



St Ursula's Convent School

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Dear Parents and Carers

It has been another busy few weeks at St Ursula's.

Our Year 11s are currently completing their PPE's (mock GCSE examinations). These will assist staff to identify where to target support as students prepare for their final examinations (summer term). We are delighted to announce that our Year 11s are also planning a prom so do watch this space for fundraising activities for this event.

We will be marking International Women's Day next Tuesday with a variety of activities for all our students including an evening of presentations from a variety of speakers. Thank you to staff and families who are contributing towards this event and I hope that all who attend our evening event enjoy it.

Finally, I want to thank you for all your comments, suggestions and contributions towards the review of our policies. I will update all in our community following this consultation period.

God bless

Kathleen M Faherty





LENT CELEBRATION

LENT

Fast + Pray + Give

Lent is the season of the church year that follows the Epiphany Season. It is a time we set aside each year to remember the love of God that is poured out through Christ Jesus on the cross in His death; and His defeat of death, sin and Satan in Christ's death and resurrection that brings Eternal Life to you.





A Prayer for Lenten Grace

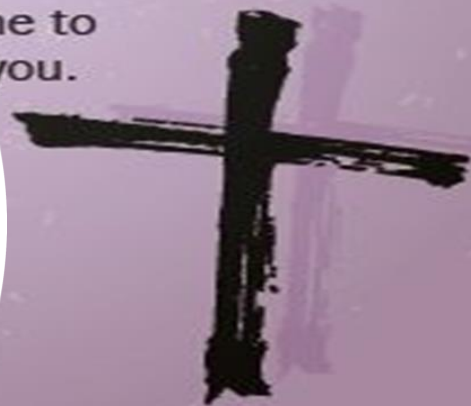
Loving God,
During the sacred season of Lent, bring me closer to you.
Prepare a place in my home and heart for silence and
solitude, so that I may re-discover the grace of a
prayer-full life.

Help me to fast from those things that threaten the
well-being of body and soul and remind me of the
grace of simplicity.

Enlarge my heart so that I give to those in need and, in
so doing, re-discover the grace of gratitude and
generosity.

May this season be a grace-filled time to
rekindle my love for and faith in you.

Amen.





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Clubs are back!

St Ursula's are delighted to be offering our students a new and broad range of extra-curricular activities and clubs. These will commence in earnest in the week beginning 28th February. Students of all year groups are excited to be joining these various activities and the sign up is increasing with each day in readiness for next week. The timetable for these is part of this newsletter and we hope that all students will follow our Ursuline value, Serviam, by supporting and joining these clubs and activities.

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Extra - Curricular Timetable

| Time | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| Before school | Breakfast club – TBA Library 8.00 – 8.30am | Breakfast club - TBA | Breakfast club – TBA Library 8.00 – 8.30am | Breakfast club – TBA Library 8.00 – 8.30am | Breakfast club – TBA Library 8.00 – 8.30am |
| Lunchtime | Chess club Yr7 (wk 2 period 5, F2 Ms Stewart) | Philosophy club Yr 7&8 (wk 1 period 4, Wk 2, period 5 S4 Ms Elderfield) | Knitting club Yr7 (period 5, G7, IZA) Fitness Yr 7&10 (period 5, Mrs Smith- Williams, Sports Hall) Meditation Yr 8,9, &11 (period 4, St Angela's, Mrs Ormerod) Oscar Romero club Yr 9 (week 1 period 4, S7 Miss Cushnahan) Scripture club Yr8,9&11 (period 4, S6 Mr Emuze) | Chaplaincy Yr7&10 (Week 2 period 5, S7, Miss Cushnahan) Chaplaincy Yr8&9 (Week 1 period 4, M5, Mrs O'Donnell) | Chess club Yr8 (wk 1 period 4, F2 Ms Stewart) |
| After School | History club All year groups (U7 Mr Mandalos) Psychology club Yr9&10 (F2, Ms Stewart) Coding club Yr 7 (S10, Mr Nwandison) Sports coaching [basketball, football, netball, hockey, cheerleading] All year groups (Sports Hall) Homework club All year groups (Library, Ms Deegan) Theatre club Yr 7&8 (T5, KER) Diversity club Yr 9 (F11, Mr Collins) | Art Yrs 7-10 (Art1, Mrs Irvine/Ms Tonkin)) Orchestra All year groups (U4, Mrs Meere) Coding club Yr 8&9 (F11, Mr Collins) Sports coaching [basketball, football, netball, hockey, cheerleading] All Year groups, Sports Hall Homework club All year groups (Library, Ms Deegan) | Inspirational Women All year groups (Headteachers office, Ms Faherty) Homework club All year groups (Library, Ms Deegan) | Choir All year groups (Main Hall, Mrs Meere) World cinema club All year groups (F6, Miss Painvin) Homework club All year groups (Library, Ms Deegan) Writers club Yr 11 (M4, Ms Cahalane) | Maths club Yr 7(G4, Miss Lui) Dance club All year groups (Main Hall, Ms Adams) Sports coaching [basketball, football, netball, hockey, cheerleading] All year groups, Sports Hall Homework club All year groups (Library, Ms Deegan) |





STU Students Earn RBG Poetry Competition Special Mentions!

