



St Ursula's Convent School

The Ursuline News

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Dear all,

As we approach the end of term we are in the process of assessing all of our students. Year 11 have just sat their first set of Pre-Public Examinations (PPEs) and they are in the process of receiving feedback from their subject teachers. Once we have gathered all the information, we will inform families and there will be an opportunity to discuss progress and next steps towards the end of this term.

Students in Years 7-10 are also preparing for their examinations. Again, this is an excellent opportunity for all to assess where each student is in terms of progress made. This is also an opportunity to establish what strategies need to be put in place in lessons and for homework during the next term and beyond.

We currently have two consultations running (Admissions and RSE). Feedback on each of these is most welcome.

I would like to signpost two key opportunities for students:

1) EQUALITY GROUP

Students are invited to be part of the Equality group which will be working on the RACE Charter Mark action plan and organising events during the year to celebrate Race and Diversity. This group will consist of students and staff. Those interested in being involved should please email their 100 word submissions to Ms Izard.

2) CREATIVE ARTS COMPETITION

Please encourage all to take part and hand submissions into M2. Submissions MUST have their name and year group clearly labelled. The deadline for requests to be part of the Equality Group and the Creative arts Competition is Wednesday 8th December.

Finally, do not forget that we have our Annual Carol service at Our Ladye Star of the Sea on Sunday 5 December at 4pm, and FOSTUR will be running Christmas wreath making workshop on Friday 3 December from 4-5.30pm. All are welcome to attend both of these festive events.

God bless,

Ms Kathleen M Faherty
Headteacher

Lost property

Please make sure students' belongings are labelled and put names on everything possible.

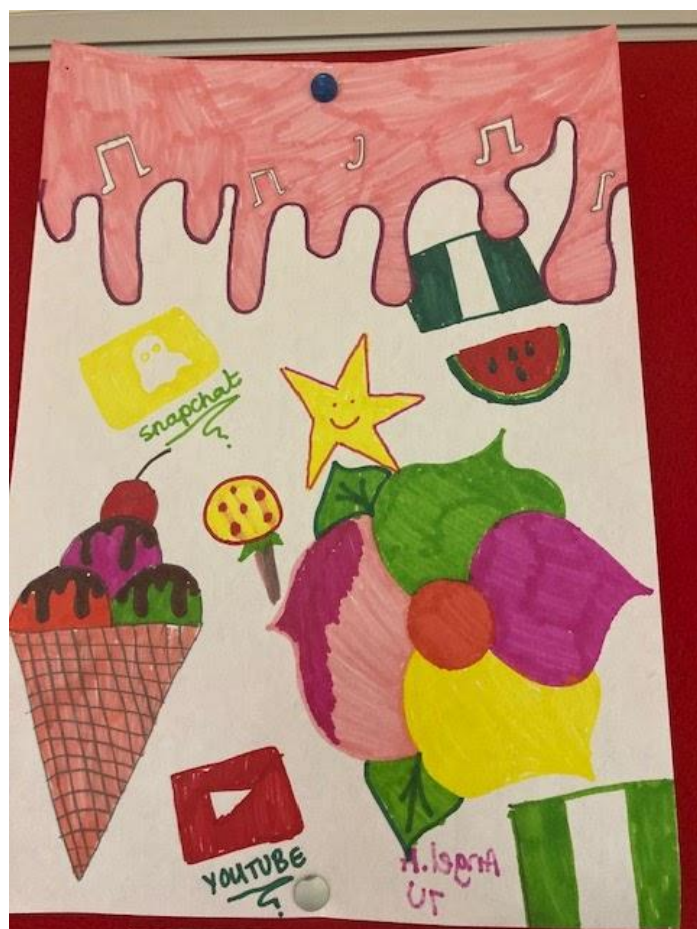
This will help us to identify the owners of the many items of lost property so that we can return them to the students.



What makes me happy?

