



St Ursula's Convent School

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Dear Parent & Carers

Well done to the Y11 girls who have just completed their PPE exams. It has been a stressful time for them but they have behaved really well and put every effort into completing the exams to the best of their ability.

Well done also to the whole school who have been coping extremely well working in these different times. We have had a number of 'cover' lessons this week due to staff having to self-isolate and everyone has coped well with the disruption.

Over the past couple of weeks I have been meeting with our student volunteer chaplains. We are working hard to ensure that despite the restrictions our collective worship remains a focal part of our school life. I look forward to working with them going forward and I thank them in advance for what they are going to help us with.

It is Red Wednesday next week and in Assemblies we will focus on the need to pray for people of any religion who are persecuted for their faith.

Wishing you a rest full weekend.

Mrs Hamilton
Headteacher

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.



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DISCERNING & JOYFUL



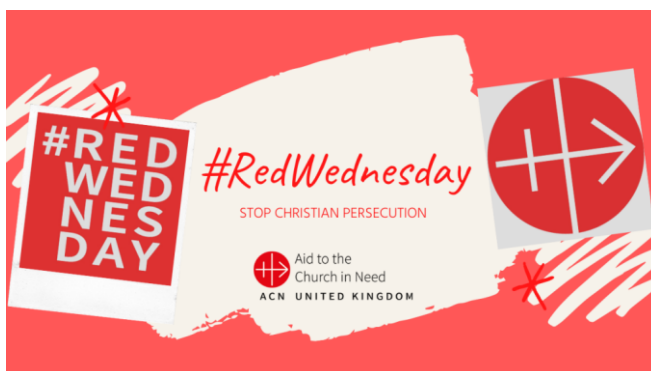
On last Sunday's World Day of the Poor 2020 Pope Francis asked us all to think about those less fortunate than ourselves. We are called to be people who recognise the needs of our world, discern what we are able to offer and to share what we have with love. Even in the smallest offering can bring joy to others since it shows that someone, somewhere, cares.



£1 minimum payment to be made by ParentPay before 4th December.

Donations for the Catholic Children's Society <https://www.cathchild.org.uk/>

and The Mizen Foundation <http://mizenfoundation.org/>



On Wednesday 25th November we will be wearing red hair clips, hair scrunchies, or face masks in support of the Aid to the Church in Need's Red Wednesday initiative. In so doing we stand in solidarity with the many people around the world who suffer persecution for practising their faith. To find out more about Aid to the Church in Need, click on the link below:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8_nzu8mbXnM&feature=emb_logo



"let us pray for these, our brothers and sisters, and let us sustain them with our prayer and solidarity, even those who are persecuted – and there are many – because of their faith and religion."

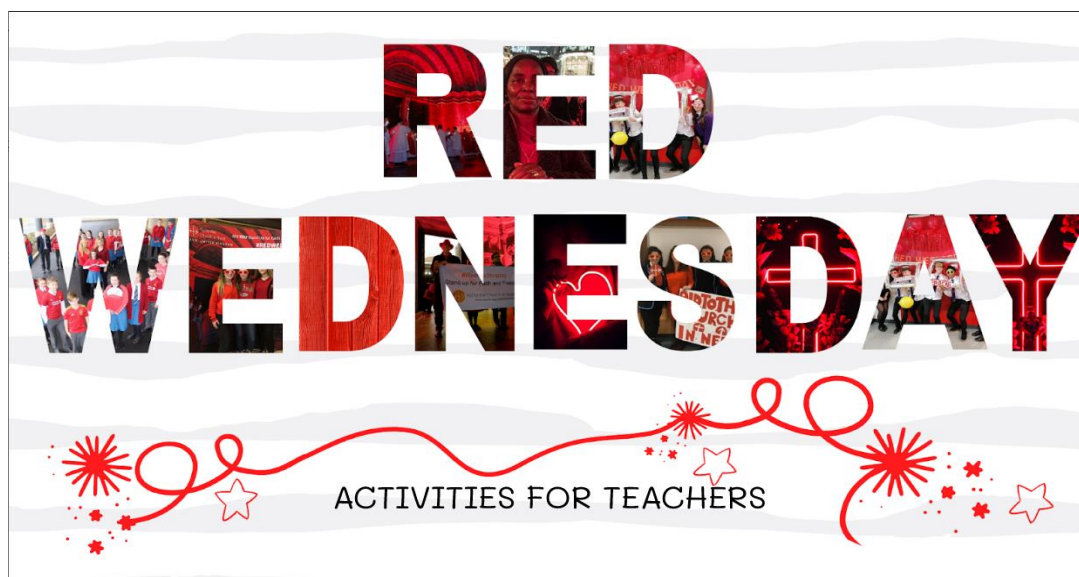
(Pope Francis)



