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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

I hope you and your families remain safe and well.

Last Friday we had the mass to mark the retirement of Mrs Durrant and Mrs Lanzon. It was a lovely mass and both were very grateful.

October is Black History Month which is time to celebrate the contribution black people have made to the history of the UK. There are plans to mark this event over the next few months across the school. Please see updates from Miss Dias in this and future newsletters.

My best wishes,
Mrs C Hamilton
Headteacher

Charity Payments

St Ursula's is proud to confirm that we raised £5,627.70 in charitable donations during the last academic year. We have divided the money equally between the following charities:

Friends of Bolivia has been registered with the Charities Commission since 1983 and is run entirely by volunteers. Every single pound is channelled to projects in Bolivia and directed towards poverty, advancing education and promoting the health of children, women and the elderly living in the urban slums or remote areas including the Amazon.

The Ursuline School in Cambodia, where an international group of Ursuline Sisters have been working for the last 6 years. They are working to ensure that every child is able to attend school and that their families are more able to access medical services.

Thank you very much for being so generous





Courageous and resilient



October is the month of the Rosary and this week, Wednesday, was the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. The Rosary is a simple yet powerful prayer. During difficult times, the prayers we know well can bring us great comfort. Throughout this month, students have the opportunity to join Marie at break-times to pray a decade of the Rosary.

Our Lady of the Rosary – pray for us!

THANK YOU TO MRS. DURRANT AND MRS. LANZON

Last Friday evening we were delighted that a small group of school leaders, our Chair of Governors and some Ursuline sisters were able to come together for a Mass of Thanksgiving for the dedicated service of Mrs. Durrant and Mrs. Lanzon, both of whom retired at the end of the summer term. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, the Mass which was celebrated by Fr. Kevin Robinson at Our Ladye Star of the Sea, was not the large gathering we had hoped for but was a lovely, intimate, prayerful celebration. Sr. Kathleen Colmer, Provincial of the Ursuline Order in the UK spoke very warmly about both staff members before presenting them with a Certificate of Appreciation signed by Archbishop John Wilson. We wish them a long and happy retirement.



The Manna Society
Running a Day Centre for homeless people near London Bridge

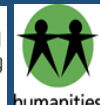
Next week is our HARVEST WEEK during which time we will be collecting food donations for The Manna Centre, near London Bridge. We are asking students and staff to bring in tins and packets of food with a long shelf life. In particular the centre has asked for:

- Tins of tomatoes, vegetables meat
- Packets of rice, pasta and biscuits
- Jars of pasta sauces.

We very much hope that you will support this worthwhile initiative.



“The Rosary is a prayer which always accompanies me. It’s also the prayer of ordinary people and the saints...and a prayer from my heart.” (Pope Francis)



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<https://www.mannasociety.org.uk/>

A word from Kanyinsola in Y7

"By Supporting the Manna Harvest Food Charity we can support the people in need and we can do our little bit in helping our community and the people around us. Doing this is also an act of SERVIAM so let us be like strong, loyal Ursulines and help the less fortunate. Let us become strong independent women who will learn how to serve, love and who will become outstanding women who help the less fortunate and the ones who need our loving care, support and help."





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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 Thursdays 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.

365Black History celebrations

This week we have launched our 365Black History celebrations. Each month we will be celebrating a person or aspect of Black British &/ Asian British Culture. Each month in form students will be discussing key people or events in British history. To complement the celebration students are being asked to design a poster/art work to honour that person or event. This is not a compulsory activity but the best designs will be displayed around the school and in the school newsletter. Look forward to celebrating with you all!





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Dear parent/carers

You may be aware of the recent news report regarding the promotion of sweets, containing the narcotic THC, being aimed at teenagers.

It has come to our notice that there has been a case of students requiring medical attention, following the consumption of such sweets, at a college within the borough and neighbouring boroughs.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support in ensuring our students safety is of paramount priority and of highlighting the need for vigilance if approached/suggested to taste or purchase any such products. Please see below the recent news report and an example of such products

Wishing you all well

Mrs T Higgins

Wellbeing & Safeguarding officer

"I am sure you saw the news yesterday in relation to reports of children feeling unwell having eaten what appeared to be sweets in a Camden School. The main symptoms they presented with were nausea, hyperactivity, elevated heart rates and hallucinations. Early indications are that they will all make a full recovery but we await confirmation.

We understand the sweets probably contained THC, which is the principal psychoactive substance in cannabis, and the dose each sweet contained was potentially very high. We await forensic testing to confirm this and a police enquiry is underway to ascertain the circumstances around this incident".





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JUNIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM 2020 /21

After three weeks of loom videos, interviews, votes and form presentations, I am delighted to announce the JLT for 2020/21:

Prefects

1. Efemwen Ogbebor
2. Joeline Mama
3. Erin Bax
4. Isabel Medina-King
5. Millie Hamilton
6. Sanyu Kasibante-Ntwatwa
7. Edelina Ankamah
8. Ulueze Chikwe
9. Esme Gustave
10. Joshlyn Evans
11. Daniella Nkengla
12. Timi Balogun
13. Anna Cookson
14. Daniella Ogoke
15. Talia Gilfillian
16. Ya-Adama Kabia
17. Blessing Nkama
18. Dayzee Stimpson-Drew
19. Jadena Atakpo
20. Esme Drislane

Senior Prefects –

1. Sophie Campbell
2. Paola Finaldi
3. Jessie Nyaye
4. Alicia Quinn
5. Oriana Wanga

Deputy Head Girls –

1. Erin Scanlan
2. Michelle Enyidedie
3. Andrea Dada
4. Cindy Noubissie

Head Girl –

Eilis Brito

Well done to all of the pupils who took part and thank you to staff for supporting.

Mr Mandalos

Associate Assistant Head, KS4 Lead