



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.

Staff have been working hard this week finalising the TAGs for their Y11 students.

Y11s are now working remotely from home on work set by staff to help prepare them for their 6th form studies.

We have spent lots of time over the last few weeks looking again at the uniform policy and we have some proposed changes which need to be ratified by the Governing Board. Once the policy is ratified I will share it with you. The two areas we have looked at in particular are the wearing of trousers and acceptable hair styles.

The weather has turned very warm and the students are allowed to remove their blazers in the lessons and in the playground. Please note that short socks are not allowed. Students should wear knee high socks or tights.

I wish you all a peaceful and restful weekend.

Catrina Hamilton
Headteacher



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.



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This week we celebrate two feast relating to the heart, the ultimate symbol of God's love. On Friday, the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus which represents a devotion to Jesus in his human nature and Saturday, the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. In St. Luke's Gospel we read that Mary 'treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart' (Luke 2:18). We pray that we will always be open to the Spirit's guidance, asking the Lord to guide our hearts in all things.



"The heart of Jesus is the ultimate symbol of God's mercy: but it is not an imaginary symbol. It is a real symbol, which represents the centre; the source from which salvation for all humanity gushed forth."

"Mary said her 'yes' to God: a 'yes' which threw her simple life in Nazareth into turmoil, and not only once... Any number of times she had to utter a heartfelt 'yes' at moments of joy and sorrow, culminating in the 'yes' she spoke at the foot of the Cross."

The Pope's prayer intention for June is 'The Beauty of Marriage' - Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: that they may grow in love, generosity, fidelity, and patience.. Click on the link below to see his short video.

[The Pope's prayer video for June](#)



You may also wish to join the Pope's prayer network. Click here to find out more:

<https://clicktopray.org/june-9-night-3/>



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During this hot weather, it is important that we all stay hydrated. Please ensure your child has a water bottle with them every day.

Notices



Attendance Reminder

Please ensure that holidays are not booked during term time.

Attendance Officer

Year 10 Summer Exam Timetable now available on the school website

<https://www.stursulas.com/curriculum/exams/>

GOOD LUCK WITH YOUR REVISION!



Sporting Achievements

I am delighted to share with you all that Chichi Cooper (11 Ursula) performed extremely well when competing for her club, Cambridge Harriers, during half-term, winning a Triple Jump competition in the Youth Development League with a best jump of 10.96m. This means she is currently ranked 8th in the UK in that event for Under 17 women (or Intermediate Girls for English Schools competitions) – a fantastic achievement. This distance is also above the entry standard for the prestigious English Schools Track and Field championships which are taking place in Manchester in July.

Congratulations to Chichi for this amazing achievement. We wish Chichi every luck in her upcoming competitions, as she is hoping to compete at the prestigious English Schools championships and follow former pupils of St Ursula's who have represented London there, including Divine Oladipo who won the gold medal in the shot putt twice for London.

Well done Chichi!

Dr N Woodward



PAYING FOR LOST OR DAMAGED LIBRARY BOOKS

A new 'Library Fee' section has been added to ParentPay to make paying for lost or damaged library books easier for parents and pupils. This will show as "£1-£75" on your ParentPay account, this is not a charge, but simply a facility for you to enter your own amount should you be contacted by email or letter about outstanding library fees. You do not need to pay anything until you are contacted with an itemisation of the books and what is owed.

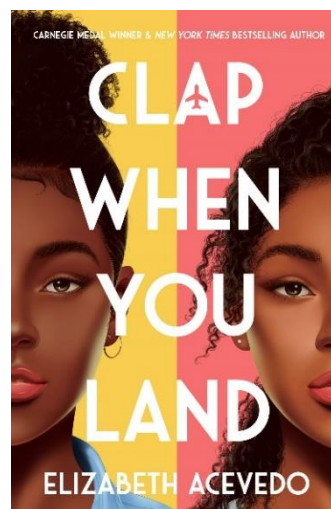
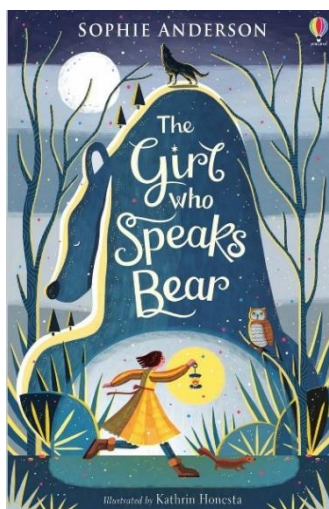
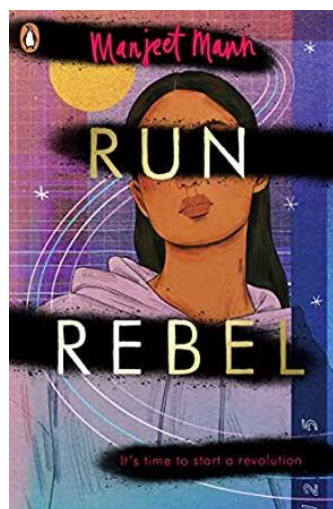
Miss Deegan is recalling all library books that are overdue. Some books have been overdue for more than one year. There are currently over 1,000 overdue books and this is hampering the running of the library. Miss Deegan will be conducting an audit of library stock over the summer holidays and if a book is overdue by more than 6 months it will be marked as lost and a charge will be issued for a replacement. Please remind and encourage your daughters to check their Oliver library loan section and return any overdue books to the designated library boxes at school.

If pupils have lost their login details they need to contact Miss Deegan on Google Classroom.



Carnegie Shadowing Book Club 2021

Miss Deegan and Ms Cahalane will be running a KS3 Carnegie Shadowing Book Club this term. Last term pupils voted for their favourite Carnegie Medal Shortlist book and the winners were...



There will be a club for each KS3 year focusing on one book from the survey winners. The meetings will be after school on the lawn by the portress steps and we will be discussing the book and preparing to write book reviews! Pupils can reserve the books on the Oliver Library System.

The first meetings and book assignments are:

YEAR 7 – The Girl Who Speaks Bear – Thursday 17th June 2021

YEAR 8 – Run Rebel – Thursday 24th June 2021

YEAR 9 – Clap When You Land – Thursday 1st July 2021

If pupils require a note from a teacher as proof of attendance they should ensure they have their journal with them. The start and finish times will be posted on Google Classroom shortly.



Year 11 Book Returns 2021

On Wednesday 16th June 2021 Year 11 are being invited to come into school for specific timeslots in order to return school library books and textbooks and make book donations.

If pupils would also like to donate their uniform, please ensure it is washed and in good condition. Many pupils and their families are experiencing difficult times due to the Covid-19 pandemic, so all your donations will make an enormous difference to our school community.

Pupils may also drop off any cards or gifts they would like to give to staff.

Parents and Guardians have been sent the full details by email.

Please find the timeslots below for form classes:

Date: Wednesday 16th June 2021

11 Angela: 9.15-9.45am

11 Catherine: 9.45-10.15am

11 Elizabeth: 11.15-11.45am

11 Francis: 11.45am-12.15pm

11 Ursula: 12.15pm-12.45pm



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>

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