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IMPORTANT NOTICE

As of yet we have no positive confirmed cases amongst the pupil or staff. If at any point in the future your daughter does test positive it is essential that you inform the school as soon as possible even if it is after school hours or at the weekend. In the event that your daughter does test

positive please email **covid@stursulas.com**

This email will be checked regularly and a member of the Senior Team will contact you as soon as the email is picked up. We will have to gather information from your daughter about who she has been in contact with.

This information is required by Public Health England, they will then advise us on the next steps.



Dear Parent / Carer

We reach the end of the first half term and everyone is ready for a rest and a break from school.

The girls have all taken part in a charity event today by performing the Jerusalema dance in the playground. A lot of the girls took the time to wear traditional dress for the dance and they all looked amazing. Each year group has been videoed and after half term the school copy will be shared with you.

As you know our standards of behaviour and uniform are very high. We expect the girls to come to school in full school uniform every day. The expectation over the standard of the PE kit is just as high. Some girls have not been coming to school in correct PE uniform. A separate letter outlining the expectation will be emailed today.

Thank you for your support in maintaining our high standards. I hope you all have a very restful half term and we look forward to welcoming the girls back, Monday 2nd November.

My best wishes
Mrs C Hamilton
Headteacher





HAPPY FEAST OF ST. URSULA



Wednesday 21st October was our patronal feast day so it was fitting that on this day we were able to formally welcome our Year 7 students to the St. Ursula's Convent School family with a Welcome Liturgy. The students heard about St. Ursula and her values of courage, strong faith and living in communion with others. These values inspired St. Angela Merici and continue to inspire our school community today. Coming together to read the Scriptures, to pray and to reflect is an important and vital part of our school life. We are blessed to have the prayers and support of the Ursuline Sisters who live in the convent next door and were delighted to share letters from Sr. Zela and St. Jayne who had written special messages of welcome to Year 7 2020.



The Manna Society

Running a Day Centre for homeless people near London Bridge

Thank you for your generous donations of food for the Manna Day Centre and especially to Year 7 for whom we needed to find extra collection boxes! Your offerings will make a big difference to those most in need.



Wishing you all a restful and peaceful half-term break, an opportunity perhaps to go to Mass or just pop into Church on a weekday.



"May we try to listen and be silent in order to make space for the beauty of God." (Pope Francis)



The Jerusalema Challenge

In celebration of Black History 365, each year group learned and performed the dance to Jerusalema. This is a song by a South African Artist in the Zulu language.

We did this to raise money for the charity Black Minds Matter which supports black people struggling with their mental health during this particularly triggering time for the community.

We also encouraged students to celebrate their heritage and culture through wearing traditional dress and above all have fun doing it. Many thanks to all for their help and support with this event.

Miss Cahir





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 Monday 2nd November until Friday 20th November 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 public examinations 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 or silent supervised study will be in place if your daughter does not have an exam.

Year 11 pupils have had exam assemblies over the last two weeks that set out our expectation for the PPEs. These exams are run in line 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.



Sponsored Walk 2019 update, Friends of Bolivia – Mr Mandalos

Last year for our charity walk one of the chosen charities was Friends of Bolivia, a non-political UK based charity that is dedicated to improving the living conditions of Bolivia's most vulnerable people by providing financial assistance to charities and NGOs working in the country. In 2019, fires were devastating the Amazon rainforest during the summer, and in September 2019 a Y9 (now Y10) student, Kiara Garzon Moron, delivered a very moving assembly to her year group about the situation in Bolivia. Following this, Kiara and her friends in Y9 were instrumental and tireless in helping Friends of Bolivia become one of our chosen charities for the sponsored walk. We are delighted to announce that in total £2,813.95 was raised for Friends of Bolivia and all of that money has been sent directly to the area affected by the Amazon fires. We received a letter of gratitude from the charity that is reproduced below.

This is a wonderful example of our school motto of 'SERVIAM' in action and a timely reminder of the good that we can all do as a community. As Key Stage Lead for Key Stage 4, I am incredibly proud of the work that Kiara and all of the other Y10s have done for this charity and for how they have embodied the spirit of 'SERVIAM' at St Ursula's, and I know that they are all a wonderful example for other students to follow.

