



St Ursula's Convent School

The Ursuline News

Week Ending
1 April 2022
Issue Number 13



Dear parents/carers,

This is our final Ursuline News of this term and what an exciting term it has been for us here at St Ursula's!

We have celebrated International Women's Day, Safer Internet Day, and St Angela's Day throughout the term. With Covid-19 restrictions lifting, we've been thrilled to be able to reintroduce our Friday Masses at Our Ladye Star of the Sea. This week we've also celebrated with end of term Achievement assemblies, pizza parties for those students with the most house points, Easter gifts from FOSTUR and Easter Masses. You can read more about this week's events in the rest of this issue of Ursuline News.

Last week, our Year 11 students have received the results from their second set of Pre Public Exams (PPEs). We know our Year 11s will be using this Easter break to continue to revise for their GCSE examinations which begin next term. Students should be aware of the key topics they need to focus on for each of their subjects. Some students will be coming into school for Masterclasses too.

Please let me take this opportunity to wish all of our students and their families a very blessed Easter. After two years of COVID-19 restrictions, I hope you get to cherish time spent with family and friends - something we have all missed greatly.

I look forward to welcoming all students back safe, well and ready to learn on Tuesday 19th April.

Ms Kathleen M Faherty, Headteacher



Our huge congratulations to Lottie Ormerod who was awarded "Teacher of the Year" at the Royal Borough of Greenwich Civic Awards Ceremony this month.



Lenten appeal 2022



Aid to the
Church in Need

ACN UNITED KINGDOM

Aid to the Church in Need is a Pontifical Foundation of the Catholic Church, supporting the Catholic faithful and other Christians where they are persecuted, oppressed or in pastoral need.

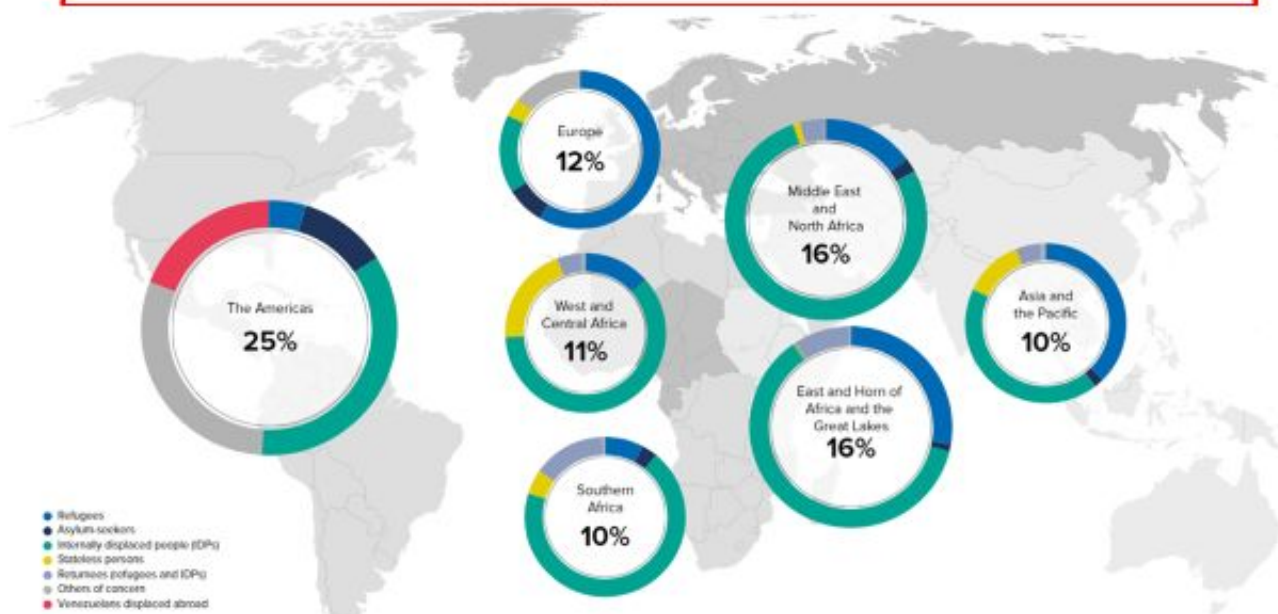
They support over 5,000 projects in more than 140 countries around the world, helping to support the Church in its mission and bringing hope and solidarity to millions of people.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8_nzu8mbXnM&feature=emb_logo

