



St. Julie's Catholic High School

Weekly Newsletter

Week Beginning 30th August 2021

Forthcoming Dates for your Diary

10th August

A Level Results Day

12th August

GCSE Results Day

1st September

INSET Day 1

2nd September

Year 11 Lucid Testing

2nd September

Year 7 arrive for Induction Day at 8:30am

Year 9 and 11 arrive at 9:30am

Year 8 and 10 arrive at 10:30am.

6th September

School Photographs



School Sports Day!

After an extended hiatus the school community has once again descended on Wavertree Athletics Centre for a spirited Sports Day! Although a regular fixture on the school calendar, the move to our new building, some extreme weather and a global pandemic have all proved stumbling blocks in our staging of Sports Day in recent years. This year, we made it! Read the full story and check out the photo gallery video in the [story on our website](#), and the photos on page 6 of this newsletter!



Year 11 Celebration Goes Online!

We'd have loved to have had our annual celebration with Year 11 students in their ceremonial robes, but current circumstances led us to an equally lovely celebration with song, speeches and happy memories. Thank you to all the staff and students who worked hard to contribute to the ceremony.



Friday Morning Takeaway!

The final Friday LIVE @ 8:55 broadcast of the year took place in front of a live audience of Year 9 students. Taking Saturday Night Takeaway as its inspiration, this Sacred Time broadcast was presented by Abbie and Freya - our very own Ant and Dec - with Sarah as our guest announcer in the booth! [Read all about it here!](#)

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Big City Art Challenge

Congratulations to Eve in Year 11 for a first prize win in the Big City Art Challenge! The competition was open to both young and old across Liverpool and the idea was simple – all you needed to do was create a work of art that represents your hopes and dreams for the future, or perhaps what makes you truly happy, in order to spread some cheer as the nation emerges from the grips of a pandemic. Eve's serene entry was gouache on card and represents calm after the pandemic, and her work certainly caught the imaginations of the independent panel of judges, who awarded Eve first prize in the 13-18 category. Her prize is a lino-cutting kit and we are confident it will yield equally impressive results!

End of Term and New Term Arrangements

Please [see this letter](#), circulated recently by Mrs McCourt for details of the arrangements for our Sports Day which has now passed, but also included are important arrangements for the **last day or term** and the **beginning of the new term** in September.

Exams 2021

Summer 2021 GCSE and A Level Exams Centre Policy

An updated version of the ratified exams policy for the Summer 2021 season can be [found here](#).

Appeals Process 2021

We have received updated guidance on the appeals process for grades for 2021. This information has been circulated by Mrs McCourt in two letters, copies of which are available [here](#) and [here](#).



Letter from Director of Children's Services

Please [click here to read a letter](#) from Liverpool City Council Director's Steve Reddy and Matt Ashton which we have been asked to circulate.



Achievements Celebrated in Merit Assemblies

Students in Years 7 to 10 have enjoyed special assemblies each day this week celebrating their achievements throughout this turbulent year. The assemblies were a great way to end the year and involved lots of applause, lots of achievement certificates and lots and lots of chocolate!

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On Site Lateral Flow Testing

The final day of testing for this academic year went smoothly but did identify a small number of positive results. We'd like to thank all of the students for their co-operation and maturity as we swiftly responded to those results.



The Girls' Network: Impact Report

We've had our mid year impact report in from our mentoring programme with The Girls' Network, and the results are worth reading! The programme has made a hugely positive impact, with some of the headline figures below:

100% of mentees said that they believe their mentor is a good match.

100% of mentees said that they are more confident trying new things.

100% of mentees said that they are more confident meeting new people.

90% of mentees said that they are more confident making decisions compared to the beginning of the programme.

You can read more [highlights from the report here](#).



YPAS Transition Information Day

YPAS are hosting a virtual support meeting offering information, support and advice about transitioning to a new school. The event is taking place on Wednesday 28th July from 10am to 11:30am, and services in attendance are Bullybusters, Kooth and Liverpool's Whole School Approach Mental Health Support Team. Make your booking by contacting bookings@ypas.org.uk.



Year 8 Are Gr8!

Students in Year 8 have been sharing what an amazing Year Group they are! They were asked by our Wellbeing Ambassadors what they felt made Year 8 a truly special Year Group and the response was overwhelmingly....Gr8! The responses have been collated into a fantastic display for all to see, and you can [see some pictures on our website](#).

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Where Can Humanities Take You?

In the picture above you can see the fantastic display created by Miss Rimmer and Mrs Naylor along our Humanities corridor. It is a common misconception that studying Geography and History means you can only become a teacher. This shows you that there are many routes, including teaching, you can take if you study a Humanities subject. You can [read more](#) in the full story on our website.

Academic Calendar for 2021-22

A print friendly version of the Academic Calendar for 2021-22 has been published for parents and a copy is [available here](#). As you will be aware, events are sometimes subject to change and the most up to date version can always be found in the calendar on our website.



Well Done To Year 7 Mathematicians

Congratulations to the members of our MESME Maths Circle Club who have throughout the year have spent their club time honing their mathematical skills with weekly challenges and puzzles. The problems explore different problem solving techniques, including deductive reasoning and trial and improvement. We look forward to seeing them going even further next year!



