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## IMPORTANT NOTICE

If at any point in the future your daughter tests positive for Covid, 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 Parents / Carers

We come to the end of our first week of year 11 PPEs and I want to congratulate the girls for the way in which they have conducted themselves during this stressful time.

*Well done Year 11.*



We are still uncertain as to what will happen with the GCSE exams in the summer and are awaiting guidance.

Everyone is doing their best to cope with the restrictions the new lockdown has brought and the girls are all being very positive.

On Wednesday of this week (Remembrance Day) we were reminded of all the British and Commonwealth Armed Forces who fought in the war, as well as all the civilian casualties of conflict. Marie, our school chaplain provided all classes with a special reflection for their collective worship on that day.

Finally, can I extend a huge thank you to all the girls in each year group who have volunteered to join the chaplaincy team. Due to the Covid restrictions our opportunities for whole year group and whole school collective worship are limited. We are therefore concentrating on the form group collective worship. Lots of plans are in progress for this and it is the chaplaincy team in each year group that will make this work. My thanks, in advance for all they are going to do.

My best wishes  
Mrs C Hamilton  
Headteacher





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## Remembrance Day, 11<sup>th</sup> November.

On the 11<sup>th</sup> November our school community stopped to remember all those who have died as a consequence of war. We give thanks for those who have given their lives so that way have peace and we pray that we may be peacemakers in our world.

*Blessed are the peacemakers, they shall be recognised as children of God.  
(Matt. 5:9)*



Aid to the  
Church in Need

*A Catholic charity under the guidance of the Holy Father*

## #RedWednesday

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November

## #RedWednesday Art Competition

**Our year 7-10 students were asked to complete a piece of art work for the #REDWEDNESDAY campaign for Aid to the Church in Need 2020.**

**Our UEC virtue for the first half-term was 'courageous and resilient' which linked perfectly to the theme for the art competition 'Release Me'.**

**We had over 300 students submit work which will displayed around the school in the coming days.**

**On the next page are some of the submissions.**

**A great act of Serviam from all students.**

**Well done**

**Miss Cushnahan**





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## Notices

**INSET day – Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**

No school for students

Everybody has a responsibility for caring for our environment and surroundings. Recently there has been an increase in litter where pupils are queuing by the various entrance gates.

Can you please remind your daughter of the importance of disposing of their rubbish responsibly.



Please be mindful of local residents and the environment while waiting to collect/drop your daughter at school. Please turn your car engine off while waiting.

**KS4 Year 10-11 Start Time 8.30am**

**KS3 Year 7-9 Start Time 8.45am**

A number of pupils are arriving at school much earlier than necessary. With the weather changing we would encourage the girls to plan their journey to arrive at school closer to their start time. (Please see above.)

If your daughter arrives for school early please ask her to wait where she can safely social distance.

**Thank you for your co-operation.**

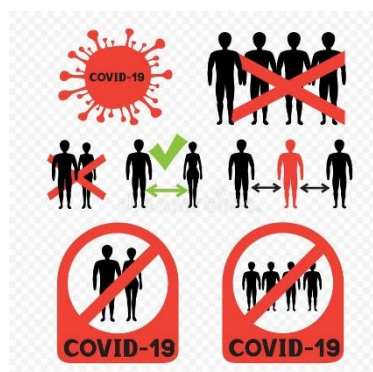




## Reminder from PC Lister, School Liaison Officer

During the current Lockdown restrictions, the Police request that students not to hang around after school. Students should go directly to and from school and avoid 'hanging about' in groups, before or after school.

Thank you for your co-operation.



## 6 Reasons to Put Your Phone Away

by @Inner\_Drive  
[www.innerdrive.co.uk](http://www.innerdrive.co.uk)



- Lowens Concentration**  
Having your phone out while doing homework or revision has been shown to reduce performance by 20%.
- Increases FOMO**  
Fear of Missing Out (FOMO), or the compulsive need to know what others are doing, leads to worse moods and increased anxiety.
- Increases Stress and Anxiety**  
Over use of mobile phones leads to increased anxiety, feelings of loneliness and low self-esteem. Reliance on mobile phones can cause irritation, frustration and impatience.
- Warps Your View of Reality**  
Nobody is as happy as they seem on Facebook or as wise as they appear on Twitter.
- Reduces Memory**  
Instant messages are distracting, which often leads to forgetfulness.
- Makes You Sleep Worse**  
Prolonged use of a mobile phone leads to poor sleep quality and duration. The backlight on your phone delays the release of Melatonin, which is a hormone important for sleep.



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Our **History Department** held a competition to celebrate inspirational black lives.



