



# St Ursula's Convent School

# The Weekly

Week Ending  
Friday 7 February 2020  
Issue Number 304



## Message from the Head Teacher

The Year 11s now are working especially hard towards the next round of PPE examinations which start this coming Monday 10 February 2020.

It is only a matter of weeks now before their actual GCSEs start, so this is good preparation for their real exams. Please ensure that the girls are well rested, nourished and have as much support, time and relaxation as they need to be able to revise properly for all of their exams.

If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us so we can help them as soon as possible.

It has been a long and busy half term. One more week to go to before the well deserved break!

**Ms Hamilton**

**“Be gentle and  
compassionate towards  
your daughters .”**

**St Angela Merici  
2<sup>nd</sup> Counsel/1**



## School Calendar 2020

### Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2020

Year 11 PPEs begin (MFL Speaking Exams)  
Dance Competition – Shooters Hill College

### Monday 17<sup>th</sup> – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2020

Half Term break

### Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2020

Back to school  
Uniform Check – 8.40am  
Year 11 PPE's 2 begin – Week 1

### Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2020

Ash Wednesday Masses  
LENT Begins

### Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2020

Year 11 PPE's 2 – Week 2



## Exciting Opportunity for Year 8 Students!

The Anne Frank Trusts London Schools' Project is coming to our school for two weeks on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2020

The Anne Frank Project aims to challenge prejudice and reduce hatred by drawing on the power of Anne Frank's life and diary. It aims to encourage people to have positive attitudes, personal responsibility and respect for others.

## Could YOU be an Anne Frank Guide?

*Interested in becoming an expert in Anne Frank and her life and issues related to the Holocaust?*



*Interested in peer educating your fellow year 8 students?*

*Passionate about speaking and listening, discussions and helping others?*

PLUS, there is an even more exciting opportunity to become an **Anne Frank Ambassador** after you become a guide.

**How to apply:** Write a brief letter of application explaining why you wish to become a guide and hand to Ms Devine by Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020.

There are only 20 places available!





## Year 11 Basketball team push Bower Park all the way....



*Chidera N, Chi-Chi C, Awele A-O, Lauryn W-L, Isabel M-K, Davina D, Marie E, Nia B, Sarah K, Rebecca M, Stephanie O and Andrea D.*

The Year 11 girls put up a great fight in the first round of the London Youth Games Basketball tournament last week against Bower Park.

After a tough first half that saw the scores widen to 2-38, St Ursula's came back hard with great work led by Chidera N and Chi-Chi C who showed great defensive prowess.

The second half was a draw with both teams scoring 17 points. However, in the end the gap was too great to close.

Despite ultimately losing 18-56, the team nevertheless fought hard for each other and the school.

Well done to the whole squad but in particular Chidera N, Chi-Chi C, Awele A-O, Lauryn W-L and Isabel M-K.

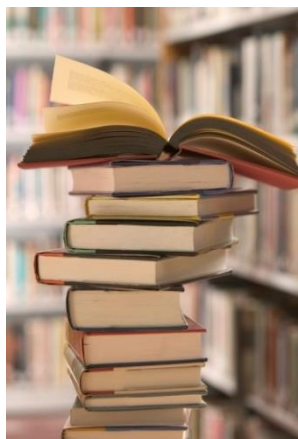
**Mrs Franklin**



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## 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!

**PPEs for Year 11s will run from Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February until Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2020.**

Traditionally these exams have been referred to as 'mocks', however, this suggests that they are 'pretend' or 'just for practise'. In reality these provide excellent preparation for the GCSEs in the summer and also give students and teachers valuable information about current levels of performance, strengths and areas for improvement.

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 will also be 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.

## Warning to Candidates



**The JCQ rules include:**

- Pupils must be on time for all exams
- Pupils must not take notes, mobile phones, iPods, MP3/4 players, Fitbits, headphones, smartwatches or wrist watches with a data storage device or internet connectivity 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.





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## Vacancies – closing today!



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

#### Exam Invigilators required Scale 1 / Point 2 / £11.21 per hour

We are looking to recruit Exam Invigilators to work on a *supply/bank* basis during the school's examination periods, which mainly take place in May and June. Exam Invigilators must be available w/c 27<sup>th</sup> April 2020 to attend a half day training session.

Previous experience is not necessary as full training will be given.  
This role offers flexible working arrangements.

**Main Activities:** To uphold the integrity and security of the examination/assessment process.  
Provide support to the examinations process in accordance with the Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ) rule and regulations.  
Prepare the examination rooms prior to each exam session.  
Distribute papers, exam materials and stationery correctly.  
Ensure no communication or malpractice takes place.  
Report any disruption/incidents.  
Collect and collate exam papers ready to be posted.

**Dress Code:** Smart

**Special Conditions:** There is a confidentiality component to this role and the post holder needs to undertake the duties of this role in a strictly professional manner.

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.

