body-shaming!

All levels: train for 5K or walk briskly to reach your personal fitness goal

**Tuesdays in term time**

**11am for an hour approx.**

Meet at Car Park adjacent to Charlton Park Academy, Charlton Park Road, SE7 8H



## Greenwich Parent Voices

**FREE:** All abilities signing group with professional choir leader

We are parents and carers and love to sing together! Sing your favourite songs, old and new. Regular gigs to aim for...

**12 to 1.30pm**

**Thursdays in term time**

Trinity Methodist Community Hall

265 Burrage Road, London SE18 7JW



## CONFIRMATION 2020



If you have a child in Year 8 or above who wants to make their Confirmation in March 2020, application packs will be available from the back of the church after 6pm Mass on Saturday 2nd and all Masses on Sunday 3rd November 2019.

Thank you.

The Confirmation Team

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**Friday 8  
November  
7 PM**

**Hilltops**

Entrance: gate at 66 Cromms Hill

Bring your friends and enjoy  
the big event of the year.  
Raffle prizes, fun and  
laughter!

Please bring your own food  
and refreshments.

**5** Ticket  
Includes 1 raffle ticket

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## *Donate for St Ursula's Girls*

There are many ways you can assist FOSTUR and help the school.

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

**We really value your support.**

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!

**A special thank you to all the parents that have donated through payroll giving.**

You can donate online via CAF or send CAF cheques to school for FOSTUR attention.

You can use this link for ad hoc donations or set up monthly payments:

[virginmoneygiving.com/charities/stursulas](https://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