



St. Julie's Catholic High School

Weekly Newsletter

Week Beginning 1st April 2019

Forthcoming dates for your diary...

4th April
Year 9 Parents
Evening
3:45-6:00pm

5th April
Year 10
Humanutopia event
All day

5th April
Finish for Easter
Holiday
3:15pm

23rd April
First day of Summer
Term

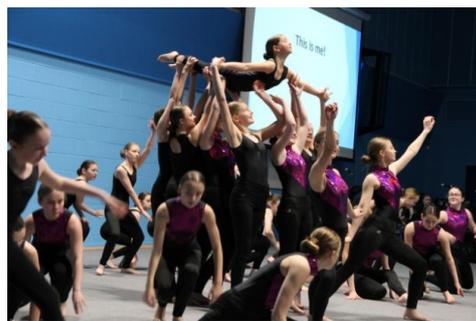
13th May
Year 11 and 13
Exams Begin

28th June and 1st July
School INSET days



Taking A Bow At Awards Evening

This week saw a welcome return to some of our former students as our community celebrated achievement at our annual Awards Evening. The evening saw entertainment from some vibrant performances of dance and song bookending the presentation of awards. You can read more about the event and some of our headline winners in the [full story on our website](#).



St. Julie's Celebrates Foundation Day

Students in Years 7 and 8 were joined this week by staff, governors and invited guests in a celebration of Foundation Day. We started the ceremony in beautiful Spring weather in our Peace Garden, where among the olive trees our Head Girl, Bridie, raised the flag proclaiming 2019 as 'The Year Of The Saint'! Read [more here](#).



Welcome Back To A Former Headteacher!

We were delighted to welcome former Headteacher Sister Mary O'Brien back into St. Julie's this week. Sister Mary, known as Sister Kevin when headteacher, came to speak to our pilgrims heading to Rome later this year and to share her eyewitness memories of St. Julie's canonisation at St. Peter's in 1969.

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Awards Rush At Wirral Festival

St. Julie's performers have had a fantastic weekend at the Wirral Music Festival with both group and individual wins. You can find more detail about how we did and a great video of the choir in action in the [full story](#).



Overwhelm at OLA

Overwhelm, the school's music ministry team, are regular visitors to Our Lady of the Assumption Parish and were delighted to join the parishioners and pupils from St. Gregory's Primary School once more this weekend. During the Mass for the 3rd Sunday of Lent, Overwhelm played and sang really well, mixing some old favourites like Shine, Jesus, Shine with a new setting of the psalm of the day.



Megan is now Mary!

Congratulations to former student Megan Wade who has blown into Disneyland Paris on a wind from the east, as Mary Poppins! We're looking forward to going to see her!



KS3 Dancers Are A Work Of Art

On Thursday evening 16 students from years 7-9 took part in MDI's 'Works of Art' performance evening. The students performed a piece based on the display of 226 shoes at St George's Hall. Each pair of shoes represented a child that had taken their own life last year. Read more about the performance [here](#).

Safeguarding Notice: TikTok App

[This document](#) gives advice to parents about some potential associated risks of the TikTok App.

Easter Revision Opportunities

The programme for Easter revision sessions has now been published, which is pertinent to students in Year 11 and Year 13. You can see [the itinerary here](#).

Year 11 and 13 Public Exams

Year 11 and 13 Exams start from Monday 13 May. We wish all our students the very best of luck during the exam season. Important previously published candidate information is available for [Year 11](#) and [Year 13](#).

Masterclasses

In the lead up to GCSE examinations and during the exam season, all students will have the opportunity to attend Masterclass lectures prior to each individual exam. Further information will be provided to students nearer the time regarding the timetable.

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Supporting Your Child During Exam Time

As we start to move towards exam season, Young Minds have launched advice for parents about supporting their children.

Tips include:

- Encourage your child to take revision breaks and find a balance between studying and doing things they find enjoyable and relaxing.
- Make sure they are eating and drinking at regular intervals.
- Reassure them – reinforce that you are and will be proud of them no matter what happens.
- Remain positive and hopeful!
- Let them know their feelings are valid and normal, but also offer support and solutions where possible.
- Anxiety is often worst at night and this means it is useful to encourage good bedtime routine

You can find out more [here](#).

Sixth Form Applications

Sixth Form applications and interviews are well underway, but it's not too late to [make an application](#).

Careers Updates

Careers updates this week include details of top companies hiring in March, apprenticeships with Sky TV and information about an Open Day at Myerscough College. [Click here](#) for more.

App - Discord

The social aspect of gaming is hugely important to many children, who will want to keep in touch with other gamers, such as their friends. An app that seems to be increasing in popularity is Discord. This app plugs into lots of other apps (i.e. Twitch, YouTube, Reddit) so potentially information is going to be shared across different platforms.