Engaging in arts can boost confidence and make us feel more engaged and resilient.

We asked our social wellbeing group what makes them happy, and these are the wonderful results! Hope they give you a lift as we all prepare for the weekend.





First Sunday of Advent

Sunday 28th November 2021



The first Sunday of Advent in 2021 will be Sunday, November 28th. After a difficult year, there is comfort to be found when we pause to read, pray, and reflect over the course of the **Advent season** in which believers eagerly anticipate the celebration of Christ's birth.

The first Sunday of Advent gives us the opportunity to center our thoughts on hope. Also known as the **Prophet's candle**, this first candle of Advent signifies the promise of the Messiah.

It's a beautiful chance to remember the hope God offers to our lost and dying world, and that He's given us through Jesus.

"But when the right time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, subject to the law. God sent him to buy freedom for us who were slaves to the law, so that he could adopt us as his very own children. And because we are his children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, prompting us to call out, "Abba, Father." Now you are no longer a slave but God's own child. And since you are his child, God has made you his heir".

Galatians 4:4-8



Prayer for the first Sunday of Advent

Father, let your hope arise in our hearts!

Lift our eyes up to see that you alone are where our hope comes from.
Help us to shake off the anxiety, discouragements, and distractions that
have filled this year.

May we pause to remember that we have hope in you.

You know the end of our stories, and we give thanks because you have
promised that it will be a victorious ending.

Give us the grace we need to wrap up this year joyfully.

We invite your Spirit into this beautiful Advent season. Renew our sense
of holy anticipation! Let us be those who are waiting eagerly for Jesus to
come again.

More than anything, we ask that you be glorified in this season of
expectation.

Amen.





Gospel reading - Sunday 28th November

Luke 21:25-28

25 "There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea. 26 People will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken. 27 At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. 28 When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

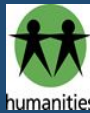
Reflection

Advent is a season of hope and expectation. We are invited to prepare joyfully for the coming of Christ. He comes in history (his conception and birth), in mystery (through the sacraments, and especially the Eucharist), and in majesty (at the Last Day).

In the first weeks of Advent the stress is on this third coming in majesty. Hence today's gospel which we have already prayed with in recent days. The old liturgical year ended, and the new one has begun, with our calling to mind the Lord's final coming at the end of time. We look forward to it with happy anticipation, not with fear.

How do the three comings of Christ impinge on my life? Do I want to deepen my awareness of them as I move through Advent? How firm is my hope?





Cash for Kids is a grant-giving charity helping the children that need it most across the UK.

Our mission is to improve the lives of disadvantaged children and young people in our communities who are affected by poverty, illness, neglect or have additional needs. We believe that all children should be able to express their individuality, achieve their potential and live life to the full.

We work with grass-roots organisations that aim to make a difference to young lives, directly supporting families who often have nowhere else to go.

Collectively Cash for Kids are forecasting to have raised over £19.2 million across the UK in 2020, supporting 396,639 children.

St Ursula's school community will be supporting Mission Christmas, Cash for Kids this Christmas.

How can we be a secret santa:

- 1) Every form class in the school will be allocated an age range for the gifts.
- 2) Students will bring their gifts into school beginning Tue 30th November
- 3) On the last week of term we will place the gifts under the Christmas tree in the student foyer
- 4) On Friday 18th, staff and students will donate the toys to the collection point for them to be distributed for Christmas



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GIFT IDEAS

0-3 YEARS

Teddies, Musical Toys, My First Toys,
Rattles, Books, Play Mats

3-5 YEARS

Cars, Dolls, Jigsaws, Dress Up Items,
Playdoh, Colouring Books and Pencils

5-7 YEARS

Lego, Art and Craft Sets, Skipping
Ropes, Make Your Own Photo Frame,
Snow Globe, Jewellery Set, Action
Figures, Board Games