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Aid to the
Church in Need

A Catholic charity under the guidance of the Holy Father

**25th November
2020**

- make a visible statement
- show our solidarity and to stand up for Religious Freedom for people of all faiths and none, as described in Article 18 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights

How can you get involved?

What:

Wear a red hair accessory (hairband, clip, hair-tie, bow) or red mask

Where:

In school

When:

Wednesday 25th November

Why:

We want to join as a school community along with 1000's others around the world in support of religious freedom and human rights.



Notices

INSET day – Wednesday 2nd December
No school for students

Jerusalem Challenge Update

The final count of for the charity Black Minds Mater was **£385.61**. If you still wish to donate this can be done via their website. The video is currently being edited and will be shared soon.





Reporting Safeguarding & Racist Incidents

At St Ursula's we are committed to providing a caring, friendly and safe environment for all our students so that they can learn in a relaxed and secure atmosphere. In order to achieve this, it is important that all members of our community are aware of how to report any Safeguarding or Racist incidents that may occur.

If you need to report a concern regarding either type of incident, please email the school using this address safeguarding@stursulas.com. This will enable our Safeguarding and Wellbeing officers to investigate the incident in a timely manner.

We would like to remind you, and your daughter, that all members of staff at St Ursula's are here to speak to, if needed. Please encourage your daughter to speak to a member of staff if they need to. We want to work together to ensure that everyone in the community is happy and safe.



Year 7 story winners 2020-21 announced!

Year 7 entered a **History department competition** to write the best historical story set in Greenwich.

5th place went to **Michelle Alabi** who wrote an excellent scary story called '**Greenwich (a place that you never knew was a maze)**'.

4th place was secured with an exciting mystery story about Tudor London, '**The Tudors in Greenwich**' superbly written by **Angelina Winship**.

3rd place went to '**Amariah Ahonkhai**' who's interesting, '**Gate of the past**' impressed the judges with its twists and turns and use of location.

In **2nd place** was **Betty Blackmore** who wrote a story called '**Murder of Greenwich**' which was a thrilling historical story largely set in Greenwich itself.

In **first place** was **Jeneesha Johnjeyaranjan** whose tale, '**History hauntings**' deservedly won due to the excellent character development, use of Greenwich throughout and a really exciting plot.

You can see the stories in the History corridor and read them for yourself.

1st place – Jeneesha Johnjeyaranjan



2nd place – Betty Blackmore



3rd place – Amariah Ahonkhai



4th Place – Angelina Winship



5th Place – Michelle Alabi

Well done to all the other girls whose stories earned them some House points, a really interesting selection this year.

Mr Turpie



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30 year 10 students were given the opportunity to listen to a panel of successful, past Ursuline students discuss their careers. The discussion was centred around the following questions:

1. What is your average day like? What daily tasks do you do? deadlines/projects etc.
2. What is the best/worst part of your job?
3. Have you found being a woman, in particular a woman of colour in your field difficult? Do you feel there is much support? Do you feel there is enough representation?
4. What advice can you offer our students?

Students were also given the opportunity to ask their own questions.

The event proved a success and enjoyable for our girls.



Zoom event on Monday 16th November, 11am

URSULINE ALUMNI EVENT: SUCCESSFUL URSULINE WOMEN OF COLOUR

Presenting:

Dr. Molola Oyewole

Ms. Priya Sharma (civil service)

Ms. Jennifer Ngakia (first year Med student)

Ms. Chanel Cisse (final year English Lit student)

Ms. May Masih (solicitor)

Ms. Beverley Masih (finance)

**I am an Ursuline,
Today, tomorrow,
always**





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As part of the school's 365BlackHistory initiative the school have been celebrating a number of important people and events in British History. Alongside each celebration we pose and then discuss a pertinent question.