ROYAL BOROUGH OF GREENWICH
DIRECT SERVICES TO SCHOOLS



Last term many brilliant poems written by our students were sent to the RBG Poetry Competition. The theme was 'Choice' and although our school did not win overall, the judges were so impressed that four of our students received Special Mention certificates and positive written feedback!

Congratulations to:

Asia – KS3

Malika – KS3

Tosan – KS3

Nicole – KS4



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St Ursula's celebrated World Book Day with a fundraising Costume Day on Thursday 3rd March 2022! Students donated £2 towards new library books in exchange for being able to wear a book themed costume to school!



YEAR 7 WINNER
GAILE



YEAR 8 WINNER
PATSY



YEAR 9 WINNER
AMELIA



YEAR 10 WINNER
ELIZABETH

A costume competition was held in lunchtimes with many students taking part! A prize was awarded per year, congratulations to Gaile, Patsy, Amelia and Elizabeth! Well done to all participants! Even the staff got in on the fun!





World Book Day



All students received a free £1 World Book Day voucher that can be spent on one of the specially published World Book Day books or to take £1 off any book worth more than £2.99 at participating retailers.

Find out more about the books available here!
<https://www.worldbookday.com/books/>

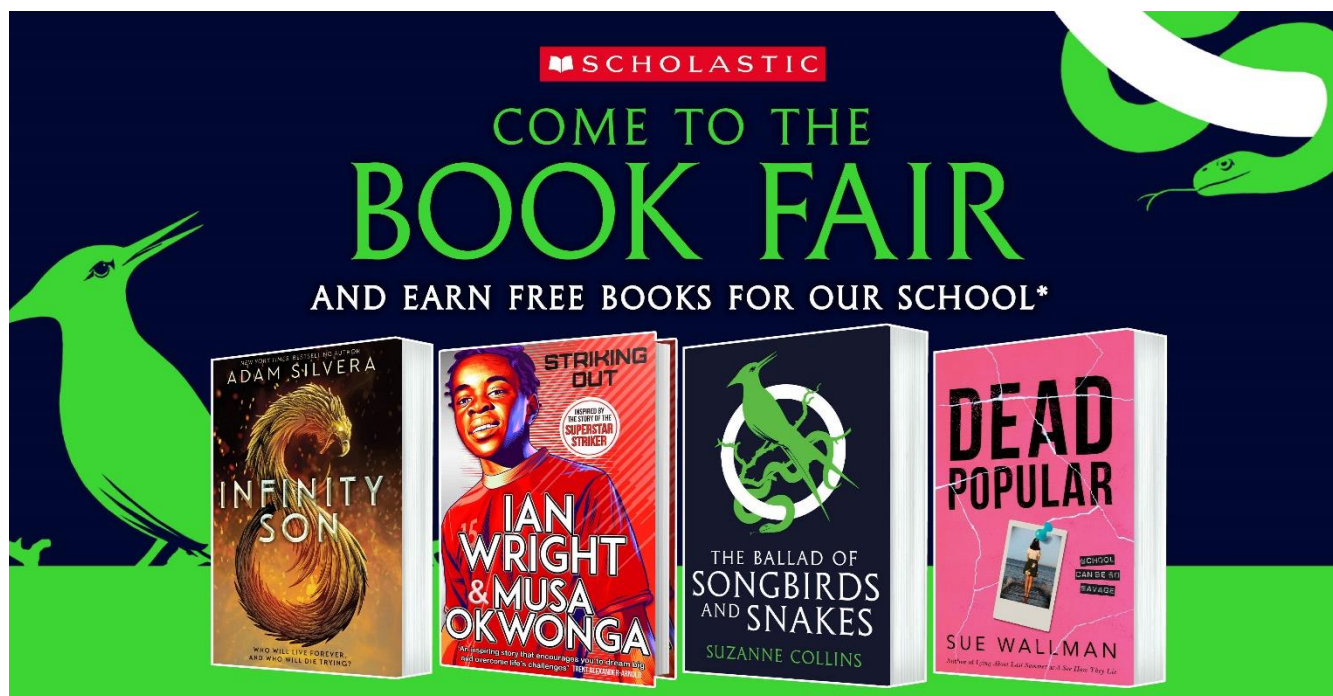
In addition to our lovely costume day, the Book Fairies sneakily hid books for students to find and read throughout the school during the week. The Library Assistants also placed free laminated bookmarks about school for students to find as they went to class, and the multi-round World Book Day Quiz happened throughout the week in Collective Worship! The winning form class will be announced next week and receive their prize!