Blooming To Life!

You may remember that in May our students planted some wildflowers in the school garden. This week they returned to assess how things have grown and bloomed. The students learnt how gardening and spending time in nature can have a great impact on our mental health and wellbeing - as well as being great for the environment and bees!



Bilingual Books!

Over the past two weeks, pupils in Year 7 have applied all their learning from this past year to create a bi-lingual children's book. This project has encompassed cross-curricular links with English and Computer science, and the content of the books include: colours, transport, animals, free-time activities, time phrases and present tense, all helping to stretch linguistic skills. You can see some of [their fantastic work here](#).



Back To Business!

A pandemic did not stop our performers getting straight back to

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morning classes! Our dance students have thoroughly enjoyed returning to morning sessions with our new choreographer, Miss Grimsditch.



Congratulations to Primary's Got Talent Winners: Bishop Eton!

Congratulations to the students of Bishop Eton for lifting the trophy at our 'Primary's Got Talent' competition! The students clinched the title in the Performing Arts competition against some stiff competition. Well done to all of the participants - we hope you had as much as we did!

Some Fond Farewells...



Mr Anderson joined St Julie's in September 2014 from St Cuthbert's Catholic High School in St Helens, where he had been a much-loved teacher and leader. He retires this week with a similar place in the hearts of everyone who has known him at St Julie's in his role as Lay Chaplain. Not only has Mr Anderson played an integral role in ensuring that the Catholic life of the school remains 'Outstanding', his sheer presence and his witness to the Christian faith have been shining (you might say lighthouse-like!) examples and sources of comfort to all members of our school community.



After 22 years at St Julie's, **Mrs Delaney** is retiring this week. A valued member of the support staff, she has been a Year Head, Learning Coach and the self-declared 'School Nan'. She will be dearly missed by staff and students alike, but we wish her a healthy retirement full of adventure and happiness.



Mrs Whitfield is retiring from teaching after 31 years at St Julie's. During her time at St Julie's Mrs Whitfield has been responsible for the delivery of Food Technology and Catering courses, as well as Health & Social Care at GCSE and in 6 Form. As a 6 Form Tutor, Mrs Whitfield has supported hundreds of students with their applications to University, work and Further Education placements. As such, she has truly played her part in doing what St Julie asked of her teachers, to 'teach them what is necessary for life'.

Also leaving St. Julie's at the end of term for new opportunities are Mr Bennett, Miss Callicott, Miss Donohue, Miss Ognjanovic, Mrs White and Mr Young. We wish them all well and hope they take happy memories of life in our school with them.



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Liverpool ASD Training Team

New Dates for ASD Team Virtual Support

The Liverpool ASD Training Team are providing a series of virtual drop in advisory sessions via Zoom. They are for parent/carers wishing to talk in a private one to one setting about any questions or concerns they may have about their child. You do not require a diagnosis of ASD to book your place.

Dates for August/ September

Monday 9th August
Tuesday 10th August
Wednesday 11th August
Tuesday 17th August
Wednesday 18th August
Thursday 19th August
Tuesday 24th August
Wednesday 25th August
Thursday 26th August
September
Thursday 2nd September
Friday 3rd September
Monday 6th September
Tuesday 7th September
Thursday 9th September

The session times on each day are:
9:30-10:15
10:30-11:15
11:30-12:15
13:00-13:45
14:00-14:45

To book your place please email your choice of date and time and you will be emailed a zoom link. There are two places available for each time slot.

asdtrainingteam@liverpool.gov.uk



Stars of the Week!

Congratulations to all of our 'Stars of the Week' in this final week of term for continuing to impress with their special efforts. Thanks go to Daniella and Azuo this week for sharing their pictures with us.

Safeguarding: Summer Safety

We've added a lot of new stories about staying safe over summer in the safeguarding section of our website. You can [find them here](#).



National Careers Service Webinars

The National Careers Service is delivering a series of webinars for parents and carers whose children are receiving results this August. It has been a challenging year for students and the National Careers Service want to equip parents and carers with advice to support their children on the day. Learn more and [find the sign up links here](#).

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Recommended Read for August

A little in advance, our recommended read for August is J.D. Salinger's 'The Catcher In The Rye'.

'If you really want to hear about it, the first thing you'll probably want to know is where I was born and what my lousy childhood was like, and how my parents were occupied and all before they had me, and all that David Copperfield kind of crap, but I don't feel like going into it, if you want to know the truth.'

The first of J. D. Salinger's four books to be published, The Catcher in the Rye is one of the most widely read and beloved of all contemporary American novels.

End of Year Reports

End of year reports for students in all year groups have now been compiled and posted to parents and carers.

Covid Home Testing

Students participating in home testing should **continue to test twice weekly**.



SEND Support Helplines

Helplines for Settings and Families In response to the current coronavirus pandemic, Liverpool Local Authority's SEND Support Services would like to offer advice

and support to our settings and families during this difficult time.