This year's theme was **Statues of deserving but unrecognised citizens**



1<sup>st</sup> place went to **Wemi Adebayo**, whose vibrant design showed a great range of Black Britons who have contributed to our society. Ranging from Mary Seacole to Olaudah Equiano, Wemi showed an excellent grasp of Black History with her montage of figures



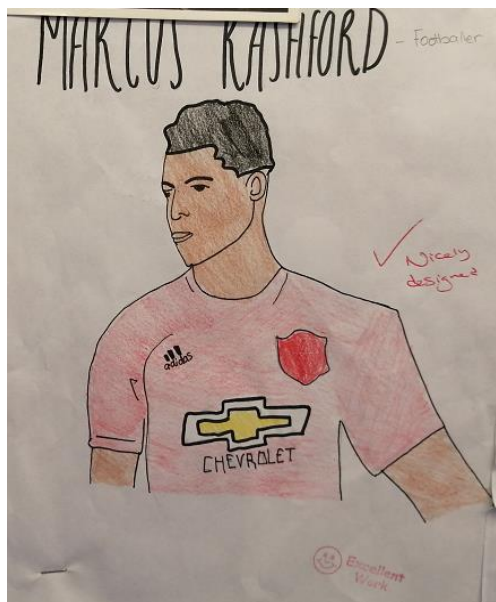
2<sup>nd</sup> place went to **Emma Siekoue**, whose bold and colourful design showed environmental activist Bella Lack. We were also impressed by her explanation to accompany it.



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place was awarded to **Millie Lemonius**, who drew a statue of footballer Marcus Rashford and discussed his recent campaign to extend free school meals. We liked the drawing and the clarity with which she explained Rashford's message.



There were also plenty of other honourable mentions. **Oluwa Kanyinsola Alonge** created a very striking design for a statue of three Black Lives Matter protesters.

One student drew a realistic portrait of Bob Marley, and discussed how his legacy lives on today in more than just his music. **Louise Chardi** designed a fascinating statue of Air force pioneer Lillian Bader.

**Emily Osborn** wrote about Black women's rights activist Olive Morris and gave a great explanation of the ways she stood up for what she believed in.

**Eva-Marie Palmer-Simmonds** created a well-researched pamphlet about Lucius Septimius Severus, the first African-born Roman emperor.

Matilda Todd wrote an interesting profile of singer **Leona Lewis**, alongside a lovely and colourful drawing.

**Shalom Bassano** painted a nice portrait of Sir Trevor McDonald and praised his positive impact on society.

**Anna-Belle Amiame's** profile of Greta Thunberg was very well-explained and gave some great reasons for why she should have a statue.

**Chisom Nicwocha** drew a very striking design for a statue of Nelson Mandela, a "respectful man" who helped to change the world.

**Chukwufumnaya Ogbechi** wrote an excellent profile of British-Jamaican nurse Mary Seacole, whose compassion and courage were very worthy of a statue.

**Many thanks to everyone who entered!**

**We were very impressed by all the entries received this year.**





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Since our return to school in September all students in KS3 have been taking part in our Numeracy Ninjas intervention programme in their maths lessons. The programme is designed to fill gaps in students' basic mental calculation strategies and also to empower them with the numeracy skills and fluency required to fully access GCSE Maths concepts when they move to Key Stage 4 study.

Congratulations to the following students in KS3 who have achieved **Grand Master** status in their maths class for the first half term of the school year.



	Highest performing		Most improved
7 Angela	Naomi Harris	7 Angela	Favour Sylvester
	Abisola Tubo-Collazos		Jemima Filbee
7 Ursula	Rebecca Cayley	7 Ursula	Lilly Andrewes
	Olu Dada		Verity Groenen
7 Catherine	Anna-Belle Amiame	7 Catherine	Malvina Olalade
	Polly Denney		Shontelle Okunade
7 Francis	Marilisa Muhlemann	7 Francis	Theodosia Mends
	Chloe-Ann Righi		Angelina Winship
7 Elizabeth	Amariah Ahonkhai	7 Elizabeth	Haben Debesay
	Sarah Omosuvie		Samantha Jones Torres





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	Highest performing		Most improved students
8 Angela	Chidimma Praise	8 Angela	Lottie Mannix
	Wemi Adebayo		Mya Mason
8 Ursula	Demi Dawotola	8 Ursula	Keji Adebayo
	Amelia Demby		Francesca Idrissou
8 Catherine	Favour Ubochi	8 Catherine	Adjoba Moke
	Chisom Nkwocha		Rubie Brosnan
8 Francis	Chukwufumnaya Oghechi	8 Francis	Betsy-Belle Rowley
	Miya Busuioc		Jasmine Obarisiagbon
8 Elizabeth	Esther Agbaso	8 Elizabeth	Sive Melady Abraham
	Matilda Todd		Eva-Marie Palmer-Simmonds

