



St Ursula's Convent School

The Ursuline News

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Dear all,

This latter part of the summer term has been incredibly busy with a huge variety of activities. Our Year 11s have completed their GCSE examinations and had a wonderful celebration at their prom last Friday evening. It was a spectacular evening that would not have happened without the work of a significant number of our staff. Year 7-10 have now completed their examinations and are getting set for a number of activities that staff are preparing for them - many have been signposted in this edition of the Ursuline News.

It was wonderful for us all to come together and celebrate the Feast of St Peter and St Paul in Our Ladye Star of the Sea this week with Father Victor. Both our Masses were extremely prayerful and reverent - very fitting for this important Feast. We are planning to have our end of year Masses in the Parish Church and our students will also have an opportunity for further prayer and reflection towards the end of term in our retreat programme (see next pages).

As we near the end of term, I will write a lengthier piece covering end of term / start of new academic year matters.

God bless,

Ms Kathleen M Faherty, Headteacher





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Enrichment days at St Ursula's

Thur 7th July

Year 7

Main Hall

Year and Form
activities all day



Sion

Catholic Community
for Evangelism



Year 8

Sports Hall

Morning activity:
'Life to the Full'
Year and Form
activities all day

The Prime Agency

Year 8

Sports Hall

Afternoon activity:
The Prime Agency

Year 9

St Angela's

All day - Practical
drama workshop on
Romeo & Juliet



Year 10

Jack the Ripper Tour
&
Street Art Tour

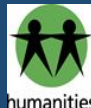
**TFL travel passes & Lunch
vouchers for FSM students**



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Mon 18th July



Year 7

Museum of London
Docklands

****TFL travel passes &
Lunch vouchers for FSM
students****

Year 8

Dover Castle

Meeting point: 8:30am on the grass area across
from the school path

Coach return: Charlton Way at 4:30pm approx

****Lunch vouchers given to FSM students****



Year 9

Main Hall

All day - Greenwich Dance
Academy Workshop

PE kit required

Year 10

Work Experience Day





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Tue 19th July

YR 7 & 10

Morning:

'Retreat workshop'



Afternoon:



End of Year Mass

YR 8 & 9

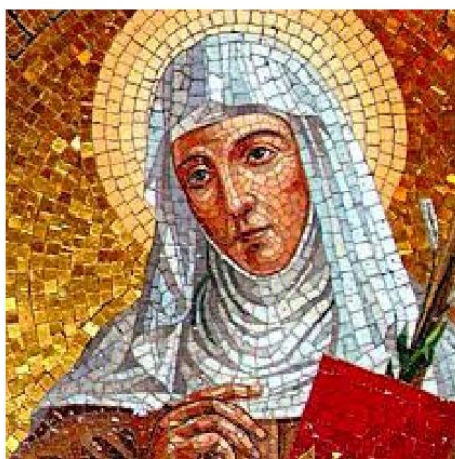
Morning:



End of Year Mass

Afternoon:

'Retreat workshop'



DO SOMETHING

GET MOVING

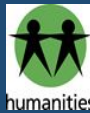
BE CONFIDENT

RISK NEW THINGS

STICK WITH IT

THEN BE READY FOR

BIG SURPRISES



Year 8 visit the National army Museum



Thirty Year 8 students visited the revamped National Army Museum on 28th June with the History department. It was the second time we have been there since the COVID pandemic and staff and students were impressed with the 'new look' displays and layout of the Museum.

Students got to take part in an artefact handling session based on the British Civil wars. This was interesting in developing analytical skills but was also a chance to dress up in military outfits and to handle actual objects from the war. Students were divided up into three groups: Footsoldiers (Pikemen), Musketeers and the Cavalry. They had to examine and put on the uniforms, try out the weapons and use the input of the Museum experts to present their findings to the other students.

After lunch we undertook a tour of the Museum. This was a fact-based evidence trail including many other interesting aspects of conflict in the past few centuries. Exhibits included Napoleon's horse from the battle of Waterloo and some chilling looking modern weaponry.

One of the most fascinating galleries was the army and society gallery, which looked at propaganda, film and even board games based on military strategy. Another popular area was the 'Soldier' gallery that offered students the chance to test their abilities and even get told off by a Sergeant Major.

