



St Ursula's Convent School

The Weekly

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your families remain safe and well.

As you know schools are opening fully from Monday 8th March.

Our students will be returning on a staggered basis over the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of that week with the intention that all students will be in school for face to face teaching from Thursday 11th March.



The government have stipulated that students are tested on return and then twice more. After that the expectation is that students are to be tested at home twice weekly. More details of the staggered return and the testing will be sent to you next week.

We have also received some guidance from Ofqual as to how GCSE grades will be calculated and awarded to Year 11 students. We are looking at that guidance in detail and more information on that will be sent to all Year 11 students and their parents next week.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming all the students back the week after next and hope that everyone takes the opportunity to get their uniform and equipment ready for their return.

School uniform rules apply as they always have and we expect that everyone returns in the correct uniform ready for their face to face learning.

The weather has taken a turn for the better and I hope you all manage to take advantage of the sunshine. I hope you all have a relaxing weekend.

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.



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DISCERNING & JOYFUL – even in difficult times



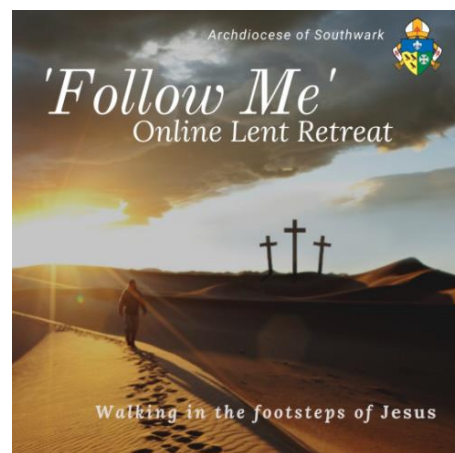
As with so many other things in these Covid times, the Distribution of Ashes on Ash Wednesday was a little different this year; a sprinkling on our head rather than a cross on our foreheads.

Nevertheless, we have now started upon our Lenten journey, 40 days of **prayer**, **fasting** and **giving**.

PRAYER

Archbishop John Wilson and the Southwark Spirituality Commission are offering an online Retreat during Lent. To find out more and to register, click on the link below.

[Diocesan Lent Retreat](#)



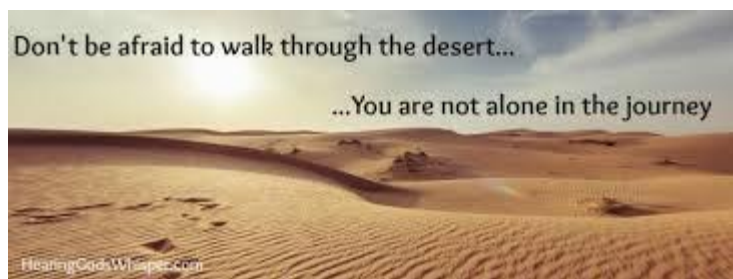
FAST



GIVE

As a school, we have accepted CAFOD's challenge to Walk for Water, raising much needed funds for people like Abdella in Ethiopia who struggle to access this essential, life-giving commodity; something which we often take for granted. Click on the short video to find out more. The warmer weather encourages us to get out more, so please do get involved and do what you can to Walk for Water. Donations should be made by ParentPay. Please also remember to keep Abdella and people like him in your prayers.

CAFOD's FAMILY FAST DAY IS FRIDAY 26th FEBRUARY





WELLBEING AND SAFEGUARDING TEAM



LOCKDOWN BAKE OFF 2021

What more can we say than
– WOW!!

Yet another round of amazing entries, surpassing challenge one with 28 entrants; once again making the judging an almost impossible task!

Well done to all who entered, all entries certainly are amazing. Our girls have done us proud with their dedication to the challenge. You are all winners in your own right

Due to the vast number of high quality entrants, we have taken the decision to award a joint 1st place; congratulations goes to



Amanda Oliva, 8U

and



Natalie Ferreira, 9U

Although, as with the previous challenge only one finalist from each round can go through to the final, the competition again was so strong we took the decision to nominate a 2nd place to Louisa Chardi, 8U and a third place to Amelia Denby, 8U.



2nd place



3rd place

We don't doubt round three will be just as productive, We look forward to seeing all those bake off biscuit entries.

Wishing you all the best of luck
St Ursula's Wellbeing & Safeguarding team





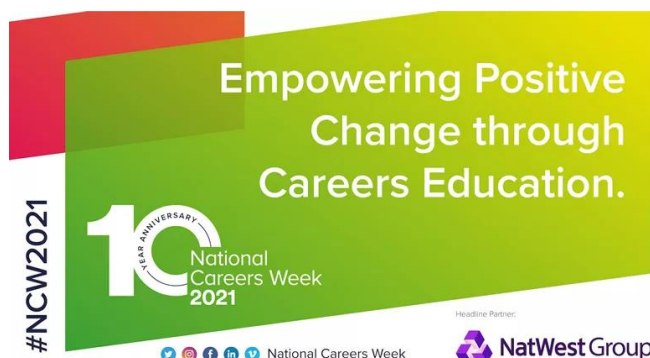
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Careers at St Ursula's



Next week marks the beginning of National Careers Week 2021. This year all our activities will be via a virtual classroom with links to many resources, employers, careers platforms. Your child's form tutor will introduce this to them on Monday during live registration allowing them to then go and work through it independently throughout the week at their own pace. PSHE on Thursday will also be dedicated to this. For KS4 there will also be live google meets scheduled with women in work #NCW21





Idiom of the week



Do you know what 'a little bird told me' means?



When we say 'a little bird told me', we mean that we are not going to reveal how we found out about something or who told it to us.

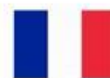
Essentially, it means we are protecting the source of the information and keeping it secret but usually in a light-hearted way.

Many people believe the origins of this phrase are in the Bible, although it does not appear there word for word. In Ecclesiastes, a man is warned not to criticise the king out loud, even when he is on his own, because 'a bird in the sky may carry your words' and report what he has said.

Many writers, including Shakespeare, have referred to birds carrying or giving messages and, in a novel published in 1833, one of the characters claims that 'a little bird has whispered a secret to me'.



MFL



The French equivalent of 'a little bird told me' is:
Mon petit doigt m'a dit ...
(literally: my little finger told me)

Unusually for idioms, the Spanish equivalent of 'a little bird told me' is literal:
Me ha dicho un pajarito que ...

So for fun this week - any guesses what this uniquely Spanish idiom might mean?

'Estar en la edad del pavo'



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.



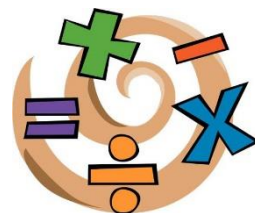
Student Attendance Information

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	Allyza Edrial	Isabella Pettipas
7C	Emma Siekoue	Ijeoma Iweka
7E	Beverley Okeke	Samantha Jones Torres
7F	Pearl Carrol-Garrick	Marvyn Gap-Gaupool
7U	Tanitoluwa Olaniyan	Samanta Diaz Jablonauskas
8A	Wemi Adebayo	Mya Mason
8C	Maja Wojcik	Favour Ubochi
8E	Violet Brook	Jasmine Talabi
8F	Inez Lacaj	Ashley Huayta Montano
8U	Amanda Olivia	Ose Onoabhagbe
9A	Naza Ofoegbu	Nazo Ofoegbu
9C	Naomi Odunlami	Jenna Muikira
9E	Victoria Aladesuru	Clemence Woolford
9F	Olivia Koczan	Niamh Lane
9U	Angel Akanbi	Kyana Buckley

Well Done!

Mr O'Brien
Head of Maths