Mr Mandalos





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FRIENDS OF BOLIVIA

Registered Charity No. 288866

www.friendsofbolivia.org.uk

41 Caldbeck Avenue

Worcester Park, Surrey KT4 8BQ

London, 14 October, 2020

Mrs. Catrina Hamilton

Headmistress

St. Ursula's Convent School

Crooms Hill, Greenwich

London, SE10 8HN

Dear Mrs. Hamildon,

On behalf of the Friends of Bolivia Managent Committee, I wish to express our immense gratitude to the staff, parents and girls of St. Ursula's Convent School for the most generous and thoughtful donation of £2.813.95.

The total amount is being sent immediatelly to the Amazon disaster area of Bolivia that is again suffering devastation from forest fires.

A detailed report on the way the funds are used will be sent to us in due course and we shall forward it to you. I trust that this will give satisfaction to all concerned in raising this amount.

Yours sincerely,

Marcela de Montes



Letter from the JLT – Worldwide Mental Health Day

Dear everyone,

Two Saturday's ago, on October 10th, it was worldwide mental health day. A day which raises awareness about the struggles that people may be facing and the ways that we can support them. We understand that during these current circumstances, it has been a very difficult time for us all but we want to emphasise the importance of taking care of our mental health.

We want to make sure that everyone feels safe and comfortable in order to flourish mentally, physically and spiritually – in our studies and faith. We have safeguarding teachers, and a school counsellor, as well as people who want to help if anyone needs support, guidance or someone to talk to. Also, feel free to contact any member of the JLT as we are here to support you all.

Sincerely,
The JLT 😊

WORLD
MENTAL
HEALTH
DAY





World Cinema Club!

Week 1 - Lunch time P4 **Wednesday**

Week 2 - Lunch time P4 **Tuesday**

WHERE: F5 MFL ROOM

We will be showing one movie over the course of 2 lunch times and then hold little discussions afterwards.

Movies from all over the world not just French and Spanish.

Eg - Okja, Amelie, LionHeart, The boy who harnessed the wind, Bienvenue a Marly Gomont etc....

Students will get the chance to nominate a movie they want to watch also. Packed lunch and snacks allowed.

Sign up interest via the register next to F5.



THE MANNA DAY CENTRE

12 MELIOR STREET, LONDON SE1 3QP

www.mannasociety.org.uk

Tele: 020 7357 9363

(Day centre for homeless people & those in need)

**A
BIG
"THANK YOU"
FOR YOUR
HARVEST FESTIVAL
GIFTS.**

**YOUR DONATION ENABLES US TO
PROVIDE:**

**A COOKED LUNCH
FOR 120-150 HOMELESS
& NEEDY PEOPLE
EVERYDAY (7 DAYS A WEEK)**

MANY THANKS



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Combat Stress 100 PROJECT RELAUNCH

- We are delighted to announce a new partnership project for 2020 marking the Centenary of the UK's oldest military mental health charity Combat Stress.
- This unique project will enable students from St Ursula's Convent School to work again with Age Exchange which is currently directing the Centenary programme for Combat Stress across the UK.
- If you are a student who is interested in: mental health, resilience, wellbeing and self care, history, the military, conflict and international relations
- This IS a project for you!
- We currently have spaces for 8 students.
- What opportunities will you have if you join the project?
- You will participate in 4 weekly Zoom workshops with Age Exchange directors, where you will learn: about the history of Combat Stress, meet veterans from Combat Stress and hear their story, and work together to create music, art, spoken word, dance or film – to reflect your experience of the themes of the project and the veterans' stories.
- Your creative work will be shown to a public audience, and to at The National Army Museum, as an introduction to Mental Health Week and to further the cause of destigmatising mental illness.
- Your creative work will form part of a series of podcasts on mental health broadcast by Combat Stress.
- Sessions will take place at 3.15pm- 4.15pm weekly on Thursdays venue to be confirmed:
- 12th, 19th, 26th November and 3rd December
- If you are interested in taking part, please see **Ms Devine**.
- This project is open to YEAR 10 ONLY.





