



St Ursula's Convent School

The Weekly

Week Ending
12th February 2021
Issue Number 021



Dear Parents and Carers,

We come to the end of a long half term and one in which a lot has happened. We now have many more live elements to our remote learning offer, keeping our students engaged with us and helping them to stay connected with each other. Thank you to all the parents and students who took the time to respond to the survey, sent out by Mrs Adams. The response level was excellent and Mrs Adams will share some of the findings in an email to you.



I want to congratulate the students who sat GCSE exams in November 2020. Their results were published yesterday and I am delighted to say that they all performed really well. Well done to all of them. They should all be really proud of what they have achieved.

We are still very much in the dark as to when schools will reopen fully for all students but we will be in touch once we have anything definite from the Government.

I wish you and your families a restful half term. No work is being set for the students over the half term in order to let them have a break and give them a chance to catch up on any work they may have missed or fallen behind with.

My best wishes as always,

Catrina Hamilton
Headteacher

Contacting School Staff

Please be aware that the majority of staff are working from home and only in school on a rotational basis.

If you need to contact a staff member please email admin@stursulas.com this email is monitored by the admin team daily. Your email will be passed to the relevant member of staff.

They will get back to you as soon as they can.



DISCERNING & JOYFUL – even in difficult times



This year Ash Wednesday, which marks the beginning of the season of Lent, falls in the half term break. As a school community our preparations for Lent began this week with a live Google Meet collective worship – the wonders of technology!

During Lent we make special efforts to **PRAY, FAST & GIVE**.

I'm sure all of us take our clean water supply for granted. I know I do. This Monday morning I was reminded of just how much I take it for granted when I woke to discover leaking water coming through our kitchen ceiling...

"Find the stopcock and turn it off!", was the cry!

Then came the thoughts - what about having a shower, what about cleaning teeth, a cup of coffee, flushing the toilet...?

At some point our leak will be fixed but for many people around the world, not having clean water is a way of life. Throughout this week, students have been hearing about Abdella in Ethiopia who walks 10 hours each day, across a dangerous terrain, to collect water for his family. This Lent we are encouraging all students and their families to get involved with CAFOD's Walk for Water campaign.



Click on the above image for more details. Although the CAFOD website mentions JustGiving, our school donations will be collected by **ParentPay** to ensure that every penny raised goes to those in need.
£2 minimum donation & multiple donations are possible



Monday 8th February was the Feast Day of St. Josephine Bakhita and a day for victims of human trafficking. We ask the Lord to protect and strengthen those who are victims and also those who work to root out and prevent this modern day scourge.

"Let us all pray together for every person who is a victim of human trafficking at this moment." (Pope Francis)



A Prayer for the Sick

May our Lord Jesus Christ lay his hands upon you.
May his love and peace fill your heart and soul.
May his healing power flow into every corner of your being,
to make you well and strong,
to ease you aches and pains,
to give you peace of mind and courage of heart,
and patience in your trials.
May he go before you to lead you,
be behind you to guard you,
and always be at your side
to support you.
Amen.

#WorldDayofTheSick

11th February –

World Day of the Sick

"As we move through the pandemic, may we not forget the lessons we have learned about our care for others, about building community and remaining connected with those facing sickness and disability."

(An excerpt from Pope Francis' Message for the World Day of the Sick 2021)



WELLBEING AND SAFEGUARDING TEAM



LOCKDOWN BAKE OFF 2021

We'd like to say a huge well done to all who entered challenge one of the bake off, we had an amazing 22 entries making judging a very difficult task. The competition certainly was strong!

After much deliberation we'd like to announce the finalist of our round one bake off challenge. Congratulations goes to Amanda Oliva, 8U, for her outstanding contribution of pitta bread.



Although the challenge only permits one finalist from each round the competition was so strong we made the personal decision of nominating a second place to Grace Moody, 7C and a third place to Maisy Allen, 7U.

We look forward to round two entries - pancakes, we're sure Shrove Tuesday will be spent putting those creative skills to the test!