7-9 YEARS

Footballs, Board Games, Remote
Control Toys, Stationery Sets

9-12 YEARS

Board Games, Make Up Sets, Nail
Varnish

12-18 YEARS

Toiletries, Electrical items
(Straighteners, Mini-speakers),
Aftershave and Perfumes, Jewellery,
Puzzles, Make-up, Books, Lunch Boxes,
Duvet Sets

AND NOW ABIDETH
Faith, Hope, Charity
these three; but the greatest of these is
CHARITY
— 1 Corinthians 13:13



MFL News



During parents evening a few parents asked about the best resources to use to help their child revise/catch up/improve their language skills. I have already posted lots of websites that can be used on the weekly a few weeks back. This was also posted on individual google classrooms for all year groups.

However I have found that the following books have been really successful at helping students revise on their own and give them more confidence. These books have been created by Dr Gianfranco Conti. He has become very popular and respected in the linguist world due to his methodology which has seen amazing results. As a department we have adapted many resources to fit in with his methodology and have found that students have responded really positively to this and have really improved in all their language skills whilst not feeling so overwhelmed by the new language.

I attach the following links to amazon to buy his new books called 'Language gym' which can easily be used at home by students without the need for a teacher to check it over.

The beginners book which is aimed from Y7-9 is below:

SPANISH

[Spanish Sentence Builders - A Lexicogrammar approach: Beginner to Pre-intermediate \(The Language Gym - Sentence Builder Books\)](#)

The answer booklet: [Spanish Sentence Builders - Pre-intermediate to Intermediate - ANSWER BOOKLET](#)



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FRENCH

French Sentence Builders – A Lexicogrammar approach: Beginner to pre-intermediate

The answer booklet: French Sentence Builders - A Lexicogrammar Approach - ANSWER BOOKLET (Language Gym)

If you feel that your child can be pushed further and they would like to do the GCSE in either of these languages then I suggest also looking at the level up to this book aimed at B2-1

SPANISH

Pre-Intermediate to Intermediate - Spanish Sentence Builders (The Language Gym - Sentence Builder Books)

The answer booklet: Spanish Sentence Builders - Pre-intermediate to Intermediate - ANSWER BOOKLET

FRENCH

(currently unavailable)

I appreciate these books are not cheap but they would last a whole year and would certainly help your child feel more confident in languages.

These resources are only suggested in response to requests made by parents. THIS IS NOT OBLIGATORY, SOLELY MEANT AS A SUGGESTION SHOULD YOU WISH TO PURCHASE REVISION MATERIAL.

If you have any questions on these books please do not hesitate to contact me.

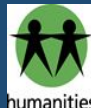
Regards,
Miss Painvin (MFL department)



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Invitation for Parents: Success Beyond School

Free-of-charge careers evenings for parents

SUCCESS BEYOND SCHOOL ★ Trustpilot ★★★★★

Events for parents to enhance their children's futures

"I will definitely be recommending this experience"

FREE TO ATTEND

We are thrilled to announce the last in our *Success Beyond School* series for 2021; **free-of-charge, live online evening seminars designed to help parents supercharge their children's career potential**. Parents can register now for:

Wednesday 1st Dec: Building a Future in Finance

How your child can break into the finance industry

Wednesday 8th Dec: Level up with Law

Support your child on their journey to becoming a top lawyer



Summer Internship Experiences for Ages 12-18



We are already getting booked up for some of our most popular summer experiences in London. **For a limited time only students can get 15% off using code SUMMER15.** Shadow doctors in a hospital, argue a human rights case in the Supreme Court, explore a supercar engine with F1 engineers and much much more. Click below to register now.

[View All: Ages 12-14](#)

[View All: Ages 15-18](#)



You are warmly invited to
St Ursula's Convent School
Advent Carol Service



Sunday 5th December 2021
Our Ladye Star of the Sea, Crooms Hill, Greenwich
4pm

We look forward to welcoming you.