



# St Ursula's Convent School

## The Ursuline News

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Dear all,

We have had a purposeful and busy start to the summer term.

Staff have been preparing our Year 11s in last-minute preparation classes for their GCSEs. There has also been a focus on planning the end of year prom, which we are all looking forward to.

We were extremely fortunate to have former student Ms Adong deliver inspirational talks to some of our students. Ms Adong spoke about hard work paying off, the importance of Serviam and the fact that once you are an Ursuline, you are always an Ursuline.

It has been lovely to return to our Friday morning Masses at Our Ladye Star of the Sea. We are so fortunate that Father Kevin makes this such an intimate experience. Do join us if you are free at 8am on a Friday morning.

Finally, I want to remind all that Monday is a Bank Holiday. This means that school will not be open. Hopefully, the weather will be pleasant and all can enjoy the opportunities that London has to offer, for example, galleries and museums.

Wishing you all a lovely Bank Holiday weekend. God bless,

**Ms Kathleen M Faherty**  
Headteacher



**SCHOOL IS CLOSED ON MONDAY 2 MAY FOR THE MAY BANK HOLIDAY.  
STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 3 MAY.**



# THE MIZEN FOUNDATION



On the last day of the Spring Term (Friday 1st April) we had the incredible privilege of Margaret Mizen coming to speak to our Y11s about the life of her son Jimmy who was killed in Lee, South East London on 10th May 2008. He was a pupil at St Thomas More in Eltham and very much a part of our wider Catholic Community - some teachers who currently work at St Ursula's used to teach Jimmy.

Jimmy was 16 when he died, about to start his GCSEs, and Margaret spoke beautifully and eloquently to our Y11s about this. We had some fantastic questions, time for collection, and also a poignant collective worship around the themes of love and forgiveness created by our fantastic Junior Leadership Team.

We are so grateful for Margaret's time and to see how faith can be acted out every day in line with our values of ServiAm. We could not have had a better speaker to give our Y11s some perspective and spiritual guidance as we enter the last stage of their education. We are eternally grateful for Margaret's contribution and cannot wait for her next visit.

Read more about the Mizen Foundation at <http://mizenfoundation.org/>.





# WALKING FOR JIMMY



On Saturday 28th May 2022 hundreds of Mizen Foundation supporters walk 21 of London's bridges from Richmond to Tower Bridge.

Jimmy Mizen was murdered during an unprovoked attack in his local High Street a day after his 16th birthday. Walking For Jimmy started in 2013 to celebrate what would have been Jimmy's 21st birthday.

This year marks Jimmy's 30th Birthday and the Mizen Foundation want to make it the biggest walk so far, so that they can spread as much awareness as possible.

**[Register here to take part.](#)**





## SPRING TERM ACHIEVEMENT ASSEMBLIES

Last term's Achievement Assemblies were a lovely chance to celebrate all the hard work and progress the students made between Christmas and Easter. A huge well done to all the students and a big thank you to FOSTUR for donating the 100% attendance vouchers.





## EDULINK UPDATE

Dear Parent/Carers,

You may have already realised that we have activated a feature on Edulink for you to see a summary of behaviour and achievements for your child. We want to ensure there is clear communication between the school and home.

**Please check Edulink to view your child's behaviour and achievement record.**

Many thanks again for your continued support.

**Mr Nwandison**  
**Assistant Headteacher for Behaviour and Attitudes**

## SAFEGUARDING

Our focus for parent/carer information this half-term will be sexual harassment, sexual violence and sexual abuse. Schools have been asked to educate their community on this following the disclosures made on the Everyone's Invited website. Please look out for weekly information from Mrs Adams.

### **Safeguarding - Contact details**

This a reminder to all parents/carers that you must inform the school if someone else is going to be looking after your child because you are away. We will need to know their full name, their contact details and how long they will be taking care of your child for. **It is essential the school has someone they can contact immediately in case of an emergency.**



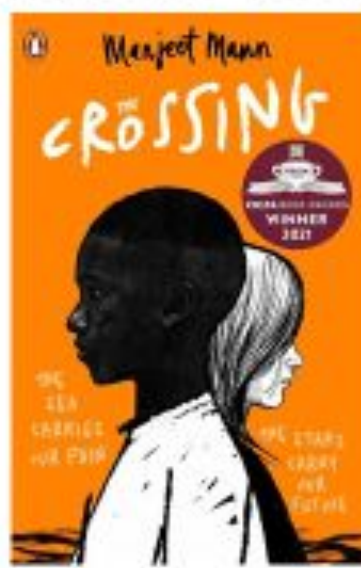


Over the last few weeks STU students have been reading the first chapter of each of the books nominated for the Carnegie Medal. They have voted for their favourites and the top three titles will be used as at Carnegie Shadowing Book Club soon.

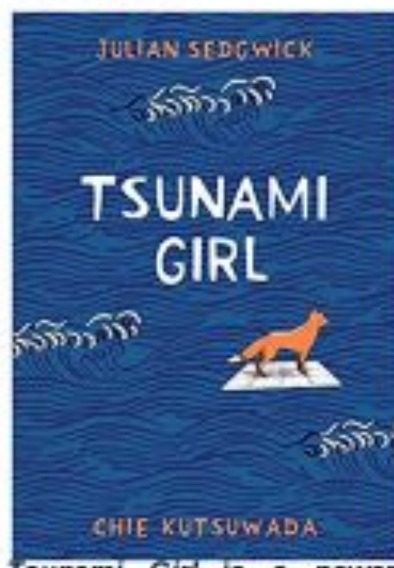
### The most popular books were....



It's 2016 and Aidan is Catholic, Irish, and Republican. Iona is Protestant and British. When the two meet, alone and on neutral territory, the differences seem insurmountable. Everything is keeping them apart, when all they want is to be together...



Natalie's world is falling apart. She's just lost her mum and her brother is full of hate and anger. Sammy has fled his home and family in Eritrea for the chance of a new life in Europe. A twist of fate brings them together and gives them both hope. But is hope enough to mend a broken world?



*Tsunami Girl* is a powerful coming-of-age story of 15-year-old Yuki Hara Jones who gets caught up in the March 2011 Great Eastern Japan Earthquake and Tsunami. It's about a young person trying to work out who they are, and where they fit - and trying to do this whilst surviving the trauma of a triple disaster.



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



**£463**



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



Well done to all the students that helped raise  
£463 by donating to dress in book themed  
costume on World Book Day!

Each form class will be able to nominate one  
book/series for the library to purchase.  
Students will discuss and nominate their  
books by Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May.

**Well done everyone!**





## Year 11

### Library Book Returns 2022

The exams are fast approaching, please see details of [library book return deadlines](#) below!

**ALL** library **FICTION** books must be returned by:

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

**REVISION AND TEXT BOOKS** return deadline is:

**Thursday 23rd June 2022**

Lost books must be **refunded** or **replaced**. You can do this by:

- Paying for a replacement on ParentPay in the library fee area
- Buying a new copy of the same book to replace it
- Donating a different book or revision guide in good condition
- Pupils can check their current loans by logging into their Oliver library account or seeing Miss Deegan.

**Students can donate revision guides and school uniform!**





## 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/klnusczmsjd3qta>

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>



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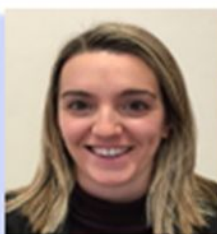


### St Ursula's Convent School

A Humanities College and Teaching School



*The Designated Safeguarding Team for  
St Ursula's Convent School*



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M6  
EXT 126



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EXT 111



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EXT 114

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