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Year 8 visit the National army Museum (cont.)

The St Ursula's students' behaviour was exemplary when touring the galleries and they had to show teamwork to complete the trail sheets and research aspects of war on wider society.

The winning groups overall were:

1st place: Hannah M & Rebecca C

"In 1704 the Duke of Marlborough used fake bridges to disguise his route."

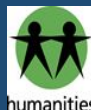
2nd place: Alicia M & Danielle A

"Soldiers living in close proximity created their own language."



Mr Turpie





ST URSULA'S CULTURE WEEK

From Monday 4th July we will be holding a cultural week. This has been planned by the pupils of the school Diversity group and is designed to enable all students and staff to celebrate the different cultures of our school community.

For four days of the week, we will focus on a different area of the world. Different activities and events will be held throughout each day for all to enjoy.

This will culminate on an own clothes day on Friday 8th July where all students and members of staff are invited to wear elements of their cultural dress or clothing linked to their cultural history.

Please see below for the schedule of events on offer:

| MONDAY 4 TH JULY | TUESDAY 5 TH JULY | WEDNESDAY 6 TH JULY | FRIDAY 8 TH JULY |
|---|---|---|--|
| AMERICAS | ASIA/EUROPE | CARIBBEAN | AFRICA |
| FOOD TASTING 30 guest P4 (yr8&9) Free ticketed event | FOOD TASTING 30 guest P4 (yr8&9) Free ticketed event | FOOD TASTING 30 guest P4 (yr8&9) Free ticketed event | FOOD TASTING 30 guests p5 (yr7 &10) Free ticketed event |
| Basketball P4/P5 30 guests (yr 7 - 10) Free ticketed event | Arts Origami Session P4 /P5 30 guest (Yr 7 - 10) Free ticketed event | Caribbean Spoken Word/Music p4/5 30 guest (Yr 7-10) Free ticketed event | African dancing 1 session P4/5 Ticketed event paid dance instructor St Angela's Hall |
| | | | FASHION SHOW P6 and 7 ticketed event paid St Angela's Hall |



Year 7 PGL trip to Marchant's Hill *15-17 June 2022*



Two weeks on from returning from our annual year 7 trip to PGL at Marchants Hill, Surrey, we have had some time to reflect on the wonderful time we had.

Friendships were strengthened, new friendships fostered, goals achieved and fears overcome. Students got to experience a range of activities from abseiling, sensory trail, trapeze and the always-favourite giant swing. Even the staff joined in.

The highlight was for sure, getting Mr Xavier back with the water balloons on the last day. Memories made that will last a lifetime!

Well done Year 7 - you were fantastically behaved, mature and fun-loving on this trip.



WE HAVE SIGNED BITC'S RACE AT WORK CHARTER

Race at Work Charter

We are pleased to announce we are now a signatory of the Business in the Community Race at Work Charter. Ethnic minorities still face significant disparities in employment and progression, and that is something we need to change. The Charter is composed of seven [calls to action](#) for leaders and organisations across all sectors. Signing the Charter means taking practical steps to ensure workplaces are tackling barriers that Black, Asian, Mixed Raced and other ethnically diverse people face in recruitment and progression and that their organisations are representative of British society today.



The Prince's
Responsible
Business Network





YEAR 11 PROM AT THE CLARENDON HOTEL 24 JUNE 2022

This year's Prom was thoroughly enjoyed by students and colleagues. There are a few notable mentions that made the evening a great success.

- FOSTUR for kindly donating £1200 towards the funding of the Prom.
- Mrs Irvine, Mr Mandalos and me for being a part of the team that ensured it was successful.
- Mrs Bradley, Mrs Stone and Mrs Ball who helped decorate the venue.
- Mrs Buckmaster in finance for ensuring suppliers were paid in time and setting up ParentPay.

Thank you to teachers that were able to provide pictures of the students at various points of their time at St Ursula's. I was able to compile a leavers' video which left many students tearful.

We would especially like to thank all the Year 11 parents and carers for their support over the last five years. We wish all our Year 11 students Class of 2022 the very best in the next part of their journey, and they will always be an Ursuline no matter where they are. SERVIAM.

