



# St Ursula's Convent School

# The Weekly

Week Ending  
14<sup>th</sup> May 2021  
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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope your families remain safe and well.

Yesterday was the feast of the Ascension, but due to Covid restrictions we were not able to take the students to Mass, instead Marie our Chaplain prepared a liturgy which was shared with the whole school via their form tutors.

We have had to confiscate a number of phones from students in the last few weeks. Please remember we have a strict **no mobile phone policy**. Any phone found will be confiscated until the end of the term.

Your child will have been given their next Covid 19 lateral flow test kits today. Please ensure your child carries out their lateral flow test and inform us immediately if there is a positive result. This will help to keep everyone in our community safe.

Take care and stay safe.

My best wishes as always,

Catrina Hamilton  
Headteacher



### Attendance Reminder

Please ensure that holidays are not booked during term time.

**Miss Brown**  
Attendance Officer

### 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.



## LEADING FOR JUSTICE

### The Ascension of the Lord

Thursday was the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. In normal times this day is a Holy Day of Obligation but this year our celebration took place in form group reflections.



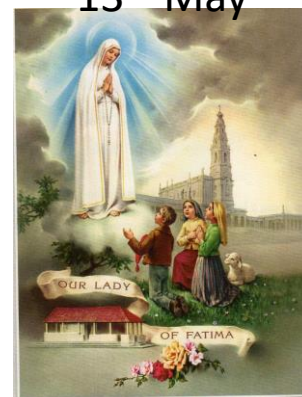
Jesus showed himself to the Eleven and said to them: 'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation.'...

And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven: there at the right hand of God he took his place while they, going out, preached everywhere, the Lord with them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it. (Mark 16:15, 19-20)

The Lord's ascension into Heaven did not leave the disciples downcast. In Luke's Gospel we read that they were 'full of joy'. This may seem surprising as we are often sad when loved ones leave us. Perhaps the reason the disciples felt this way was because they knew that the Lord was with them in everything they did. May we, through the gift of faith, know that Jesus is with us in all that we do, to guide, support and intercede for us.

### Our Lady of Fatima 13<sup>th</sup> May

In other years, on 13<sup>th</sup> May we would celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima. It was on this day 40 years ago that the assassination attempt on St. Pope John Paul II took place. The then Pope John Paul II was convinced that he owed his life to Our Lady of Fatima. The Pope forgave his teenage attacker, and even visited him in prison. In his words, "forgiveness is above all a personal choice, a decision of the heart to go against the natural instinct to pay back evil with evil." We ask Our Lady and St. Pope John Paul II to intercede for us that we too may be able to forgive those who hurt us.



During the month of May, Pope Francis urges us all to pray the Rosary for an end to the Covid-19 pandemic.

*We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God;  
Do not despise our petitions in our necessities,  
but deliver us always from every danger,  
O Glorious and Blessed Virgin.*



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<https://www.mind.org.uk/get-involved/mental-health-awareness-week/#speakout>

This week is Mental Health Awareness Week, the Mental Health Foundation has based its theme on Nature and its positive impact on wellbeing. Mind is also running a campaign for MHAW relating to better support for Mental Health. Please visit the websites below for more information and take time- this week especially- to focus on Mental Health.

All the best,  
Kimberley- School Counsellor

<https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/campaigns/mental-health-awareness-week/why-nature>

## Year 8 HPV 2nd Dose Vaccination

**Monday 17th May 2021**

For those who consented for their Year 8 child to have the 1st dose of the Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) vaccination, the 2nd dose will be taking place on the 17th of May.

No forms will need to be completed- the nurses already have your consent forms.

## Year 9 TDP and Meningitis Booster Vaccination

**Monday 17th May 2021**

Please complete and hand in the form to Miss Brown in the Main Office.

Even if you do not consent for your child to have the vaccination, please still complete the form.



## Letter from the JLT

Dear Parents and Carers,

With the Feast of Ascension, we are celebrating a new beginning.

This is also a busy time for the Year 11s as we are continuing with our evidence gathering.

Everyone is celebrating a new beginning. The Y11s thinking about our transition to Sixth Form, the Y10s becoming Y11s preparing for GCSEs, and every year moving forward too.

We want to take a moment to pray for the lives of those lost in the Israel-Palestine conflict currently. We pray that people will find justice for their loved ones.

Yours sincerely, the JLT.





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## TRINITY LABAN CONSERVATOIRE OF MUSIC & DANCE

### Young Musician's Summer School

Tuesday 27 July - Friday 30 July

King Charles Court



**Trinity Laban's Young Musicians' Summer School** returns to Trinity Laban's iconic Greenwich site, aimed at all **musicians aged 11-17**. If you're passionate about making music, eager to stretch yourself with new skills, and up for making new friends with a range of musical interests and backgrounds, then this intensive 4-day summer school is for you.