As with many other apps you have to be 13 or over to use it, but there's no age verification at all in place. For a brief explanation have a look at the review on the Common Sense Media website [here](#).

Hub of Hope Mental Health Database

The Hub of Hope is the world's first of its kind mental health database bringing grassroots and national mental health services together in one place for the first time ever. Using the location of web browser or mobile devices, the cloud-based web application allows anyone, anywhere to find the nearest source of support for any mental health issue, from depression and anxiety to PTSD and suicidal thoughts, as well as providing a 'talk now' button connecting users directly to the Samaritans.

It is currently the biggest and most comprehensive resource of its kind, with more than 1,200 validated support networks already registered on the web app and this number increasing each day. It has been endorsed by the Samaritans and 25 other national mental health support organisations and trusts.

Find Mental Health support in your area here: <https://hubofhope.co.uk/>

Weekly Attendance Round Up

The attendance at St. Julie's last week is shown in the table below.

Group	% Attend
Year 07	95.7
Year 08	96.1
Year 09	96.9
Year 10	96.3
Year 11	93.5
Year 12	94.0
Year 13	91.9
Totals	95.4

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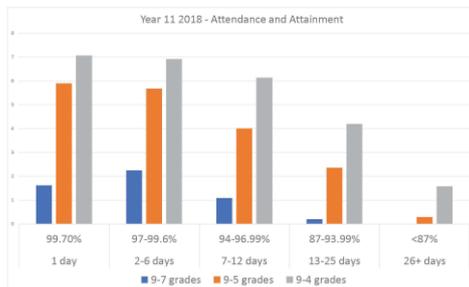
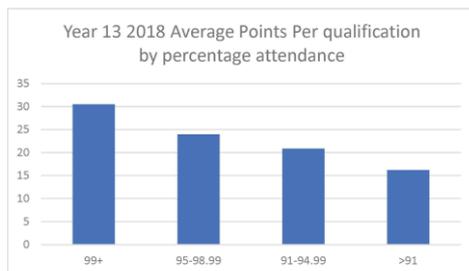
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In Year 11 last year, students with 97% or above attendance were twice as likely to get top 9-7 grades in their GCSE as those with attendance between 94 and 96.99% and over ten times as likely to get top 9-7 grades as those with attendance between 87 and 93.99%. No students with attendance of below 87% achieved a 9-7 grade in any subject.

The drop-off in attainment really starts when students' attendance falls below 97% (so not having 100% attendance is not a guarantee that performance will dip - but it does show that our minimum expectation is 97% for a reason)

In Year 13 last year, students with the best attendance did on average 15 points - equivalent to a grade and a half - better in their A Level qualifications than students with attendance of below 91%.

In-School Sickness

At this time of year, sickness is often prevalent. We have a system in place in school to support students that are feeling unwell. Pupils must not phone or text home and arrange to be collected and parents should only arrive at school to collect a sick child once they have spoken to relevant staff in school. In any instances of sickness or more general upset, pupils must report to staff for assistance and

cannot under any circumstances remove themselves from lessons and remain unsupervised. Pupils contacting parents themselves usually causes unnecessary worry and distress to parents. Parents arriving at school unannounced cannot always be seen by staff and may have to wait before being able to take their daughter home, if this is what they wish to do. We would ask that parents/carers support the school with this system.

May we further remind parents that as well as contacting school on the day of each absence, students should be provided with a written note from parents on their return to school.

Administration of Medication

It is the responsibility of parents/carers to inform the school of their child's medical needs before the student joins the school, or as soon as a new medical condition is diagnosed.

Parents/carers **must complete** the appropriate Form ([Form 3B](#)) [Parental agreement for school setting to administer medication](#). **A member of staff cannot administer medication for your daughter unless the completed form is returned to school. Written permission from parents/carers is required** for students to self-administer medicine(s). A Request to Self-Administer Medication Form must be completed (see Form 7).

In instances where a pupil feels unwell during the school day, they should speak to their Progress Leader at break or lunchtime. The normal expectation would be that, if a pupil has been deemed well enough to attend school, then they ought to remain in school for the full day. Pupils must not use mobile phones to contact parents during the school day to request to be picked up from school. If their Progress Leader deems it necessary for the pupil to be sent home, they will ask the Admin Team

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to contact parents. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Parking

Can we please remind people that:

- There is no on-site parking for parents or carers
- Parking is not allowed on the yellow 'zig-zags' in Woolton Street or on double yellow lines, including those on Speke Road between Watergate Lane and Manor Road
- Please also do not use parking facilities reserved for the use of other organisations, such as Woolton Day Nursery

All local schools and nurseries have asked their School Liaison Police Officers to support in ensuring that no young person is put at risk of harm by illegal or inappropriate parking. There is ample free, safe and legal parking available on High Street, a two minute walk from the school which pupils can reach without crossing any roads.