Victorian Historical Fiction Competition

Miss Deegan and Ms Cahalane have chosen their shortlist for the Victorian Historical fiction competition and will be announcing the winners soon!



The long awaited Scholastic Book Fair will be visiting school from 10th March and students have the opportunity to visit after school and make purchases or pay online for collection. There are lots of amazing titles so please check out the FAQ with all the important information on the next page!



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR FAQ

When is the book fair in school and when can my child visit?

The book fair will arrive on Thursday 10th March and leave at the end of the day on Wednesday 16th March. Students can visit the fair at the end of the day between 3.30 – 4pm on Thursday 10th, Friday 11th, and Tuesday 15th March.

How do I pay for books at my child's Book Fair?

ONLINE PAYMENTS: The use of Wish Lists enables students to select their books and parents to make payment from home/view the books at the Book Fair without being on site. Wish Lists must be returned to school and the books removed from the fair. Any out of stock titles can be ordered in. You can use the online payment system for your child's books up until 12pm on Wednesday 16th March. It is live for pre-ordering from 24th February. Books can be purchased using the list below if students cannot visit the fair in person. The Wish List form is on the next page and the PDF is also in Google Classroom.

ONLINE PAYMENT LINK: <https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay/1197155/checkout>

BOOK SELECTION AVAILABLE: <https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/bookcases/tt>

WISHLIST: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Xw1-BfsKKGjUAgITslyOHk-gesdqcXpq?usp=sharing>

PREPAID VOUCHERS: You can also pre-buy Book Fair vouchers online which can be used to pay for the books at the Fair in person instead of cash. Students must print out the voucher to bring to the fair (you will receive an email with the voucher). The Book Fair Organiser cannot provide change for voucher payments and parents must contact Scholastic for refunds for unspent vouchers.

VOUCHER LINK: <https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/gift-vouchers>

CASH: The book fair will also accept cash, but please keep notes small as change is limited! There will be some small stationery items for purchase at the fair but they cannot be ordered.

Can children use World Book Day Tokens at the Book Fair?

Yes, children can use their World Book Day Tokens to get £1 off purchases at the Book Fair. If parents are paying from home using a Wish List, please ensure you indicate on the Wish List that you are using a World Book Day Token as part of their payment and that they return the Wish List to school. You may only use one book token for a purchase.



MY BOOK FAIR WISH LIST

If you spot any books you like at the Book Fair,
you can write them down on your wish list below

NAME:

CLASS:

| Title | Price |
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Information for Parents and Guardians

If you'd like to purchase any of the books your child has listed and want to avoid sending cash into school, you can pay online at www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay or by purchasing Book Fair gift vouchers. You can find out more about the books available and confirm prices at bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/bookcases. Please indicate if you are redeeming World Book Day Tokens. One per child. ☐

Pay Online: (this is a payment platform only, you do not enter your order)
Visit bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay

If you're at the Book Fair, or if your child has attended and chosen their books, you can now pay online using our secure parent payment system. Once payment is complete, to place your order return this wish list to your school so your child's books can be supplied from the book fair.

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| Reference number: | Total order value: £ |
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Pay with Gift Vouchers:

Avoid handling cash with pre-paid gift vouchers. Visit bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/parents to purchase, available in £5, £10, £15, £20 and £25.

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| Gift Voucher code: | G000 | | |
| Gift Voucher value: | £ | Total order value: | £ |



STU Online Library

Every student at St Ursula's has access to our wonderful online library system and eBook platform. Students can search online for books to pick up in person or reserve, and also to read online. There are thousands of books to choose from and curated reading lists to assist book choice!

Oliver Library System

<https://stursulas.oliverasp.co.uk/library/home/news>



ePlatform Ebooks

<https://stursulascs.eplatform.co/>



An instruction manual on how students can access all online content is available (along with all other library links) on the library padlet page: <https://padlet.com/stulibrary/klnusczmsjdv3qta>

Students should also join the Library Google Classroom Bulletin Board to receive service updates and ask questions. They must use their School Google Account to join: **n4wa3ii**

DOWNLOAD THE EPLATFORM APP FOR MOBILE READING!

In addition to the ePlatform website, students can download the ePlatform eBook reader as an app to their home device and read on a tablet, smartphone or mobile computer, and they can also download content to read offline!

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



OVERDUE AND LOST BOOK FEES



The library does not charge overdue fees; however, some books have been overdue for more than a year, and over 1,000 in total are overdue. Students/Parents have been sent emails including the titles of any books that are overdue by more than 30 days. If the book has been lost or irreparably damaged, it should be paid for on ParentPay in the 'Library Fee' section. The cost of the books are on the printout. Arrangements for book swaps can be made if necessary upon request.

A 'Library Fee' section is available in ParentPay and it 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 your child have lost one of the books on the overdue notice. No action is required until you are contacted. You can also use this facility to donate towards the library for book-buying.



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