Wishing you all the best of luck,

St Ursula's Wellbeing & Safeguarding team





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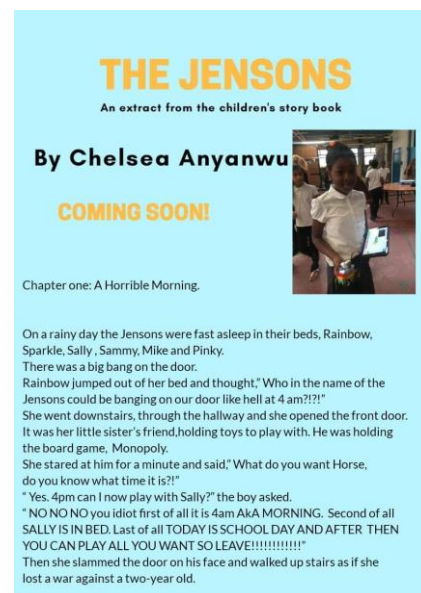
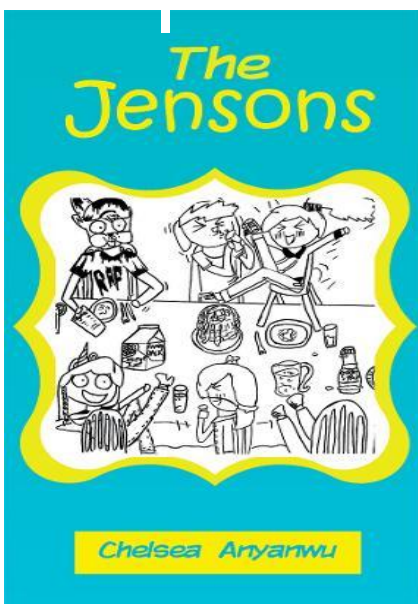
Exciting News!

One of our Year 9 students **Chelsea Anyanwu** has written a book set to be published in Early March 2021. Not only did she write the book, but illustrated it also. What a talented young lady!

The Jenson's is a comic fantasy children's story about this really wealthy family causing mayhem wherever they land their feet. They are notoriously known everywhere for their money and their crimes. They go about making enemies, more criminal records and money for themselves as they go. Although they fight amongst themselves to death all the time, they are still a very closely knitted family and love each other so much and will forever stick together. The youngest, Sally, is the darling of the family and could get away with almost anything. This crazy family are the JENSONS.

Chelsea has had lots of press interest especially in Nigeria, if you would like to read more about her check out the Nigerian Tribune..

We are all so very proud of Chelsea here at St Ursula's and will definitely be purchasing some copies of The Jenson's for the school library and for ourselves too.





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 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

This email will be checked regularly and a member of the Senior Leadership 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 are in school every Monday and Thursday to test all students and staff on site.



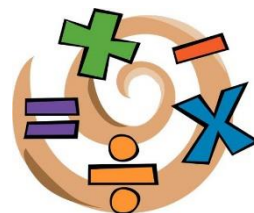
Student Attendance Information

Whilst all students are learning remotely, please ensure that you inform the school of any appointments your child will be attending or if they are unwell. Please contact the school via email (admin@stursulas.com) or call 02088584613.

Miss Brown
Attendance Officer



KS3 Weekly Maths Achievements



Class	Most engaged student	Most improved student
7A	Abisola Tubo-Collazos	Chinesorom Onwuchekwa
7C	Shabeena Antongnanathan	Matylda Bruzzaniti
7E	Sarah Omosuvie	Osarhuwmen Iyare
7F	Gianna Dsouza	Emma Begg
7U	Edith Green	Oluwafoyinsayemi Dada
8A	Tilly Rogers	Heather Addo
8C	Hannah Aglae	Lara Paule
8E	Esther Agbaso	Jasmine Talabi
8F	Rocio Aguilar	Audrey Attrams
8U	Grace Tran	Destiny Amoah
9A	Claudia Akuagwu	Shona Collier Griffith
9C	Joella Mama	Buchi Mokogwu
9E	Divine Oyedeji	Pelumi Akintomo
9F	Ann Marie Asare-Boadu	Jennifer Sealy
9U	Anne-Mei Ong	Davina Oranusi

Well Done!

Mr O'Brien
Head of Maths



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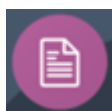
Parent/Carer Guide

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:

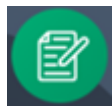
1. Search for EdulinkOne (Overnetdata) from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store and install the App to a mobile device – you can have it on multiple devices if you wish. Please enable push notifications.
2. If you do not have a device suitable for the app, you can access the same features through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

How to use the EdulinkOne App



Documents

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.

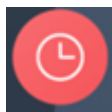


Forms

From time to time, we may ask parents to complete a form, to give permission for an activity in school, or to confirm that parents have read and understood some information that has been sent out. All 'active' forms available to parents will be listed under the 'Forms' icon. You will receive a notification if a form has been uploaded for you to complete within EduLink.

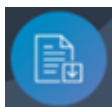


How to use the EdulinkOne App



Timetable

This is where you can view your child's school timetable.



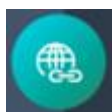
Noticeboard

This is where you can find the most recent copies of The Weekly and any other important notices and letters.



Parents' Evenings and Academic Review Appointments

You will be invited to book a timeslot here when it is time for Parents' Evenings and Academic Reviews.



Links

This is where you will find lots of useful weblinks relating to our school and your child's education - our school website, Google Classroom, Google Drive, Show My Homework, GCSEPod, Seneca Learning, Educake, MathsWatch and Duolingo.