An application form can be found on the school website [www.stursulas.com](http://www.stursulas.com) or for further details please contact Louise Shackel (Head's PA [lshackel@stursulas.com](mailto:lshackel@stursulas.com))

**Closing Date:** Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2020

**Interview Date:** TBC (applicants may be offered an interview before the closing date)





## DROP EVERYTHING AND READ

Our next 'Drop Everything and Read' session will be on **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February at 2.55pm** in period 7; at this time pupils will drop whatever they are doing and read silently for the rest of the school day to promote the love of reading. Pupils must ensure they remember their reading books on Monday - the library is open from 8am for loans!

## World Book Day Approaches! We celebrate on: Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2020

World Book Day is fast approaching and we will be celebrating with a fundraising day on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2020. To raise money for new library books, pupils will be asked to donate **£2** upon arrival to school for the privilege of wearing a book themed costume or their own clothes.

**Due to the year 11 mock exams only years 7-10 will participate in the costume and own clothes day.**

All pupils will receive a free £1 World Book Day voucher that can be used to purchase one of the specially published World Book Day £1 books, or to take £1 off the price of a regular book at participating retailers.

<https://www.worldbookday.com/books/>





## 'Rose' Descriptive Writing Competition

Miss Deegan and Ms Cahalane have a new writing competition! We would like you to try and write a descriptive piece in no more than 500 words using the word 'ROSE' as your prompt. You can be inspired by this literally, as in the flower rose, or figuratively, as in you 'rose above', 'rose to the occasion', 'rose to heaven' etc. Either way, your piece must be inspired by and include the word 'ROSE' – be creative!

### SUCCESS CRITERIA

- Structure your writing in paragraphs
- Maximum of 500 words!
- Use all your literary devices to help you (i.e. imagery, repetition, alliteration, assonance, sibilance etc.)
- **DEADLINE:** Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020 via SMHW or in hardcopy to either Miss Deegan or Ms Cahalane.

### FLOWERS IN LITERATURE:

In the famous novel 'Rebecca' by Daphne du Maurier, the author uses the bushes of rhododendron surrounding the house Manderly to symbolise the dominant personality of Rebecca, the previous wife of the man the protagonist has married. The imagery is violent and atmospheric, foreshadowing events to come:

*Suddenly I saw a clearing in the dark drive ahead, and a patch of sky, and in a moment the dark trees had thinned, the nameless shrubs had disappeared, and on either side of us was a wall of colour, blood-red, reaching far above our heads. We were amongst the rhododendrons. There was something bewildering, even shocking, about the suddenness of their discovery. The woods had not prepared me for them. They startled me with their crimson faces, massed one upon the other in incredible profusion, showing no leaf, no twig, nothing but the slaughterous red, luscious and fantastic, unlike any rhododendron plant I had seen before. I glanced at Maxim. He was smiling. 'Like them?' he said. I told him 'Yes,' a little breathlessly, uncertain whether I was speaking the truth or not, for to me a rhododendron was a homely, domestic thing, strictly conventional, mauve or pink in colour, standing one beside the other in a neat round bed. And these were monsters, rearing to the sky, massed like a battalion, too beautiful I thought, too powerful; they were not plants at all."*



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This Sunday is Racial Justice Sunday, a time when we are reminded that everyone is a child of God and no-one should feel excluded because of their race. As a Catholic (universal) community we share our thoughts and prayers with all those around the world who are experiencing discrimination at this time.



The theme of this year's Racial Justice Sunday is 'You are at the heart of the Church' and celebrates the contribution Travelling Communities make to the Church in England and Wales.

*"You are not on the margins of the Church...you are at the centre...You are at the heart of the Church" (Pope St. Paul VI)*

Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take as your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you made me welcome, lacking clothes and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." (Matt.25:34-36)



At school we are continuing to reflect upon the Ursuline Education Community theme of 'Grateful and Generous'. Noticing those who are in need and then reaching out in humility and compassion is something that we are all able to do, no matter our age, status or wealth.

*"Let us allow the Gospel of mercy to shake our consciences and let us open our hearts and our hands to the neediest and most marginalised, beginning with the ones closest to us." (Pope Francis)*







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# LUNCHTIME

## THURSDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY

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# Wine Tasting Evening

***Ticket £25  
Theatre of Wine***

Join us at Theatre of Wine, 75 Trafalgar Road SE10 9TS Greenwich, for a lovely evening, great wines and company, get the chance to chat with other parents and help us to raise funds for St. Ursula's Convent School.

Email [\*\*fosturatse10@gmail.com\*\*](mailto:fosturatse10@gmail.com) to reserve your space and pay for the ticket by making a payment to FOSTUR funds [\*\*virginmoneygiving.com/charities/stursulas\*\*](https://virginmoneygiving.com/charities/stursulas)

SATURDAY

**07**

MARCH  
7:30 PM

**THEATRE OF WINE**

## 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**  
I pads donated

**1**  
Sun shelter

**1**  
Electric drum kit