



# St Ursula's Convent School

# The Weekly

Week Ending  
4<sup>th</sup> December 2020  
Issue Number 013



Dear Parent / Carers

We have just started on the end of term assessments. **Good luck** to all the girls with these.

The weather has turned very cold and girls should now be wearing outdoor coats. Please be reminded that coats and scarves should be black or dark navy with no large logos. Girls are now allowed to wear coats and scarves in the classroom. They must also have their jumper and blazers on. Hats are not part of the school uniform. Bags should be able to be closed to keep books clean and dry, the girls should not be using open top bags.

I am delighted to see how much has been brought in for the reverse advent calendar. Please encourage your daughters to continue contributing. We know that there are so many people less fortunate than ourselves and who need our help at this time of year.

## 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](mailto: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.

Have a restful weekend  
Mrs Hamilton  
Headteacher





## REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR



Making change count  
for homeless people



Earlier this week the Y10 Chaplaincy Team helped to put up our Reverse Advent Calendar display. It is a lovely, colourful reminder to share what we have with those in need. We are looking forward to adding donations to the display in the coming days. We are asking for donations of:

**FOOD** - tins, packets and jars of food (pasta, rice, noodles, pasta sauces, tinned meat and vegetables). As it's Christmas, we'd also like to give festive food, e.g. mince pies, biscuits and chocolates. Individually wrapped items are ideal.

**TOILETRIES** – shower gel, shampoo, deodorant, soap, toothbrush and toothpaste. ALL NEW & IN UNOPENED PACKAGING PLEASE.

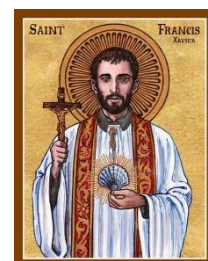
**SOCKS** – new socks, men's preferred. Socks are one of the most needed items of clothing but least donated to homeless charities.

Thank you for giving generously.

**Donation period: 30/11/20 – 14/12/20**

3<sup>rd</sup> December was the feast day of St. Francis Xavier, patron saint of Catholic missions. We are all called to be missionaries, bringing the Gospel message to others.

**St. Francis Xavier – PRAY FOR US.**



**“God’s grace changes lives. He takes us as we are, but He never leaves us as we are.” (Pope Francis)**



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Christmas Dinner will be taking place on the 10th December. The cost will be £2.50. Please ensure that your daughter has credit on her ParentPay lunch account. This is an opportunity for year groups to come together and celebrate in what has been a difficult year.

The PE department and students would like to thank FOSTUR for their help and support in acquiring new netball and basketball equipment. Their generosity has enabled students to enjoy their lessons on a newly laid outdoor courts.

Here are some images of our Yr11 GCSE student with the equipment on the new court.

We look forward to times when extra-curricular fixtures are allowed and St Ursula's can host other schools and do our name proud!

## Letter from the JLT

Dear parents/carers and student,

First of all we would like to wish good luck to KS3 and Y10 on their exams! We would also like to remind you of the importance of participating in school activities such as the advent challenge and the reverse advent donations. We need to work together during our final weeks of term, and continue to fortify our Ursuline community.

From the JLT ☺



Thank  
you  
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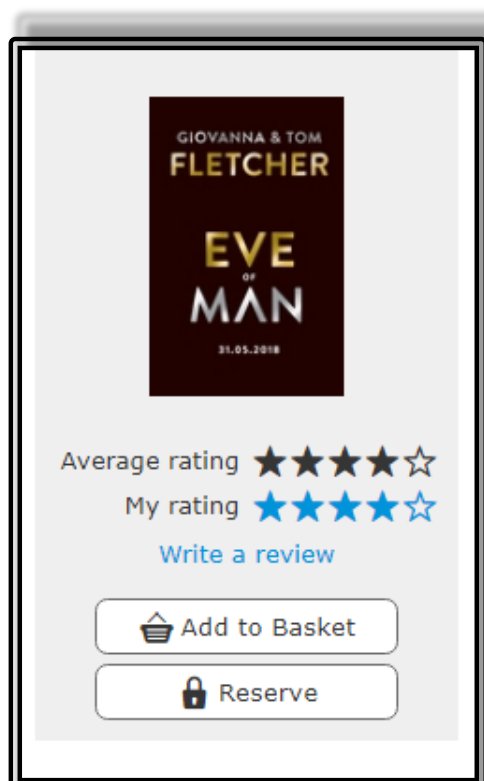






## Pupil Book Reviews

### What's popular at STU?



Pupils can now give star ratings and post book reviews on the Oliver Library System! This is a brilliant way for them to develop critical reading skills and express their literary opinions!

Miss Deegan has posted a helpful manual on how to use the book review feature, as well as a PowerPoint on how to write effective book reviews on the library padlet page!

<https://padlet.com/stulibrary/klnusczmsjdv3qta>

## Not sure what to read?

Miss Deegan is always giving out book recommendations, but for those who can't see her in lesson, she has created multiple reading lists with different genres, years, authors, and subjects! They are all available on the Oliver Library system and they are increasing by the day!

Check out all the reading lists here:

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



## Bookbuzz has arrived!

All pupils in year 7 have now received their chosen Bookbuzz book! In September the library purchased the opportunity for each pupil in year 7 to choose a book from a selection of 17 to receive as a gift! Their choices have now arrived and have been distributed, and Miss Deegan is encouraging pupils to write book reviews on Oliver!



Two copies each of all 17 of the Bookbuzz books are available to reserve in the library if pupils would like to read them all! Miss Deegan has created a reading list of all the Bookbuzz books that can be found here! <https://tinyurl.com/y39hn6yt>

Anticipating demand, Miss Deegan has also purchased additional copies of the two most popular books. Find them here on the library system!

### ***1) The Switch-Up by Katy Cannon***

Oliver Link: <https://tinyurl.com/y3tzdzu9>

ePlatform eBook Link: <https://tinyurl.com/y4crlyk3>



### ***2) City of Ghosts by Victoria Schwab***

Oliver Link: <https://tinyurl.com/y2m5bua8>





## 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!

### Oliver Library System

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



### ePlatform Ebooks

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



ePlatform

An instruction manual on how pupils can access the books and 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'. Eplatform have identified the problem and are repairing accounts individually, please bear with them! We hope to have them all fixed by next week.

## Overdue Books from 2019-2020

The library currently has approximately **1200** overdue books! All books from last year must be returned as Miss Deegan is performing a stock audit. In January 2021 if pupils have unreturned books from the 2019-2020 school year Miss Deegan will be sending letters and e-mails home about payment for replacements, so please encourage pupils to return books this term to their year book box!