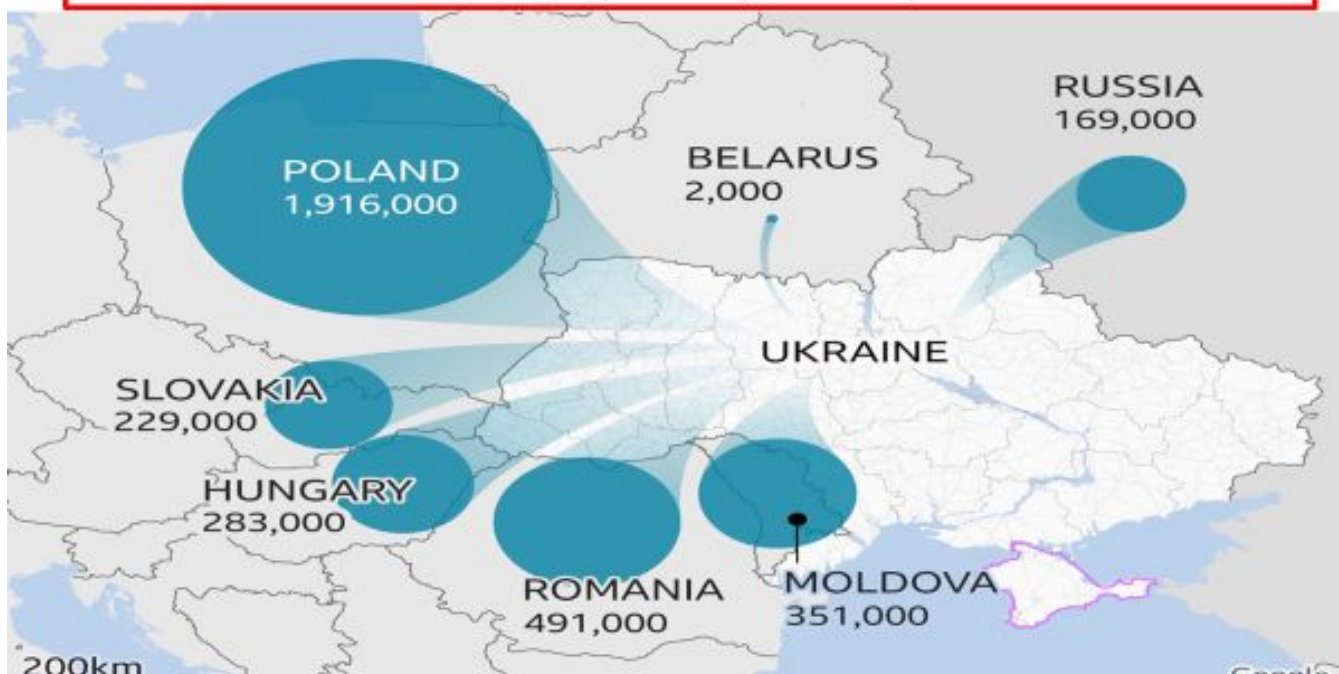


Why are we supporting Aid to the Church in Need (ACN)?

Amount of refugees around the world



Ukrainians fleeing to neighbouring countries





Our Campaigns

Click on the links below to find out more about where the money raised will be going:

[Emergency appeal for Ukraine](#)

[Emergency appeal - Ukraine](#)



[Lent appeal](#)
[Lenten appeal 2022](#)



ACN/Aurelio Gazzera

[Syria appeal](#)
[Syria appeal 2022](#)





NOTICES

Racist incident in Greenwich Park

Some parents/carers might be aware of a racist incident involving a member of the public which took place in Greenwich Park last week. Students reported this incident to the school and we immediately reported this incident to the police. Our school police liaison officer met with students who witnessed this, but the students decided they did not want to pursue this any further. We have told the students, who reported the incident in school, how they can get support in school, but if any other child was affected, they can also speak to any member of the safeguarding and wellbeing team or any adult they feel comfortable talking to in school.

Thank you to FOSTUR

A huge thank you to FOSTUR for their incredibly generous donation of Easter eggs for all students. Those with allergies didn't miss out as FOSTUR provided alternative gifts for these students. We are very grateful - thank you so much.

Secondary Transfer Admissions - Appeals

Please note that the deadline for appeals relating to September 2022 admissions has been extended to **19 April 2022**.

Uniform

Please ensure you send your child back to school with uniform and hair which complies with the school uniform policy and the school hair policy. All year groups have had assemblies this week from Mr Innocent and Mr Nwandison, reminding them of our expectations.

For more detailed information, please see the documents sent by Mr Innocent, Director of Behaviour and Attitudes to all families this week. We look forward to welcoming your child(ren) back on Tuesday 19th April.

Face coverings

After the Easter break, we will no longer be providing face coverings. Anyone in our community is still welcome to wear a face covering if they wish, but they need to bring their own.



★ St Ursula's Got Talent ★

What a marvellous two days of students showcasing their talents ranging from singing, playing a musical instrument and dancing. All ticket proceeds went to the year 11 prom and through tickets and snack sales we raised £308.15 towards the Year 11 prom. Well done to all the performers - a fantastic event. See you next academic year!

