



St Ursula's Weekly

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Message from the Headteacher

“Act in such a way that they may always follow your example”



St Angela Merici
Cf 6th Counsel/6

The Year 11's have had a busy week of PPE's. Their behaviour and attitude have been excellent. I must congratulate them. They have worked very hard this week and have earned a well deserved break this weekend, before the final exams next week. Keep up the good work girls!

It was the Headteacher's Conference this week and the Choir were invited to sing by the Education Commission. They sang beautifully. Thank you girls and to Ms Johnson and Mrs Meere, for representing the school so well.

Ms Hamilton

Pupil Safety

Just a gentle reminder to pupils and parents, as the nights draw in to ensure that the girls are more aware of their safety.

Please talk to your daughters about being vigilant of their surroundings and have a sense of their wellbeing.

Advise them where they are able, to plan their route / know where they are going, walk/ travel in lit up areas, to not walk alone, stay in busy in places .

And if they are at all worried to go into a 'Safe Haven' shop and ask for help.

This is the advice given by the Police and local support groups.

School Calendar

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

Wednesday 18 December 2019

Christmas Lunch

Got it Covered – BBC Children in Need

On Wednesday 30 October Elizabeth B in Year 8 Catherine appeared as part of the BBC Children in Need - Got it Covered programme. Suranne Jones (television star of Dr Foster, Vanity Fair, Scott and Bailey) wanted to work with a Youth Theatre group similar to the group which her career as a younger person and she went along to Elizabeth's group –

Half Moon in Limehouse. Suranne asked Elizabeth and the other students to make some suggestions for the song she could cover and she decided on 'Symphony' – by Clean Bandit. They went to Abbey Road to record the song for the which Elizabeth said was "so cool". Elizabeth said "I had the most amazing experience recording this song and being able to raise money for charity at the same time was just brilliant".

Well done Elizabeth and all at Half Moon for helping Suranne and Children in Need!



PRE PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS (PPEs)

Started on 28th October 2019

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



The Big question

The History department asked the question; 14% of the population is from an ethnic minority but only 4% of MP's in parliament.

Should there be a minimum number of MP's from ethnic minorities in Parliament to make this fairer?

Form tutors were asked to debate this with their forms and vote Yes or No in response. Some of the feedback was very interesting, for example students at K.S.4 were much more likely to vote 'No'. Some of the reasons given were that 'people vote for Political parties not on the basis of race', also some students felt that in a society with laws ensuring racial equality like the UK this sort of 'positive discrimination' was an artificial solution to the problem. A Year 10 student commented that if a person from an ethnic minority is interested in Politics then they should, "join a Political party and make a difference not wait to be asked"! Another year 9 student said, "the most important thing is to have the best people to be MP'S whatever their background".

However, some forms and students disagreed. Many felt that given the latent prejudice in society Political parties should be encouraged to field a certain number of ethnic minority only candidates for example. Others thought that the main issue is gender and that having more women in parliament is the more important problem facing the country.

The overall results were;

Yes -144 votes and No - 189 votes.



PiXL Unlock Vocab App!

To assist with pupils' continuing literacy development, St Ursula's has now invested in a new vocabulary building app called 'PiXL Unlock'.

PiXL Unlock has vocabulary for multiple subjects (except MFL) going from KS3 to KS5 with associated activities to assist with learning. All pupils have now been given logins.

While in school, pupils can use the hotlink on their desktop to get to the website, but while at home the process for logging in has been put onto SMHW – pupils will need this web address: <https://vocab.pixl.org.uk/>

This app has 4 major sections for pupils:

- Building Block Vocabulary in tiers
- Sematic fields (i.e. themed words for work, study, life etc.)
- Exam Command Words – very important for mock exams and GCSE!
- Subject specific vocabulary for KS3, KS4 and KS5

Both the Command Words and Subject Words are incredibly important for exam preparation and all pupils in both KS3 and KS4 should examine them.

Pupils may also be set this programme for homework!

There are subject specific words for both KS3 and KS4 in the subject section, below you will find all the currently available subject content. The app is still in development so new content is being added on a regular basis. Pupils should take time to examine these areas for the material that is relevant to them.

Each subject has topics with vocabulary to choose from, with associated games and activities to aid learning.

If any pupils require their login details for PiXL Unlock, or are having issues with the app, then they should see Miss Deegan in the library. Those login details can also be used for the PiXL Maths and Geography apps.

KS3 Subject Vocab	KS4 Subject Vocab
Art	Art
Biology	Biology
Chemistry	Business
Computer Science	Chemistry
Drama	Computer Science
English	Drama
Geography	Design and Technology
History	Economics
Mathematics	English Language
Music	English Literature
Physical Education	Geography
Physics	History
Religious Studies	Mathematics
	Media Studies
	Music
	Physical Education
	Physics
	Psychology
	Religious Studies
	Sociology



THE SCHOLASTIC HALF PRICE BOOK SALE IS COMING! THURS 28th NOV-WEDS 4th DEC!

