



St Ursula's Convent School

The Ursuline News

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Dear all,

I hope that you are well and that you are all looking forward to a lovely half term break.

Our Year 11s are now part way through their GCSE examinations. Understandably, this has been a challenging time for many, but it is important to remember that hard work pays off. Many of our staff will be running GCSE revision sessions during the half term break in order to support final preparations for the upcoming examination papers. I know Year 11 are extremely grateful for this opportunity. I am thankful to the dedicated and committed staff who are giving their own time during the break.

Year 7-10 will be having their end of year examinations shortly after half term. It is important that they thoroughly prepare for these. The results will be published to families before the end of term.

Many of you have heard about the tragic incident that has impacted the community at St Thomas More Catholic School. We have been in touch with the staff at the school to express our condolences at the recent and tragic death of their Year 9 student. We have also set up a function on ParentPay for any staff, parent or carer that would like to make a donation. Any funds raised will be passed to St Thomas More School and the Headteacher will consult with the family at an appropriate time as to their wishes on how funds will be used. **ParentPay will be open from Friday 27th May until June 6th, 4pm.**

Finally, I would like to wish you all a wonderful half term break and hope that all joining in The Queen's Platinum Jubilee festivities have a wonderful celebration.

God bless,

Ms Kathleen M Faherty

Headteacher



Our Year 10 Urban Synergy Ready for Work Conference - read more on pages 2 & 3



Urban Synergy Ready for Work Conference (Year 10)

On Tuesday 24th May, Urban Synergy, a charity that works with getting students career ready came into school to deliver their Ready for Work conference to our Year 10's, ahead of their final year at St Ursula's.

These programmes utilise individuals from a variety of professions who voluntarily offer young people (mentees) support, guidance and encouragement to achieve their best. The charity believes that high profile role models from all walks of life can make a positive difference to a young person's life and in a relatively short amount of time, Urban Synergy has become a dynamic force for positive change.



The day consisted of 5 sessions including; goal setting, presentation skills, CV writing and mock interviews. Students had to prepare a CV for a job interview for a role at John Lewis. Throughout the day, they learned how to prepare and conduct themselves professionally which was then followed by the mock interview.

We had over 50 volunteers from the City of London who were prepared to interview our students and give feedback. Following this, students were given the opportunity to act on their feedback and re-interview with a different volunteer.



Our year 10's excelled and stepped up to the challenge. This was evident from the positive feedback received from the Urban Synergy team along with our St Ursula's staff. All students left feeling motivated and ready to move forward to achieve their future career goals.

Once year 10 move into year 11, they will get the opportunity to enroll for the free Urban Synergy Mentoring Scheme so please stay tuned for more information.

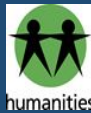
Lastly, this will be an annual event, meaning the current year 9's will have the same opportunity to experience this worthwhile and inspirational Careers intervention next year when in year 10.

The photos on page 3 give a flavour of the day.



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End of Year Assessments

As we come to the end of the academic year, we will be evaluating and celebrating our students' progress across the curriculum.

The assessments will begin the week beginning 27th June for Years 7 to 10. GCSE Music, MFL and Art for Year 10 may have components outside of this time frame. A timetable will be shared with students after half term, and teachers will be sharing revision lists on Google Classrooms.

Mrs K Izard
Director of Quality of Education

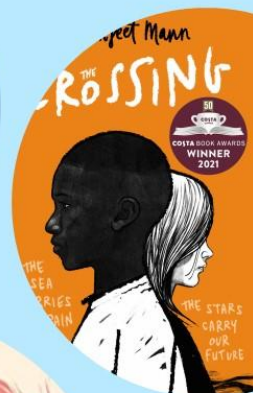


Carnegie Shadowing Book Club starts next term!

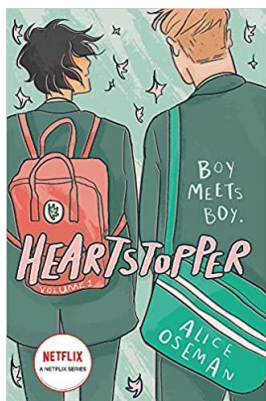
Carnegie Shadowing Book Club 2022

Do you love reading? If you would like to join Carnegie Shadowing Book Club for summer term, please add yourself to the Book Club Google Classroom (link on the Library Google Classroom) and add your name to the Google Sheet reservation list for the book you would like to read.

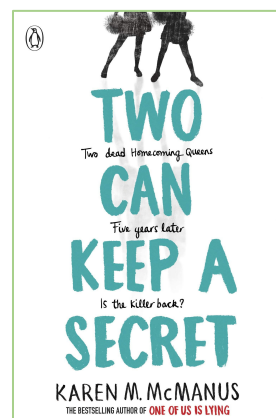
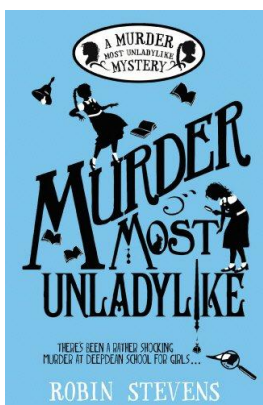
Book Club will be held either at lunch or after school once a week in summer term with Ms Cahalane and Miss Deegan. Please keep an eye on the Library Google Classroom for all the links and info!



Top Graphic Novel this half term



Top 3 Novels this half term





Year 11

Library Book Returns 2022

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

ALL library **BOOKS** must be returned by:

Thursday 23rd June 2022

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

- Paying for a replacement on ParentPay in 'library fees'
- 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/klnusczmsjdv3qta>

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>



NEW ST URSULA'S PE KIT

Dear Parents and Carers,

After Student council consultation, we are delighted to share the new St Ursula's PE kit from the new academic year 2022. I am sure you will agree it looks more comfortable and the material is more suitable for physical activities that students undertake .

A reminder of the updated PE kit uniform policy, that is also on the website:

PE Games Kit (**compulsory**)

- St Ursula's fleece joggers
- St Ursula's fleece PE jumper
- St Ursula's polo shirt
- St Ursula's socks, navy blue that cover the ankle
- **At least one of the three items below:**
Skort / Shorts / Leggings
- A pair of predominantly white, navy or black sports trainers (Leisure shoes, canvas shoes and plimsolls are not allowed.)

<https://www.bailwood.co.uk/>

Bailwood Fashions Ltd (020 8852 8727)
246 Lewisham High Street, SE13 6JU

This is the only outfitters that can provide the new PE kit that is **compulsory for Year 7 September 2022 intake onwards**. Current students can purchase this as well from 1st June 2022.

Mr Nwandison
Assistant Headteacher





HOLIDAY MEALS

Free lunches are available for school children during May half-term.

Pick up a healthy packed lunch from libraries and leisure centres on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday during the break.

Simply turn up and tuck in, there's no need to register beforehand.

Kids can pick from a selection of sandwiches, fruit and drinks – there's something for everyone's taste.

For a full list of locations and serving times visit royalgreenwich.gov.uk/holidaymeals or see the table below.

Venues	Mon 30 May	Tues 31 May	Wed 1 June
Woolwich Library	12pm	12pm	12pm
Eltham Centre	12pm		12pm
Plumstead Centre	12pm		12pm
Thamesmead Leisure Centre	12pm	12pm	12pm
Greenwich Centre		12pm	
Plumstead APC	2pm		
Woolwich Adventure Play		2pm	
Glyndon Adventure play		2pm	
Meridian Adventure Play		2pm	
Coldharbour Adventure play	2pm		



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