



# St Ursula's Convent School

# The Weekly

Week Ending  
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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you and your families are safe and well.

We continue with lockdown and remote learning and I hope your child is managing to complete the work set and is setting aside time for regular exercise and is getting enough sleep.

Teachers have been delivering more "live" elements to their lessons this week and we have introduced some "live" tutor group registrations.

The Local Authority have made it clear that schools must maintain regular contact during lockdown. We are making weekly calls to every family and we appreciate that you are supporting your child in every way possible. A member of staff will ring each week to make contact with you and / or your child and so it is really important that you answer if we ring. Please be aware this may be a withheld number if a staff member is calling from home.

Mrs Adams will be sending out a survey next week to find out how well the students are coping with the workload and dealing with remote learning. Please do take the time to respond to that survey as it will really help us in developing our remote learning offer.

The funeral Mass for Sister Elizabeth was held this week on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> January in the Ursuline chapel in Westgate. Due to the current restrictions on numbers allowed at funerals no one from school was able to attend however, Father Kevin said Mass that day for the repose of Sister Elizabeth and I attended that Mass along with Mrs Adams.

Sister Elizabeth was Headteacher in our school for many years and we thank her for her great work and the difference she made to the lives of so many students. She is remembered by so many former students with great admiration and affection.

Our well being and safeguarding team are devising a range of self care and well being activities which can be found on the "Keep me in mind " google classroom. This has already been highlighted to the students by their Form Tutors.

This week Ms Ormerod started the 30 day Yoga challenge. Ms Ormerod is delivering Yoga sessions of about 20-30 minutes in length every day. These sessions are open to all the students and the plan is that each session is available each day by 10 AM . We want to encourage all the students to take part. Students in school will also be able to complete the challenge.

I hope you all have a restful weekend and we might even get to see a bit of snow.

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St Ursula's Convent School Greenwich





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**DISCERNING & JOYFUL** – even in difficult times



## Going Live!



This week saw the beginning of live times of year group collective worship, led by Marie. In the busyness of our week, these are opportunities for us to join together, to be still and to pray with and for each other. This week's reflections were based on Peace Sunday; how we can both find peace within ourselves and bring peace to others. A helpful quote for those of us confined to our homes at the moment is the one below from St. Teresa of Calcutta.

*"What can you do to promote world peace?  
Go home and love your family."*



## Pope Francis & the Pope Emeritus receive the COVID-19 vaccine



The vaccination campaign against COVID-19 in the Vatican began last week, with both Pope Francis and Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI receiving their first doses of the vaccine. Pope Francis referred to the vaccination as 'an ethical action, because you are gambling with your health, you are gambling with your life, but you are also gambling with the lives of others.' The Vatican began its program of vaccination by prioritising the elderly and others in high-risk categories. ©Vatican News

## Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> January



*Lord, you invite us to abide in you who are the vinedresser who  
cares for us with love.  
You call on us to see the beauty of each branch united to the vine,  
the beauty of each person.  
And yet, too often the difference in others makes us afraid.  
We withdraw into ourselves.  
Our trust in you and one another is lost.  
Come and direct our hearts toward you once again,  
That as one family we may praise your name. Amen.*



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## Home Contact Details

To enable us to keep in touch it is important that we have the most up to date contact numbers and email addresses. Please email [admin@stursulas.com](mailto:admin@stursulas.com) with any updates.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

If at any point in the future your child 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 child 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 child about who they have been in contact with. This information is required by Public Health England, they will then advise us on the next steps.

### **Lateral Flow Testing in school**

Trained testers were in school on Monday and Thursday this week to test all students and staff on site.

This testing regime will continue over the coming weeks.





# St Angela Merici

*Feast day: 27th January*

inspire  
together

The faith-filled child  
The discerning pilgrim  
The revolutionary Madre



*On Wednesday 27th January the whole school community at St Ursula's will celebrate the feast day of St Angela Merici.*

*The afternoon will be filled with exciting and creative activities, to allow the students to reflect on the legacy of St Angela. These workshops are designed to give the students an opportunity to pause and consider the impact of St Angela's actions on their lives.*

### The activities will include:

- *Celebration of mass in Our Ladye Star of the Sea (pre-recorded and shared on google classroom)*
- *'Pope for a day' activity - workshop on social justice*
- *'Giving a voice to the voiceless' - reflection on empowering women in society*
- *St Angela's Cross*

### **SERVIAM AWARD**

Students to complete  
*'St Angela inspires me by...'*  
and a prayer for our Ursuline  
Sisters.

