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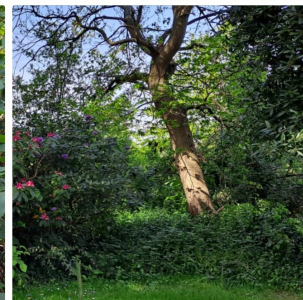
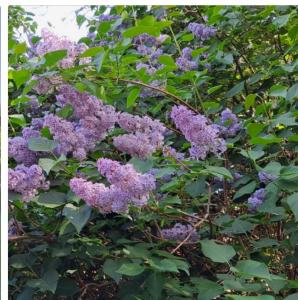
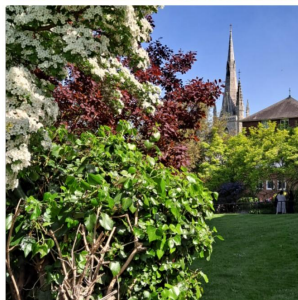


Dear all,

I hope that you have managed to enjoy some of the recent glorious weather. It certainly has been shining brightly here at St Ursula's!

Our Year 11s are currently having their last few lessons ahead of their additional revision sessions. We cannot believe how quickly time has flown by, and I am sure Year 11 are just as surprised that we are rapidly approaching exam time.

As we think about Year 11 leaving us and our new Year 7 intake joining us I thought this would be a good time for all of us to stop and take stock on the year gone by.



I would like to draw your attention to **FOSTUR** (our parents/carers association). This group of parents do make an incredible difference to our school through fundraising which finances additional equipment for our students. We can easily support FOSTUR to raise further funds for our school by signing up to [easyfundraising](#). To do so, click on the link below – if you haven't yet signed up this will get FOSTUR an extra £5 when you sign up.

[easyfundraising - sign up here](#)

For those that have already signed up – here is the link:

[Friends of St Ursulas Fundraising | Easyfundraising](#)

This is a quick and easy method of fundraising for our school.

Wishing all a good weekend and God bless,

**Kathleen M Faherty, Headteacher**





# SEND Coffee Mornings



On Friday 25th March, St Ursula's SEN Department organised a coffee morning for parents of children with dyslexia. Parents had the opportunity to meet a dyslexia specialist who gave an informative talk, shared ideas and resources both for home and at school. There was then an opportunity over coffee for parents to ask questions, share their experiences and in doing so, provide valuable input on how to strengthen the support of pupils with dyslexia.

Since then, KS4 pupils have been keen to start a Dyslexia Club. The first meeting took place during a break time, where KS3 pupils were able to share their experiences with one another and KS4 pupils readily gave their advice.

Another coffee morning took place on Friday 6th May, but on this occasion, the focus was on Speech, Language and Communication Needs (SLCN). Our Speech and Language Therapist, assigned to St Ursula's, provided an in depth talk on what SLCN is and how a pupil with SLCN can be supported both at home and at school. Feedback from parents was very positive:

*"The whole session was informative and educational. It identifies and puts concepts to my observations."*

*"It helped me understand my child more and where to support her at home."*

*"I have learnt a lot on how to help my child to be confident and to communicate effectively both with adults and her peers."*

No doubt coffee mornings will be a regular event at St Ursula's!



## ST URSULAS GOT TALENT - WINNERS

### FIRST PLACE (300 house points to your house)

KS3: 9 Ursula - Miracle, Ose, Ariana, Uchechi & Nkechi with 36.7% of votes

KS4: 10 Angela - Sky, Rhea with 24.8% of votes

### 2ND PLACE (200 house points to your house)

KS3: 7 Angela - Kamsi and Chioma

KS4: 11 Francis - Marvellous and Ibitola

### 3RD PLACE (100 house points to your house)

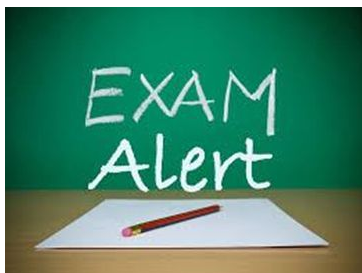
KS3: 9 Elizabeth - Matilda

KS4: TIE - 10 Elizabeth - Cameron AND 11 Catherine - Zahrah & Kaylyn

Congratulations to 9 Catherine who raised an amazing £146.38 for the **Ukraine Appeal** through their Easter Egg raffle.

Well done!





# GOOD LUCK!

## SUMMER GCSE 2022 EXAM TIMETABLE is available on the school website

**Pupils taking examinations this summer must remain available until Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> 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 have been provided with a candidate handbook and a hard copy of their examination timetable. This handbook must be read carefully by pupils and 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](mailto: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





## ☀️ WELL DONE ☀️

One of our Year 9 students took part in the Mini Marathon on Sunday 8th May raising £135 for the Bexley and Greenwich Hospice. She ran 2.62 miles in 25 mins! *#thisgirlcan*







## 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/>



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/kl nusczmsjdv3qta>

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>



## Update on COVID-19 vaccinations for 5 to 11 and 12 to 15 year olds

The in-school COVID-19 vaccination programme ended on Friday 1 April. 12 to 15 year olds are still able to access the vaccine outside of schools at a vaccination centre, pharmacy or walk-in centre.

Further information on this can be found in our new [Education Hub blog post](#).

Healthy 5 to 11 year olds are also now being offered vaccinations outside of schools in vaccination centres, pharmacies, GPs and walk-in centres.

It remains important that those most at risk from COVID-19 are protected with vaccinations. For more information, we have updated our blog on [vaccinations for clinically vulnerable children and young people](#).

For all 5 to 11 and 12 to 15 year old vaccinations, please signpost parents to where they can [book COVID-19 vaccination appointments online](#) for an appointment at a vaccination centre or pharmacy, or [find a walk-in COVID-19 vaccination site](#), to get vaccinated without needing an appointment. Parents should also have received a letter from the NHS with more information about how to get their child vaccinated.





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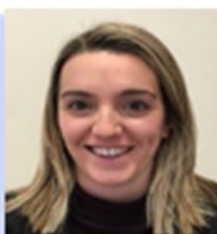


### St Ursula's Convent School

A Humanities College and Teaching School



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



**Mrs Adams DSL**  
Ext 103  
Ground Floor



**Mr Innocent**  
EXT 104



**Mrs Kerr  
U5**  
EXT 105



**Mr Nwandison**  
EXT 104



**Ms Ormerod  
L1**  
EXT 119



**Mrs Higgins  
L2**  
EXT 111



**Ms Cahir  
U5**  
EXT 105



**Mr Mandalos  
M5**  
EXT 109



**Ms Cushnahan  
S3**  
EXT 108



**Mr Fisher  
M6**  
EXT 126



**Mrs Altman  
L2**  
EXT 111



**Mrs Mariategui  
L2**  
EXT 114

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