	Highest performing		Most improved students
9A	Chloe Liu	9A	Tami Kadri
	Arabella Cunningham		Jessica Joseph-Amedee
9U	Anne-Mei Ong	9U	Cassandra Bayako
	Claire Righi		Matilda White
9C	Joella Mama	9C	Noemi Akossokon
	Virginia Kodia		Onyebuchi Mokogwu
9F	Saffron Black	9F	Blessing Kamara
	Ebube Eze Ohakanu		Elaine Voo
9E	Clemence Woolford	9E	Freya Flanagan
	Divine Oyedeji		Sky Nyame



## The online library is now 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.



## Eplatform Login Issues

Some pupils have been unable to login to the ePlatform eBooks as they receive an error message stating 'Internal Server Error'. Miss Deegan is investigating this problem with the software developer, but in the mean time, please ensure that you either tell Miss Deegan in person or message her on SMHW as she is keeping a list of accounts experiencing issues so that the company can investigate properly.

## Overdue Books from 2019-2020

The library currently has **1200** overdue books!  
All books from last year must be returned as Miss Deegan is performing a stock audit.

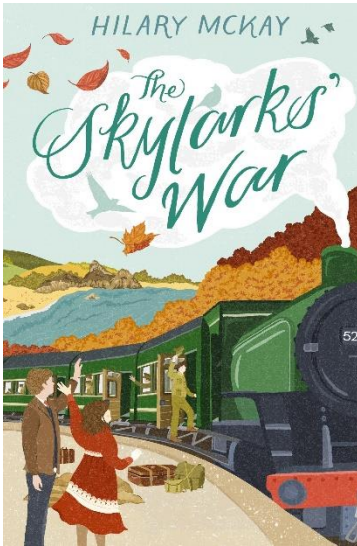
Pupils can check their loans and overdue books once they are logged into Oliver, they must simply click their name on the black bar and click 'loans' to see their current books. All returns must be made to pupils' year return box.

As a rule, Miss Deegan does not charge late fees; however, if any books have been lost or irreparably damaged, Miss Deegan must be informed and payment to replace the book can be organised for ParentPay. Miss Deegan will also accept a second-hand book in good condition of the same value (and of the appropriate reading age) as recompense for lost or damaged library books.





## Remembrance Books Highlights



### **The Skylark's War by Hilary McKay**

Genre: Historical Fiction

Clarry and her older brother Peter live for their summers in Cornwall, staying with their grandparents and running free with their charismatic cousin, Rupert. But normal life resumes each September - boarding school for Peter and Rupert, and a boring life for Clarry at home with her absent father, as the shadow of a terrible war looms ever closer. When Rupert goes off to fight at the front, Clarry feels their skylark summers are finally slipping away from them. Can their family survive this fearful war?

Find it here!

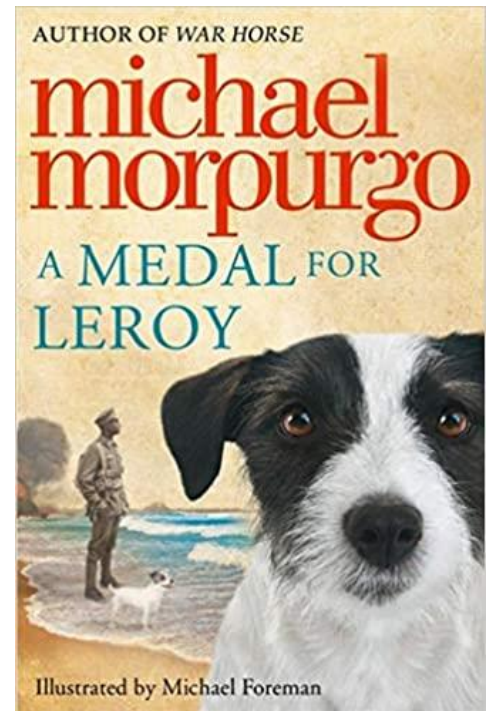
<https://tinyurl.com/y32jee22>

### **A Medal for Leroy by Michael Morpurgo**

Genre: Historical Fiction

Michael's father was brought up by Aunt Snowdrop and Aunt Pish until he left to join the air force and was killed in World War II. Michael has always wanted to know more about his father, but when he discovers Aunt Snowdrop's notebook hidden behind his father's photo, he realises his life is about to change forever.

Inspired by the true story of Walter Tull, the first black officer in the British army, Michael Morpurgo has created a moving story about love, loss and discovering your identity.



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<https://tinyurl.com/yy8rdwdq>



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**#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK**

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Anti bullying week starts on Monday, during form time throughout the week, we will be discussing and tackling issues around bullying. There will also be a free webinar on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> from 4:30pm on '5 Steps to Mental Health and Wellbeing: Understanding Need' . A link to this will be placed on SMHW and Google classroom