This will be shared with the  
Ursuline's on St Angela's feast  
day.







## Code of Conduct for Live Learning for Pupils

All parents and carers have agreed that pupils will conduct themselves in the following manner when participating in live learning on Google Meets:

### You must:

- Sit against a neutral background that does not show any personal information or blur the background of your screen.
- Ensure you only have tabs open for learning, not social media.
- You must visit the Google Classroom for each of your timetabled lessons every day, including your Form Room. You must not rely on the "To Do" list as you will miss important announcements on the stream.
- You must NOT share Google Meets via WhatsApp or other social media messaging services - this is against GDPR (General Data Protection Regulations). Links to Google Meets will be shared via Google Classrooms and must not be copied and pasted to any other location.
- You must wear appropriate dress (not pyjamas), you should be wearing clothing that would normally be suitable for wearing in public and you must not be in bed.
- Language used throughout must be appropriate for school at all times.
- You must not take phone calls, message others, or use other devices that are not requested by the teacher during a Google Meet.
- You should wear headphones if you are not alone in the room wherever possible.

All Google Meets are recorded by the teacher, please ensure you are following the rules outlined above.

Not all lessons will be live, and live sections of lessons may not continue for the duration of the lesson. This is because in some subjects, and for some tasks, live video feeds are not conducive to good teaching and learning.

If your teacher requests that you turn on your camera it is polite to do so wherever possible. You must also mute and unmute your microphone when requested by the teacher.

You should be accessing the Classrooms and completing the tasks set in line with the timings of the school day

- please see school timetable to the right

08.40	Period 1
9.30	Period 2
10.20	KS3 break/KS4 registration
10.40	KS4 break/KS3 registration
11.00	Period 3
11.50	Period 4 / (Lunch 1: Years 8, 9 and 11)
12.40	Period 5 / (Lunch 2: Years 7 and 10)
13.30	Period 6
14.20	Period 7
15:10	End of school day for all pupils



## edulinkone

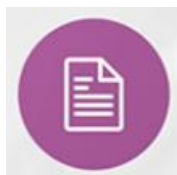
## Parent/Carer Guide

The EdulinkOne App is now our main method of communication regarding your child's education, particularly during lockdown. Your child's exam results, reports and academic reviews will be sent through this communication tool.

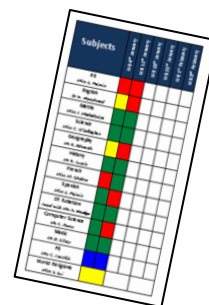
If you do not already have EdulinkOne you need to either:

1. Search for EdulinkOne (Overnetdata) from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store and install the App to a mobile device – you can have it on multiple devices if you wish. Please enable push notifications.
2. If you do not have a device suitable for the app, you can access the same features through the website at: <https://www3.edulinkone.com/#!/login?code=stursulas>

## How to use the EdulinkOne App



### Documents



Once in EduLink, this is where you will find individual reports relating to your child. Remote Learning Weekly Trackers will be uploaded here and your child's reports will be available to download from January 2021.



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## Have you downloaded the app?

You should by now have received your first report (via Edulink) on how well your child has engaged with the work set in the first few weeks of remote learning.

As from today you will receive a weekly report.

St Ursula's can send push notifications free of charge to your edulink one app



## Consultation on how GCSE, AS and A level grades should be awarded in summer 2021

The consultation from the Department for Education (DfE) and Ofqual, regarding how GCSE grades should be awarded in 2021, was released on Friday 15th January. We advise all Year 11 pupils, parents and carers to read this document and respond to the consultation. Year 10 pupils, parents and carers who were planning to take GCSEs in 2021 (languages and astronomy) should also read and respond.



Please click here to access the document: [Consultation on how GCSE grades should be awarded in summer 2021](#)



Please scroll to the bottom of this web page and click "Respond Online" to add your views: [Consultation Response](#)



The deadline for responses to the DfE is 29th January at 23:45.

We know the announcement regarding GCSEs has caused a lot of additional worry and anxiety for our Year 11 pupils, at a time that was already difficult. We encourage our Year 11s to make the most of their online learning opportunities and make contact with their teachers if they have any questions or concerns. Parents and carers please contact the school via [admin@stursulas.com](mailto:admin@stursulas.com) if you have any further questions.