Mr Nwandison, Assistant Headteacher





NOTICES

School Production of "A Doll's House" (H. Ibsen)

We are sorry to inform you that the scheduled performances of the school play, "A Doll's House" will not go ahead next week.

This is because a key staff member leading the drama production is absent due to ill health.

We are sorry for any disappointment this may cause, but we can assure you that the the play will be rescheduled at an appropriate time in due course.

Water Bottles

Please ensure that students come to school with a filled water bottle.

Please also remind students that these bottles can be refilled at break and lunch times, but not during class time.



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The CILIP Carnegie
& Kate Greenaway
Children's Book
Awards

SHADOWING
THE CILIP CARNEGIE & KATE GREENAWAY
CHILDREN'S BOOK AWARDS

Carnegie Shadowing Book Club 2022

The next book club meetings for Carnegie Shadowing are:

Venue: M4 – Tues, S2 - Weds

Time: Period 4 Lunch

Dates:

THE CROSSING – Tues 5th July

GUARD YOUR HEART – Weds 6th July

Participating students should bring their lunch to M4 (and their copy if they still have it!) and be prepared to talk about the novel! Treats will be available too!



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**CARNEGIE
GREENAWAY
AWARDS**



RBG Literature Quiz 2022

Two teams of four students from year 7 and 8 will be participating in the Royal Borough of Greenwich School Literature Quiz on Tuesday 5th July at our neighbouring school - Joan Roan! Students will compete and answer questions about books and graphic novels from different genres with the chance to win book prizes and a trophy! There will also be a visiting author called Sarah Morrell who will be selling and signing books and giving an author talk.

Good luck to our teams!



LIBRARY CLOSURE DATES

Due to GCSE trips, the library will be closed all day on the following days. Students must plan their library use accordingly:

MONDAY 4TH JULY 2022
TUESDAY 5TH JULY 2022

Year 11

Library Book Returns 2022

The exams are over! Please see details of [library book return deadlines](#) below!

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

Wednesday 20th July 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/>



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>



SUPPORT FOR ROYAL GREENWICH RESIDENTS

Face-to-face advice is available for Royal Greenwich residents at our outreach advice hubs. Participating organisations are Welfare Rights Service (for benefits advice), Citizens Advice (for debt and generalist advice), Plumstead Law Centre (for immigration advice) and Greenwich Housing Rights (for housing advice).

Advisers are also available to assist residents needing help to apply for the £150 or £65 **Energy Rebate payment**. If parents need help to apply, please signpost them to any of the advice hubs listed in the table below and advise them to bring a copy of a bank statement so that it can be uploaded. This is drop-in support, so residents can just turn up if they need help.

| Location | Date and time | Advice available |
|--|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| The Forum, Trafalgar Road SE10 9EQ | Mondays 10am to 12 noon | Debt, housing and welfare benefits |
| Migrant Hub - Woolwich Common Community Centre, Leslie Smith Square SE18 4DW | Tuesdays 10.30am to 1.30pm | Immigration, advocacy and housing |
| St Mary's Community Centre, Eltham High Street SE9 1BJ | Wednesdays 10am to 12 noon | Debt, housing and welfare benefits |
| Thamesmead Moorings Sociable Club, Arnott Close SE28 8BG <i>*This hub is run by Peabody and funded by the GLA</i> | Wednesdays 9.30am to 12.30pm | Housing and immigration advice |
| Glyndon Community Centre, Raglan Road SE18 7LB | Thursdays 10am to 12 noon | Debt, housing and welfare benefits |
| Woolwich Clockhouse Community Centre, Woolwich Dockyard SE18 5QL | Fridays 9.30am to 12 noon | Welfare benefits, housing and debt |

Also, the claim form for the no recourse to public funds: free school meals additional pupil premium, is now live. You can access the claim form [here](#).

The deadline to submit your claim is 11:59 on 8 July 2022.

You can access the guidance [here](#).



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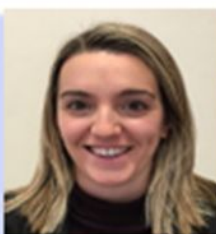


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