Choose from a variety of performance-based, skills-building and mind-expanding workshop strands, guided by incredible musicians from Trinity Laban and beyond. You could be interested in joining a band or an orchestra, experimenting with music technology or writing your own film score, refining your vocal skills, creating new music or just playing it with others. Discover something to inspire you and get creative with Trinity Laban this summer!

**Apply now!**

## How to Book



For lots more information, and to apply for a place using our online booking form visit [our website](#).

Early booking is strongly advised - the summer school is likely to be very popular and capacity this year will be limited. The deadline for applications is **28 May**.

[Contact us](#) for any further enquiries.

LONDON'S CREATIVE CONSERVATOIRE



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LOCKDOWN BAKE OFF 2021

## WELLBEING AND SAFEGUARDING TEAM



Dear parent/carers

St Ursula's lockdown bake off certainly produced an array of fantastic entries, which as previously mentioned has been an absolute honour and pleasure to witness the outstanding talents of our students.

After much deliberation it comes with great delight, we would like to announce our overall finalists. Huge congratulations go to: Amanda Oliva, 8U and Natalie Ferreira, 9U.

However due to the high volume of entrants and the outstanding efforts of all, a decision was made to award two runners up prizes. Well done goes to: Anna-Belle Amiame, 7c and Louisa Chardi, 8U, for receiving our runners up prize.

We would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all our parents for their support during the bake off competition, to all our fantastic students for their participation and to Accent Catering Team for promoting the competition and providing our two finalist prizes.

*St Ursula's Wellbeing & Safeguarding team*



Amanda Oliva



Natalie Ferreira



Anna-Belle Amiame



Louisa Chardi



## Election for the Mayor of London-St Ursula's school 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021

### Overall result



1<sup>st</sup> –Sadiq Khan -Labour 50% **Labour**



2<sup>nd</sup> –Sian Berry-Green 21% **Green Party**



3<sup>rd</sup>- Shaun Bailey-Conservative 14%



4<sup>th</sup>-Luisa Porritt-Liberal democrat 12%



5<sup>th</sup> –Laurence Fox-Reclaim 2%

6<sup>th</sup>-Peter Gammons-UKIP 1% **UKIP** 

The students at St Ursula's gave a clear message as they re-elected Sadiq Khan to be their choice as Mayor of London in 2021. This is the 10<sup>th</sup> election in a row that Labour has won a large majority within the school.

The Green party had an excellent showing in second with 21% of the vote, followed by the Conservatives polling 14%, their highest figure since 2010's general election. The liberal Democrats were narrowly beaten into 4<sup>th</sup> with 12% of the vote.

Congratulations to year 9 for the best electoral turnout this year with 134 students voting for one of the 6 parties.



## Electoral analysis

Although Labour won convincingly across all 5 year groups there were some interesting variations. **Year 9** were the most Left wing year group with Labour and the Greens combining to claim 88% of votes cast.

In **Year 8** it was much closer with the Conservatives pulling in 20% of votes cast, compared to Labours 46%. Reclaim also gained votes in year 8, compared to none in year 9.

**Year 7** had the most variation with all of the parties gaining votes. The Liberals and Conservatives were neck and neck in second place, both polling 20% of the first time voter's ballots.

**Year 10** can reflect on their disappointing apathy as they had the worst electoral turnout, with many undecided voters amongst the GCSE electorate this year. The stay away voters were clearly on the right as Labour gained an impressive 48% of their vote, with only 9% voting Conservative.

Lastly **Year 11** had a large % of the Labour voters in the school with 62% siding with Sadiq Khan. However interestingly 19% of our senior year voted Liberal democrat, the highest percentage across the school.

Mr Turpie

## Voting by Year group

Year group	Labour	Conservative	Liberal Democrats	Green	UKIP	Reclaim
7	1st	3 <sup>rd</sup> (joint)	3 <sup>rd</sup> (joint)	2nd	5th	6th
8	1st	3rd	4th	2nd	6th	5th
9	1st	3rd	4th	2nd	No votes cast	No votes cast
10	1st	4th	3rd	2nd	6th	5th
11	1st	3rd	2nd	4th	6th	5th







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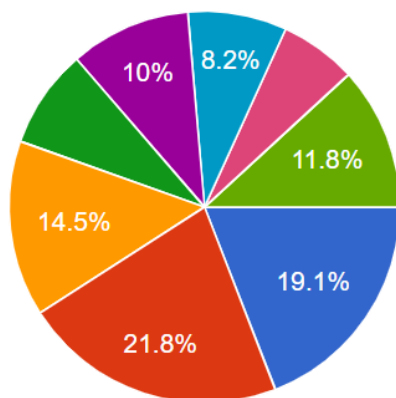
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## The CILIP Carnegie & Kate Greenaway Children's Book Awards

