



St Ursula's Convent School

The Weekly

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**Reminder – The last school day for student and staff will be
Thursday 17th December**



Dear Parent / Carers



Well done to Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 on completion of their end of term exams. Yesterday we celebrated Christmas by wearing our Christmas themed jumpers and having our Christmas dinner. Thank you to our catering team for a delicious meal. Christmas jumper day was a huge success. There was a fantastic array of Christmas themed jumpers and we have so far raised £1390.50 for charity. Thank you to all who took part. There is time to make a donation if you have not already done so.

Today we have been recording for the virtual Christmas liturgy. Hopefully it will be ready by next week for you all to watch.

You will have heard on the news that Coronavirus is spreading rapidly. Please rest assured we remain vigilant in following the regulations and I would be grateful if you could remind your daughter of the need to wear her mask and sanitise her hands regularly.

Have a restful 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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Our Reverse Advent Calendar is now filled with your donations of food, toiletries and socks. Thank you for your generous response to this outreach which will do so much to improve the lives of others.

8th December was the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. Through grace Mary was able to say a true and considered 'yes' to God's request that she become the mother of His Son. We ask our Blessed Lady to pray for us, that we too will be given the grace to hear the Lord's call in our lives and to respond, as she did, with 'let what you have said be done to me'.



Mary, Queen of peace and queen of families – PRAY FOR US.



"Let us entrust ourselves to her and to say 'no' to sin and 'yes' to Grace, once and for all." (Pope Francis, 8/12/2020)



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!

Oliver Library System

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



ePlatform Ebooks

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



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.

All eBook ePlatform accounts are now fully functional!

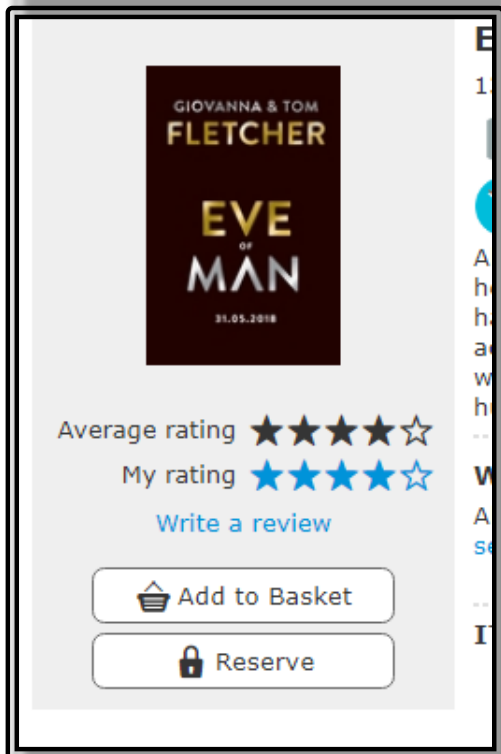
Overdue Books from 2019-2020

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!



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! There is even a Christmas reading list of books and eBooks!

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>

