



Dear Parents/Carers,

The theme of Racial Justice Sunday (yesterday) was "In the Image and Likeness of God" and it is with this very much in mind that I am writing to you all now. I know some of you will be aware of a serious racist incident that took place in our school last week. This has been thoroughly investigated by the senior team. The many conversations that SLT have had with students of every year group have proven extremely valuable in supporting the investigation. Given the serious nature of the incident, tough sanctions have been put in place for several students. This includes exclusions.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the vast majority of our students who have continued to behave in the way which we would expect. They are a real credit and an excellent example of what it means to be an Ursuline.

Going forwards, there will be some swift action. This will be:

- Immediately after the half term break introducing the [SHARP system](#) to support anonymous reporting of concerns
- Issuing a public statement against racism on our website: <https://www.stursulas.com/statement-against-racism/>
- Launching a full consultation process on a draft behaviour policy which includes explicit reference to the use of racist and homophobic language
- Also consulting on a draft Equalities, Race Equality and Anti-bullying policy immediately after the half term break
- Our Junior Leadership Team and our Diversity Ambassadors will continue to work with form classes and individual students on a regular basis

We will also continue our commitment to working towards the RACE charter quality mark, ensuring diverse topics are covered in our curriculum, celebrating diversity and ensuring that all students in our community are happy, safe, in receipt of an outstanding educational experience and respected for the individual that God created them to be.

I will open our consultation on the behaviour, Equalities, Race Equality and Anti-bullying policy on Thursday 24th February, 9am and it will run until Thursday 10th March, 4pm. During this process, the Senior Team will hold an open parental coffee morning on Monday 28th February (9.00-11.00am) for any parent(s) / guardians who would like to meet with us. There will be student and staff focus groups and ahead of the Governing body deliberations. We wish all of our community a safe and peaceful half-term and we look forward to welcoming students back to school on Monday 21st February.

God bless

Ms K M Faherty
Headteacher



Notice about school uniform

Outdoor clothing (coats, scarves etc.) will not be allowed to be worn during lessons after the half-term. We will expect students to be in school uniform. We will be following the current guidance to keep doors open at all time, but to open windows periodically.



Term date reminder!



This year schools are required to schedule a day in the academic year in lieu of the Queen's Jubilee which falls in the May half-term. St Ursula's will be closed to students on Monday 14th March. Students should not attend school on this day.

Still need to book your vaccination?

Just a reminder that walk-in sites are vaccinating students aged 12 and over. To book your child's vaccine, please click [here](#).





Written PPEs for Year 11s starting Tuesday 22nd February until Monday 7th March 2022

The PPE timetable is available on the [school website](#). This timetable sets out the day and time of each exam including any practical assessments in the first week back after half term.

Year 11 pupils should be aware of our expectations for this set of PPEs following their exams in November 2021. If you or your child has any questions, please do contact the school. It is very important that we run these exams in line with the Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ) [Information for Candidates for Written Examinations](#). This information should be studied carefully by all students, parents and carers to ensure that the rules and regulations of the PPEs are fully understood. More information, including a video highlighting standard JCQ rules and regulations in examinations, is available on the exams section of the [school website](#).

PPEs will be held in the Sports Hall and students not in exams will be in silent study in their normal lesson classrooms. Any students with access arrangements will have these in place and will be spoken to separately by Mrs Ferreira (SENCo) or Mrs Taylor (Exams Officer) to ensure they understand their arrangements.

The JCQ rules include:

- Pupils must be on time for all exams
- Pupils must not take watches, notes, mobile phones, iPods, MP3/4 players, smartwatches into the exam room
- Pupils must not talk, try to communicate with, or disturb other pupils in the exam room
- Any pencil cases must be completely clear and see through
- Small, plastic water bottles must be completely clear with any labels removed and contain water only.



REMEMBER!

Pupils are responsible for bringing any additional equipment with them each day.

Some exams for example may require calculators, pencils, a ruler or maths equipment.

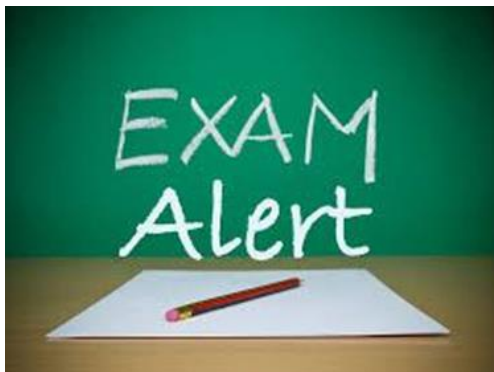
Make sure you have checked with your teacher what you need for each exam.

Answers should only be written in black pen unless the exam paper instructs otherwise.

Pupils must bring at least **TWO BLACK PENS** with them to each exam.

GOOD LUCK EVERYONE!

If you have any questions please contact exams@stursulas.com



SUMMER 2022 EXAM TIMETABLE is now available on the school website

Pupils taking GCSE examinations this summer must remain available until Wednesday 29th June 2022 even if their last exam is before this date. This is part of the awarding bodies' standard contingency planning for examinations.

Important GCSE Information

As we approach the summer examinations pupils and parents must ensure that they are familiar with all the exam information on the [school website](#). Pupils will be provided with a Candidate Exam Handbook before the Easter Break but in the meantime parents can refer to the school website for more information on the strict exam rules and regulations. St Ursula's runs all internal examinations, such as the Year 11 PPEs, in accordance with these rules. In particular pupils should have read and be aware of [JCQ Written Exams](#), [JCQ NEAs](#), [JCQ Social Media](#) and [JCQ Privacy Notice](#).

GCSE Certificates – Pupil Names

Thank you to all the parents/carers who have completed the GCSE name check form on EduLink. The deadline for this to be completed is **12pm Friday 18th February 2022**. Please ensure that you check your child's details in the letter in the 'Document' section of EduLink and then complete the 'Form' to confirm that details are correct. It is vital that details on GCSE certificates match those on legal documents such as birth certificates and/or passports. **Any changes required must be evidenced with an original passport, birth certificate or similar.**



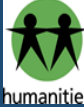
Please contact Mrs Taylor (exams@stursulas.com) if you have any questions.



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