The pupils have spoken! Over the last few weeks pupils have been voting for their favourite Carnegie Medal Shortlist first chapter and the results are as follows!:



- The Girl Who Speaks Bear by Sophie Anderson
- Run Rebel by Manjitt Mann
- Clap When You Land by Elizabeth Acevedo
- The Girl Who Became a Tree by Jose...
- Look Both Ways by Jason Reynolds
- The Fountains of Silence by Ruta Sep...
- Echo Mountain by Lauren Wolk
- On Midnight Beach by Marie-Louise Fi...

In first place with 21.8% is 'Run Rebel', second with 19.1% is 'The Girl Who Speaks Bear', and third with 14.5% is 'Clap When You Land'! Miss Deegan will buy copies of these for Carnegie Club!



Did you know that if you purchase books on Scholastic [www.shop.scholastic.co.uk](http://www.shop.scholastic.co.uk) and cite our school that the library will receive points for free books?! Just type in our school name and postcode when you register to the website and we will earn points with your purchases that will buy new library books!

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## Year 11

### Library Book Returns 2021

The summer is fast approaching, please see details of [library book return deadlines](#) below!

**ALL** library **FICTION** books must be returned by:

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

**REVISION AND TEXT BOOKS** returns is:

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

Lost books must be refunded or replaced.

You can do this by:

- Paying for a replacement
- Buying a copy of the same book to replace it
- Donating a different book or revision guide

Pupils can check their current loans by logging into their Oliver library account.

**Donate your revision guides  
and school uniform!**

Last year the library received **178** guides and set texts from year 11! This amounted to around **£1,352** of revision material that has been of great benefit to our current year 10 and 11! We also received many sets of clean uniform in good condition!

**Pay it forward and donate!**



## Read eBooks online!

While pupils are at home or on the move 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://stursulascscs.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. Pupils can obtain lost login details by messaging Miss Deegan in Google Classroom. There are over 1,000 eBooks to choose from!

All the links needed are here!:

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

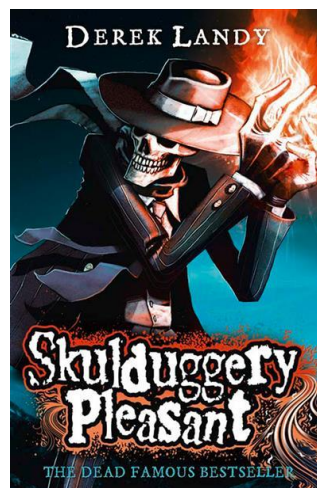
## DOWNLOAD THE EPLATFORM APP FOR MOBILE READING!

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://stursulascscs.eplatform.co/help/apps/eplatform-app>



## EBook Highlights



Oliver URL Link:  
<https://tinyurl.com/yzp65a84>

### Skulduggery Pleasant Books 1-12 by Derek Landy

### Age: 11+ Genre: Fantasy

You'll love it so much you'll binge-read them, so why not make it easy and have books 1-12 in one handy eBook?!

Meet Skulduggery Pleasant: detective, sorcerer, warrior. Oh yeah. And dead. Stephanie's uncle Gordon is a writer of horror fiction. But when he dies and leaves her his estate, Stephanie learns that while he may have written horror, it certainly wasn't fiction. Pursued by evil forces intent on recovering a mysterious key, Stephanie finds help from an unusual source - the wisecracking skeleton of a dead wizard.

When all hell breaks loose, it's lucky for Skulduggery that he's already dead. Though he's about to discover that being a skeleton doesn't stop you from being tortured, if the torturer is determined enough. And if there's anything Skulduggery hates, it's torture... Will evil win the day? Will Stephanie and Skulduggery stop bickering long enough to stop it? One thing's for sure: evil won't know what's hit it.



## Improving Literacy at Home

Is your child a reluctant reader? Do they avoid sitting down with a book? Do you struggle to get them off streaming services? Make this work for you!

Did you know that a recent scientific study has shown that turning the subtitles on when children watch videos doubles their chance of being a good reader? Many children have taken a step backward in their literacy during lockdown and using subtitles could improve their reading without them even realising! Luckily, TV services and streaming platforms such as Netflix, Amazon Prime and Disney+ all come with subtitle options!

Learn more below...

The science of turning on the subtitles:

<https://youtu.be/DK51uVm91vk>

Learn more with Stephen Fry!

<https://youtu.be/l-zISnJ-oao>

And the official website:

[www.turnonthesubtitles.org](http://www.turnonthesubtitles.org)