From Thursday 28th Nov – Weds 4th Dec we will be receiving our HALF PRICE SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR! Everything, including books, posters and stationery, will be half the marked price!

Classes will be given a time slot in which to visit the sale. The school will receive 10% of the total sales in credit to buy books for the library!

If a popular book runs out of physical copies, then additional copies can be ordered to arrive on the day the fair is collected or the following week.

Pupils bringing cash should bring small notes (£5 & £10) and change.

Parents can also pre-pay for vouchers instead of using cash on the Scholastic website <https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/gift-vouchers>

Make sure to quote our school at checkout!: St Ursula's Convent School SE10 8HN.

Buying a pre-paid gift voucher gives you 20% extra free to spend at the Book Fair – meaning you get a £12 voucher for only £10.

Before making a Voucher purchase, please read this important information:

- A gift voucher can only be purchased for a specific upcoming Book Fair at a school and is non-transferable
- You will receive the gift voucher as an email when your purchase is complete
- Please print out your voucher and take it to the Book Fair to spend, handing it to the Book Fair Organiser (Miss Deegan) for verification
- Every gift voucher (or book) you buy at your Book Fair helps your school to earn Rewards to spend on free books and resources for the library.
- Change cannot be given with Book Fair Gift Vouchers. Scholastic do supply low cost items such as stationery if the books total isn't enough. If a child can't find items to use up their voucher, please contact Scholastic for assistance.
- Book Fair Gift Vouchers expire at the end of your school's Book Fair. If for any reason your child cannot attend the Book Fair, book purchases can be made by calling 0800 212 281 up to 12 months from the date of issue.

SCHOLASTIC HALF-PRICE BOOK FAIR TIMETABLE

28th Nov – 4th Dec

Pupils will be visiting the Scholastic half-price book fair in class groups at the below times during the school day.

Pupils will need cash or their pre-paid Scholastic voucher. Change cannot be given from vouchers (see details above)

Week 2

Week 1

P	Thursday 28/11	Friday 29/11	Monday 2/12	Tuesday 3/12	Wednesday 4/12
1	Waiting For	11L/En DEV	I N S E T D A Y	8b/En3 WRI	9b/En2 DIA
2	Fair Delivery	8b/En1 DEV		7b/En1 CAH	
B1	INVENTORY				
B2	INVENTORY			LONG FORM Last Chance!	
3	INVENTORY	7c/En1 GOM		9a/En1-DIA 9a/En2-WRI	8a/En1 DEV
4					
5	8a/En2 DIA			8b/En2 CAH	9b/En3-DEV 9b/En1-CAH
6	11S/En - DIA 11U/En - CAH	7e/En1 DEV	11R/En-WRI 10S/En-DIA	7a/Gg1 ECA	
7	11A/En - DEV	10R/En-DEV 10A/En-CAH	7d/Re1 EDU	10U/Re-CUS 10L/En-WRI	



PRICING GUIDE

Here's a handy, at-a-glance guide to book prices at the Half Price Book Fair, there will also be low cost items like posters and stationery.

RRP Half Price

£0.40 → £0.20

£0.50 → £0.25

£1.00 → £0.50

£1.50 → £0.75

£2.00 → £1.00

£2.50 → £1.25

£2.99 → £1.49

£3.50 → £1.75

£3.99 → £1.99

£4.99 → £2.49

£5.00 → £2.50

£5.99 → £2.99

£6.99 → £3.49

£7.99 → £3.99

£8.99 → £4.49

£9.99 → £4.99

£10.00 → £5.00

£10.50 → £5.25

£10.99 → £5.49

£12.99 → £6.49

£14.99 → £7.49

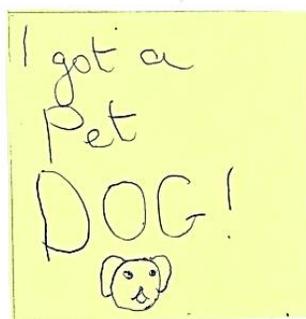
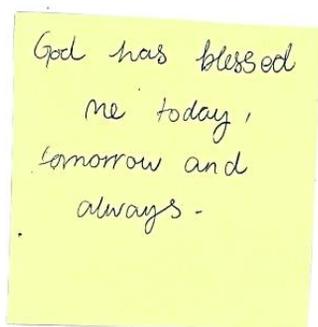
£19.99 → £9.99



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! The board is now up in the main courtyard!





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

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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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FRIENDS OF
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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

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