Mr Nwandison, Assistant Headteacher





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Royal Greenwich Together

HOLIDAY FOOD *and* FUN

Children who receive free school meals can get a free holiday club place in Royal Greenwich.

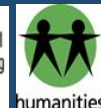
With Holiday Food and Fun there are activity clubs across the borough ready to provide everything from football to arts and crafts, at no cost to parents.

No need to worry about what to do with the kids outside of school – sign up now!

royalgreenwich.gov.uk/holidayfoodandfun

Department for Education

ROYAL *borough of* GREENWICH



Pizza Party!



Congratulations to students on the fantastic achievement of being the top ten in their year group for receiving the most house points so far. Students were rewarded this week with a pizza party lunch from Domino's.

We will continue to encourage all students to conduct themselves in line with our Ursuline values and the Catholic ethos of the school. There will be more celebrations in the future!

Mr Nwandison, Assistant Headteacher



Victorian Historical Fiction Competition Winners!

Thank you to all the students that submitted work to the Victorian Fiction competition! Miss Deegan and Ms Cahalane have chosen their winners. All students will receive detailed feedback on the Google Classroom.

The winners are...

1st Place: Wemi A. Year 9
2nd Place: Niamh O. Year 8
3rd Place: Lily G. Year 9

Well done to everyone who entered!



Top 20 Library Books Loaned in Winter Term (January 3rd – March 24th 2022)

Rank	Loans	Title	Author
1	23	To all the boys I've loved before	Han, Jenny.
2	12	Smile	Telgemeier, Raina
3	11	The Cousins	McManus, Karen M.
3	11	Fallen, Book 1 of the Fallen Series	Kate, Lauren
3	11	P.S. I still love you	Han, Jenny.
6	10	Kristy's Great Idea, The Baby-Sitter's Club 1	Martin, Ann M; Telgemeier, Raina
7	9	Mary Anne Saves the Day, The Baby-Sitters Club 3	Martin, Ann M; Telgemeier, Raina
7	9	My Hero Academia Vol. 19	Horikoshi, Kohei
7	9	The School for Good and Evil Book 1	Chainani, Soman
7	9	Super Awkward	Garrod, Beth
7	9	Two Can Keep a Secret	McManus, Karen M.
12	8	Claudia and the Mean Janine, The Baby-Sitters Club 4	Martin, Ann M; Telgemeier, Raina
12	8	The Fault in our Stars	Green, John
12	8	Murder Most Unladylike, Book 1	Stevens, Robin
12	8	Noughts and Crosses	Blackman, Malorie
12	8	One of us is Lying	McManus, Karen M.
12	8	P.S. I Like You	West, Kasie
12	8	Sisters	Telgemeier, Raina
19	7	Always and Forever, Lara Jean	Han, Jenny.
19	7	City of Ghosts	Schwab, Victoria

Top Borrowers for Winter Term

Each student will receive 4 House Points! Well done!

Year 7: Deborah – 7 Ursula

Year 8: Ijeoma – 8 Catherine

Year 9: Praise – 9 Angela

Year 10: Claire-Isabelle – 10 Ursula

Year 11: Ese – 11 Ursula



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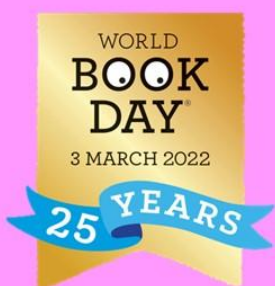
**At the Scholastic Book Fair
students and staff bought
£455.56 of books and stationery!**



You have earned the school library....

£182.22

**in free book credit!
Thank you!**



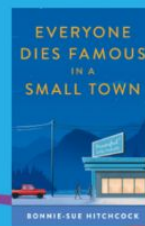
**On World Book Day
students who wore
costumes raised...**



£463

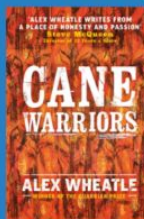
**to purchase new books for the library!
Thank you!**





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CARNEGIE
GREENAWAY
AWARDS

Yoto Carnegie Medal Shortlist 2022



#CKG22

Carnegie Shadowing 2022 Year 8 – 10

Every year Miss Deegan and Ms Cahalane find the first chapter of each of the books nominated for the Carnegie Medal and offer students the chance to read them and vote for their favourites.

The top 3 most popular titles will be purchased for a book club in summer term where students from years 8 – 10 can discuss the texts. Students from year 7 who wish to join will need parental permission due to the maturity of some of the book content.

The link is on the library Oliver v5 website for students to find the extracts and vote!



ROYAL BOROUGH OF GREENWICH



RBG 500 Words Competition

In celebration of World Book Day on Thursday 3rd March, we are inviting all students from Greenwich borough schools to enter our 500 word short story competition.