Exams

This will appear on EduLink after February half term when GCSE entries have been made. This will be most useful to Year 11, and some Year 10, parents/carers and pupils.

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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. Pupils can obtain lost login details by messaging Miss Deegan in Google Classroom. There are over 1,000 eBooks to choose from!

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>



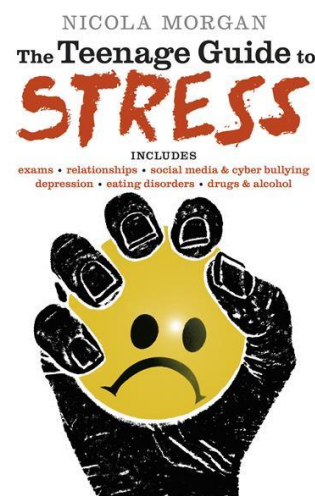
eBooks of the Week

Mental Health Awareness eBooks

To highlight the importance of 'Mental Health Awareness' in pupils, here are some of the eBooks available that explain how to maintain teenage mental health! Find the whole Mental Health and Wellbeing eBook Reading List here: <https://tinyurl.com/y35xecx2>

The Teenage Guide to Stress by Nicola Morgan

Essential reading for teenagers and the adults who care about them. A fantastically wide-ranging, reassuring, eye-opening and comprehensive look at the stresses many teenagers face, empowering them to take control of their mental health and wellbeing.

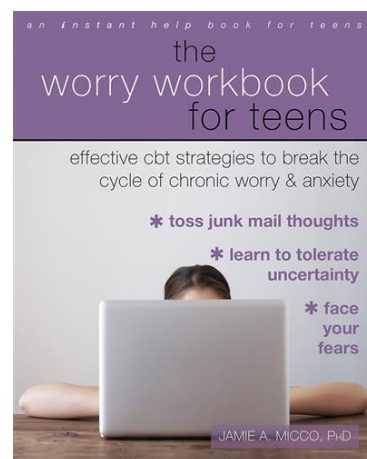


Find it on Oliver:

<https://tinyurl.com/yy7p6skd>

The Worry Workbook for Teens: Effective CBT Strategies to Break the Cycle of Chronic Worry and Anxiety by Jamie A. Micco PHD

Teens often worry about school, friends, dating, and what the future holds. But chronic worrying can take a toll both mentally and physically-leading to insomnia, difficulty paying attention, and even headaches and stomach aches. Written by a Harvard faculty member and expert in teen anxiety, this is the first book to target chronic, debilitating worry in teens, and offers effective, easy-to-understand cognitive behavioural therapy (CBT) exercises to alleviate worry symptoms and prevent them from escalating into full-blown generalized anxiety disorder.



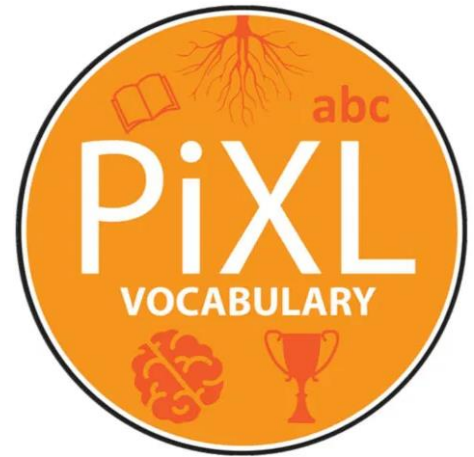
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<https://tinyurl.com/yx9fq6l>



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>

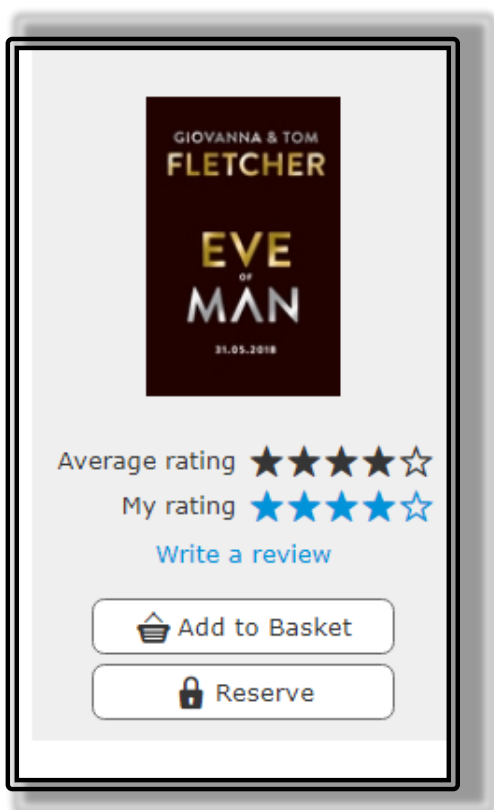
The PiXL App also has relevant vocabulary for GCSE pupils and it is an excellent revision resource!

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>