SENISS Helpline: 07591837693

If your child has special educational needs and you are wanting to know more on how to support their learning at home then please ring for professional advice, support or practical strategies.

Monday: 1pm – 4pm, Wednesday:

9am – 4pm, Friday: 9am – 12pm

Alternatively, you can email your concern to seniss@liverpool.gov.uk

Educational Psychology Service Helpline: 0151 233 5978

If you are concerned about your child's emotional wellbeing or managing their behaviour then please ring for professional advice, support or practical strategies.

Monday to Friday: 9am – 4.30pm

Alternatively, you can email your concern to

epsadmin@liverpool.gov.uk

ASD Training Team:

07522800193/07515501854

Advice and strategies for families of children and young people with autism or social communication needs.

Monday to Friday: 9am – 12pm

Alternatively, you can email your concern to

ASDtrainingteam@liverpool.gov.uk

Children's Occupational Therapy Service

Please contact the Children's <https://learnliveuk.com/network-rail-secondary-school-safety-talk/OccupationalTherapist> who is supporting the child for advice or alternatively for general enquiries please email chot@liverpool.gov.uk

Liverpool Sensory Service

Please contact the Sensory Specialist Teacher who is supporting the child for advice or alternatively for general enquiries please email

sensoryservice@liverpool.gov.uk

Parent Chat Live

[Action for Children Parent Chat](#) is a free and confidential live chat with a qualified parenting coach in the UK. Staff are there to talk about family

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life, caring for children or managing your wellbeing as a parent. The chat service is a safe space for a parent to share their concerns. There will be someone to listen, take time to understand a parent's situation, and work with the parent to find possible solutions. If appropriate, they may suggest ideas for where to get extra support.

Liverpool Citizens Support Scheme

If you find yourself in crisis you can apply for support to get food and basic necessities for you and your family including gas and electric vouchers (urgent needs) and furniture and household essentials (home needs).

An emergency or crisis might be a fire or flood, or you have had to move due to violence or fear of violence, or you are leaving care or prison and need support to stay in the community. There are [more details available here](#).

Domestic Abuse:

There is clear evidence that nationally and locally the frequency of incidences of domestic abuse have increased during periods of lockdown. If you or someone you know is suffering from domestic abuse then the following resources will be of use:

- Merseyside Police provide a range of [local and national helplines](#), including a vital resource for adults '[#It's abuse](#)'.
- The [Bright Sky app](#) is an excellent resource for victims of domestic abuse.
- The [Hideout](#) resources provide support for children who have witnessed or suffered from domestic abuse

Members of the Safeguarding Team are in school every day during lockdown and can be contacted in the usual way, with the safeguarding@stjulies.org.uk email

address being the best way to make contact out of hours.

Mental Well-being Support

Children and young people, parents and carers in crisis can call the **Alder Hey CAMHS crisis care line** 24 hours a day, seven days a week on 0151 293 3577 or freephone 0808 196 3550. They should only present to Accident Emergency Department if they need medical treatment or are struggling to keep themselves safe in the immediate moment.

Anxiety UK – Charity providing support if you have been diagnosed with anxiety
Phone: 03444 775 774 (mon to Fri 9.30am-5.30pm)

CALM – Campaign against living Miserably, for Men ages 15-35
Phone: 0800 58 58 58 (daily 5pm-midnight)

Mental Health Foundation – support for mental health concerns
[https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/](https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk)

MIND – Meeting mental health needs
Phone: 0300 123 3393 (mon-Fri, 9.00am-6.00pm)

No Panic – support line for panic attacks and OCD
Phone: 0844967 4848 (daily 10.00am-10.00pm)

Give Us A Shout
Immediate support by text for people of all ages.
<https://giveusashout.org/>
Text 'SHOUT' to 85258

PAPYRUS – Suicide prevention team
Phone: 0800 068 4141 (mon – Fri, 10.00am – 5.00pm, 7.00pm - 10.00pm, weekends, 2.00pm-5.00pm)

Rethink Mental Illness – supporting mental health all ages.
Phone: 0300 5000 927 (Mon -Fri, 9.30am-4.00pm)

Samaritans – supporting those experiencing feelings of despair
Phone: 116 123 (free 24 hour helpline)

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Kooth Guidance for Adults

Kooth is a free, online self-referral counselling service for young people that has had some really positive feedback. The guide for adults, [available here](#), gives more information about the kinds of services that young people can access and explains about how the system works.

Covid Reporting

Please continue to review the [information sent out each week in the bulletin](#) with regard to the importance of notifying school immediately if your child tests positive for COVID-19. Please continue to contact school in any of the normal ways - the main switchboard (0151 428 6421) during working hours; or reception@stjulies.org.uk or safeguarding@stjulies.org.uk for out of hours notifications. School have taken all reasonable steps to raise awareness of this. Thank you.

Microsoft Office 365 Licencing

All students at St. Julie's are licenced to install the Microsoft Office 365 suite on up to five computers at home at no cost. You can find out more about how to complete the installation in this [remote learning guide](#).



Covid-19 Information and Risk Assessment

All parent/carers can access the school's Covid-19 risk assessment [here](#).