2022 is the 25th anniversary of World Book Day, so the theme for our story competition is: **celebration**.

You can write any short story you like inspired by the theme of celebration. It needs to be 500 words or under. Please type your entries, if possible.

There will be a winner and runner up for each key stage:

Key Stage 3

Key Stage 4

Deadline:

Weds 20th April 2022

Make sure you include
your full name, school
and year group in the
document!

Join this Google Classroom and submit your
entry to the assignment: **ahvsc6v**

Make sure you have gotten a note from
home stating permission for your entry to
be sent externally for judging with your
name!





STU Online Library

Every pupil at St Ursula's has access to our wonderful online library system and eBook platform. Pupils 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/>



ePlatform

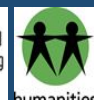
An instruction manual on how pupils can access all online content is available (along with all other library links) on the library padlet page:
<https://padlet.com/stulibrary/klnuszczmsjdv3qta>

Pupils 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, pupils 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 20 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.



GOOD LUCK!

SUMMER GCSE 2022 EXAM TIMETABLE is available on the school website

Pupils taking 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.

Candidate Examination Handbook 2022

Pupils taking external examinations in May-June 2022 will be provided with a candidate handbook and a hard copy of their examination timetable after the Easter break. This handbook must be read carefully by pupils and their parents/carers to ensure that they understand the strict rules and regulations of the GCSE examinations. Candidates must also read and understand the JCQ Information for Candidates documents and more information can also be found on the school website.

If pupils or parents are unsure about any of the information in the handbook, or on their timetable, please contact Mrs Taylor (exams@stursulas.com)



Student / Parent Guides

There is a lot of information available to students and parents ahead of the 2022 examinations – here are some that might be helpful:

- [Ofqual student guide to exams 2022](#)
- [JCQ advance information student guide](#)
- [JCQ FAQs 2022 for students](#)
- [Student guide: preparing for exams](#)
- [How to manage your time](#)
- [Procrastination: how to beat it](#)

MAKE SURE
YOU GET SOME
REST

STAY MOTIVATED







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HOSPICE MINI MARATHON FOR KIDS

Help raise
£50,000 for
your local
Hospice



SUNDAY 8 MAY 2022
ROYAL GREENWICH PARK

SIGN UP: [communityhospice.org.uk](https://www.communityhospice.org.uk)



**Greenwich & Bexley
Community Hospice**

Registered Charity No. 1017406

Kindly sponsored by



Sign up here: <https://www.communityhospice.org.uk/support-us/events/mini-marathon/>



Provisional dates for your diary

Friday 1 April		Last day of term. End of term Masses & form time
Mon 4 – Mon 18 April		EASTER BREAK
Tuesday 19 April		Start of summer term
Wednesday 20 April	15.30	Year 7 virtual online parents' evening
Wednesday 27 April		KS3 Junior Maths Challenge
Monday 2 May		BANK HOLIDAY
Wednesday 4 May		Student Open Door meetings
Friday 5 May		Year 10 Geography trip to London Docklands
Monday 16 May – Tues 28 June		Provisional GCSE start and finish dates
Wednesday 25 May		Enrichment Day for Years 7, 8, 9 & 11
Thursday 26 May		Year 9 trip to the National Army Museum
Mon 30 May – Fri 3 June		HALF TERM BREAK
Monday 6 June	08.00	Parent Open Door 08.00-11.00
Mon 6 June – Tues 14 June		Year 10 MFL orals
Weds 15 – Fri 17 June		Year PGL residential
Wednesday 15 June		Admissions Appeal hearings
Mon 20 – Fri 24 June		Key Stage 3 & Year 11 Exam Week (tbc)
Wednesday 22 June		Student Open Door
Monday 27 June	18.00	Full Governing Body meeting 18.00-19.30
Mon 27 Jun-Fri 1 July		Year 10 Exam Week (tbc)
Monday 4 July		Year 10 Geography trip to the River Darent (1)
Tuesday 5 July	18.00	Year 10 Geography trip to the River Darent (2) Creative Arts Day New Year 7 Induction Evening 18.00-20.30
Thursday 14 July	18.00	Achievement Evening for all staff 18.00-20.00
Friday 15 July	10.00	Late start for students & staff following Achievement Evening
Mon 18 & Tues 19 July		End of year Enrichment Day
Wednesday 20 July		Last day of term Achievement Assemblies & end of term Masses
Thurs 21 & Fri 22 July		INSET DAYS – STUDENTS NOT IN SCHOOL
Mon 25 Jul - tbc		SUMMER BREAK



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A Humanities College and Teaching School



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In the absence of Mrs Adams, please contact Mr Innocent on Ext 104