365BlackHistory

This month we are celebrating:
Notting Hill Carnival



Discussion: Adele's Notting Hill Carnival look - cultural appropriation or appreciation?



Adele donned a Jamaican bikini top, a carnival feather neckpiece and African bantu knots for the [cancelled] carnival celebration. "Happy what would be Notting Hill Carnival my beloved London," she tweeted, alongside emojis of the British and Jamaican flag. One online faction praised the look and, recognising her as a true ally in terms of racial equality, lauded her celebration of Jamaican culture. However, another sizeable faction criticised the singer for cultural appropriation. Said one Twitter user in a widely shared post: "If 2020 couldn't get anymore bizarre, Adele is giving us Bantu knots and cultural appropriation that nobody asked for. This officially marks all of the top white women in pop as problematic. Hate to see it."

365BlackHistory

This month we are celebrating...
Oludah Equiano



The statue of Edward Colston, a slave trader, was pulled down in Bristol during protests against the killing of George Floyd. Do you think these actions were justifiable?



Today we celebrate...
Cornelia Sorabji

15 November 1866 - 6 July 1954



Class Discussion

Do you think we live in a meritocracy*?

*A society where people are in positions of power based entirely on personal merit/personal achievements





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.

EBOOK ERROR MESSAGES

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 and all of these accounts have been identified. We hope to have this sorted shortly!



Bookbuzz is here!

Last term all pupils in year 7 were given the opportunity to choose a free book from a selection of 17 titles from Book Trust! Their choices have now arrived and they will receive their free book shortly! Miss Deegan encourages discussion, especially if you are reading the same book!

Overdue Books from 2019-2020

The library currently has **1200** overdue books!

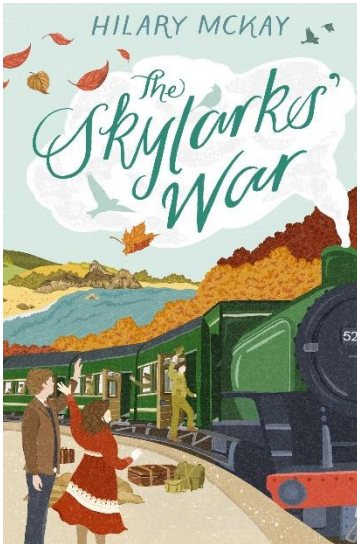
All books from last year must be returned as Miss Deegan is performing a stock audit.

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. If for any reason they have books at home that aren't listed or from older sisters who have left the school they can return them to their year 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. If Miss Deegan does not receive all overdue books by January she will assume they are lost and ask for payment of replacements.



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!

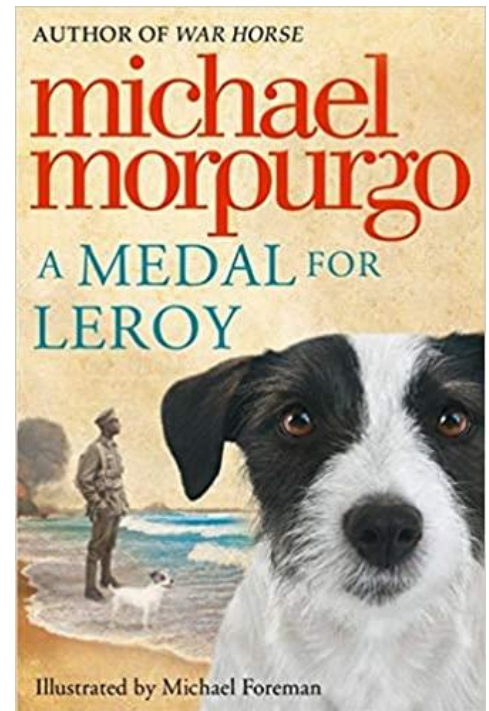
<https://tinyurl.com/y32jee22>

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.



Find it here!

<https://tinyurl.com/yy8rdwdq>