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 WE ARE GOING THE
D I S T A N C E 
for fresh, nutritious meals

Same great flavour, a Covid safe service



WE ARE
WASHING
OUR HANDS
EVERY
20 MINS



WE ARE ALL
WEARING
FACE MASKS,
SHIELDS AND
ENHANCED PPE



WE ARE
SANITISING
SURFACES
EVERY
30 MINS

OUR CUSTOMERS' SAFETY IS OUR MAIN PRIORITY. FIND OUT MORE WAYS
WE ARE WORKING TOGETHER TO PROVIDE NUTRITIOUS MEALS SAFELY:
WWW.ACCENTCATERING.CO.UK/COVID-19-UPDATE/

COVID SAFE

WE HAVE COMPLIED WITH THE GOVERNMENT'S
GUIDANCE ON MANAGING THE RISK OF COVID-19







The online library is now fully accessible!

Thanks to the generous funding of FOSTUR, pupils in all years can now reserve books or read eBooks online! Pupils have now been given their logins to both Oliver Library System and ePlatform, our ebook provider! They can now track their current loans, search the catalogue, reserve library books for classroom delivery, or read ebooks online! The Ebooks also have Dyslexia Friendly display settings that can be altered!

Oliver Library System

<https://stursulas.oliverasp.co.uk/library/home/news>

ePlatform Ebooks

<https://stursulascs.eplatform.co/>

An instruction manual on how pupils can access the ebooks through Oliver, or just login to the ePlatform directly is now on SMHW, the library padlet page on the school website, and the library Google Drive page.



As a special welcome to St Ursula's, Miss Deegan has organised for Year 7 to participate in Book Trust's Bookbuzz 2020 scheme! This means the library has paid for each pupil in year 7 to receive a free book which they can choose from a choice of 17 titles. Pupils will then receive their book towards the end of Winter term.

Year 7 have now all made their choices and the most popular choice of them all was....



The Switch-Up by Katy Cannon

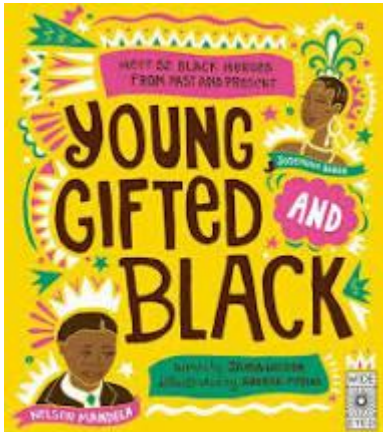
Age: 11+ Genre: Teen Drama

Willa and Alice meet for the first time in the unaccompanied minors lounge at LAX airport. They look so alike that they're mistaken for sisters, but in reality they're chalk and cheese: Willa is outgoing and precocious; Alice is quiet and serious.

When Alice suggests they swap places, she's joking – but Willa is 100% serious when she says yes. It'll be the adventure of a lifetime! Besides, no-one will ever find out... will they?



Black History Book Highlight



YOUNG, GIFTED AND BLACK
WORDS BY JAMIA WILSON ; ILLUSTRATED
BY ANDREA PIPPINS

Find it in our School Library here!:

<https://tinyurl.com/y5fxavkn>

Jamia Wilson brings together 52 icons of colour from the past and present and celebrates their inspirational achievements. Meet figureheads, leaders and pioneers such as Martin Luther King, Nelson Mandela and Rosa Parks, as well as cultural trailblazers and sporting heroes, including Stevie Wonder, Oprah Winfrey and Serena Williams. Strong, courageous, talented and diverse, these extraordinary men and women's achievements will inspire a new generation to chase their dream.

Find out more about Black History or read works by authors from many different cultures here in our reading lists! If you have suggestions, please share them!

READING LIST HIGHLIGHT

Black History (365) Fiction and Non-Fiction Reading List:

<https://tinyurl.com/y53ar34k>

Black, Asian, & Minority Ethnic Authors Reading List:

<https://tinyurl.com/y5qmggh5d>