## GCSE Certificates - Pupil details

Next week Year 11 parents/carers will be contacted via the EduLinkOne App asking them to confirm that their child's legal name(s) and date of birth is correct. This is to ensure that information sent to the exam boards appears correctly on final GCSE certificates. The information on certificates must match those on legal documents such as birth certificates and/or passports.

Parents/carers will be asked to respond using the "Forms" section of EduLink. Full instructions will be provided when this is available for parents/carers to view next week.





## COVID-19 URGENT APPEAL



With another lockdown underway, London's children urgently need your support once again. The closure of schools sees families from low income backgrounds face rising challenges in accessing basic necessities.

Food insecurity remains a very real threat for the thousands of families in London who are not eligible for free school meal vouchers. The added pressure to purchase essential school equipment, such as laptops and stationery, only adds to this burden.

Can you help? A donation of £20 will help to provide eight meals AND home schooling resources for a family who are in desperate need of support.

This is an extremely challenging time for everyone, and we are so grateful for any amount you can spare to help London's most vulnerable children.

**DONATE NOW**

**90p in every £1 we raise is used to support children and young people.**

**The Mayor's Fund for London is an independent charity. It has an independent board of trustees and raises all its own income. It is not core funded by the Greater London Authority.**



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## Remote Library Access at Home!

While pupils are away from school they can still access hundreds of eBooks online with our ePlatform! They can search them easily through our Oliver Library System and then be redirected to ePlatform to login and read!

### 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 in their Library Google Classroom; if pupils haven't joined their Google classroom the codes are on SMHW and they must do this by Friday 29<sup>th</sup> Jan 2021. Pupils can obtain lost login details by messaging Miss Deegan in Google Classroom.

## DOWNLOAD THE EPLATFORM APP FOR MOBILE READING!

In addition to the ePlatform website, pupils can download the ePlatform eBook reader as an app to their device and read on a tablet, smartphone or mobile computer! There are even options to download and read offline!

<https://stursulascs.eplatform.co/help/apps/eplatform-app>



## Ebook of the Week

### What's popular at STU?

Here's a selection of what pupils have been reading this week on the ePlatform!

**The Sun is also a Star by Nicola Yoon**

**Reading Age: 13+**

**Genre: Romance**

**Summary:**

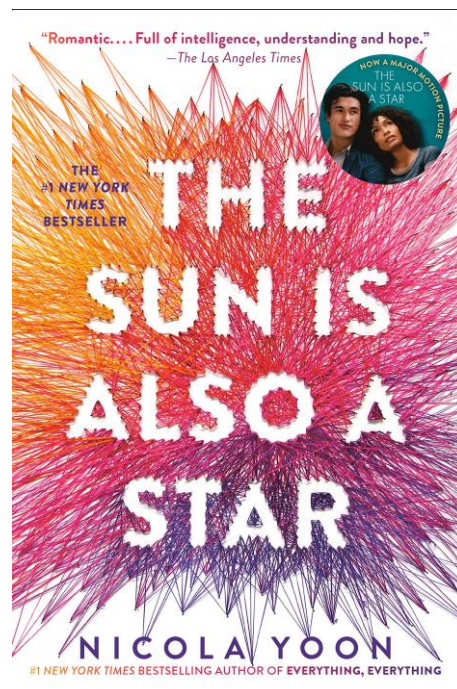
*Not fate. Not destiny. Or dreams that will never come true. I'm definitely not the kind of girl who meets a cute boy on a crowded New York City street and falls in love with him.*

*Not when my family is twelve hours away from being deported to Jamaica.*

*Falling in love with him won't be my story. Daniel: I've always been the good son, the good student, living up to my parents' high expectations.*

*Never the poet. Or the dreamer. But when I see her, I forget about all that. Something about Natasha makes me think that fate has something much more extraordinary in store-for both of us. The Universe: Every moment in our lives has brought us to this single moment.*

*A million futures lie before us. Which one will come true?*



Find it on Oliver:

<https://tinyurl.com/y6dix2k8>

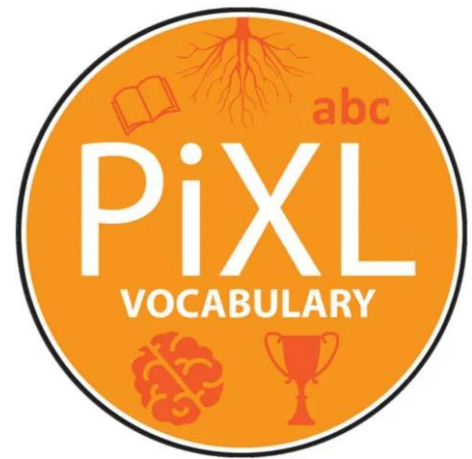
Find it on ePlatform:

<https://stursulascs.eplatform.co/title/9781448197095/epub>



## PiXL Vocabulary App

Pupils in KS3 regularly use PiXL Unlock Vocabulary app as a classroom and homework assignment. It is an invaluable vocabulary resource for multiple subjects. This app traditionally uses flash player on web browsers, but as Google are no longer supporting flash, PiXL recommend downloading the app to pupil's home devices instead. This makes it easier to login and negates the need for flash player.



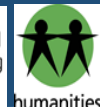
Miss Deegan has posted instruction manuals on how to download the PiXL app in the Library Google Classrooms, if pupils haven't joined their classroom they can get the code from SMHW.

The website for downloading the app is here:  
<https://appusers.pixl.org.uk/appfinder.php>

The PiXL App also has relevant vocabulary for GCSE pupils and it is an excellent revision resource!

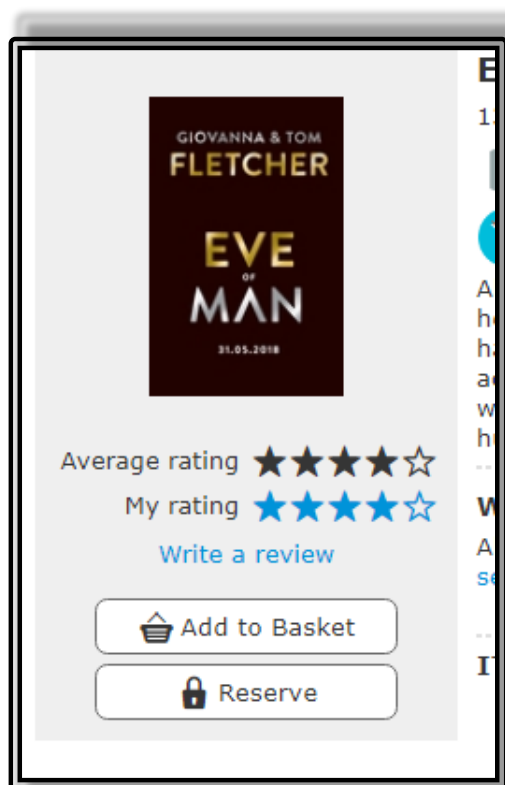
Any pupils who have lost their PiXL login details should contact Miss Deegan in the Library Google Classroom.





## 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 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! She is adding reading lists for eBooks too to make things easier to find!

Check out all the reading lists here:

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





## PÔÉSÍÆ 2021

- This MFL International competition involves students from y7 to y9 with poems in **French** and **Spanish**.
- The competition involves reading a poem in French or Spanish. (You will be provided with the choices)
- All competitors will receive a certificate to recognize their achievement.
- The finalists will get a different certificate and then the winners in each category will get a certificate **AND** a prize.

### THE RULES!

- You can only enter in one category. Ie **French** OR **Spanish**
- The first round will take place in school at St Ursula's. You will compete against students in your category. (IE same year group and language)
- Your admission will be recorded at home due to the current circumstances.
- Only 3 pupils per year group and language will then be put forward for the final.
- These pupils will be judged by an outside panel of judges.



What your performance  
will be assessed on -

**Physical presence**  
**Voice and articulation**  
**Comprehension**  
**Interpretation**  
**General impression**

It is not necessary to learn the poem by heart however it will obviously be better if you do as this affects the above points.

Links to the poems you  
can choose from-

The below links take you to a Wakelet page. Pick the language you are interested in and scroll down to your year group. There are 2 poems to choose from for each language. If you press on the little book next to the poem it reads it for you so you can hear the pronunciation.

**French** – [https://wakelet.com/wake/3A\\_TwFehI2tHfebNh3ODq](https://wakelet.com/wake/3A_TwFehI2tHfebNh3ODq)

**Spanish** - [https://wakelet.com/wake/GA81PyDvylGWY8PXw\\_aD-](https://wakelet.com/wake/GA81PyDvylGWY8PXw_aD-)