



St. Julie's Catholic High School

Weekly Newsletter

Week Beginning 2nd March 2020

Forthcoming dates for your diary...

5th March

Year 8 Options Evening

11th March

New Year 7 Welcome Event

12th March

Year 10 Parents' Evening



Students Follow the Gold Rush in the USA!

Over the February half term, 43 students set off for the trip of a lifetime to the West Coast of the USA. The tour took in the majesty of the Grand Canyon, the glitz of Las Vegas, the bohemian culture of San Francisco and the celebrity of Los Angeles and Beverley Hills. You can find out all about their adventures (and celebrity spotting!) in the [full story on our website!](#)



Ashes to Go

The first day of Lent was marked at St. Julie's with an opportunity to receive ashes made from palm branches burnt from last year's Palm Sunday celebrations. The blustery weather abated at just right the right time for ashes to be distributed in the Peace Garden. Find out [more about it here](#).



Year 7 Experience

Humanutopia

Every student in Year 7 has engaged in an empowering activity workshop today with Humanutopia. The delivery was helped along massively by our wonderful team of Sixth Form volunteers, who worked with small groups of students throughout the entire day. We hope that the students found the day to be a very positive one!

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COVID-19 Advice

Advice relating to the COVID-19 virus is being updated frequently, and the government have several sources for information. The specific resources for educational settings [are available here](#).

Other useful links are given below:
<https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/italy>

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-information-for-the-public>
<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

We are publishing links, rather than reproducing the information on our school website, simply to ensure that the information that you see is always the most up to date available.



Brilliant Club Students Graduate!

Congratulations to the latest graduates of the Brilliant Club! The students in Years 10 and 11 earned their place at the ceremony at the University of Liverpool following the submission of detailed assignments that they had researched alongside PhD tutors. Congratulations to all of the students for a well deserved outcome to their hard work that will stand them in good stead for their

future applications to University and the world of work.



Plugging Into The Network

Some students from Year 10 spent time today learning about how to plug in to the Girls' Network. The network is an exciting organisation that aims to inspire and empower girls by connecting them with a mentor and a network of professional female role models. Once the students complete their year-long mentoring journey, they graduate and access membership to a lifelong ambassador programme.



Drama Students Hit The West End!

This half term our drama students have hit the capital for 2 days of theatre, sightseeing and celebrity spotting! After much anticipation, students from Year 11, 12 and 13 finally got to see the West End hit, 'Waitress' which is currently starring the multi Grammy award nominated songwriter Sara Bareilles who has come to join the London cast for a limited time only. Find out who they were lucky enough to sit next to and see the photos [in the full story](#).

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Year 11 Chefs Showcase Talent in Exam

Our Year 11 Catering students have been showcasing their skills under pressure in their practical exam. The exam runs over a single session and requires students to follow a detailed time plan that they have devised to deliver a meal prepared entirely from scratch ingredients, including bread and pastry products! Check out the [mouth-watering photos here](#).

Final Place Available on Barcelona Trip

We have one place left available on the MFL department trip to Barcelona for Year 8, 9 and 10 students in May. For more information please contact Ms Mathison as soon as possible.

Year 10 Mock Examination Timetable

The timetable for Year 10 mock examinations, commencing on the 16th March is [now available for viewing and printing](#). Please be aware that good attendance and punctuality is vital throughout the mock exam season, and full equipment should be brought to each exam. An individual timetable will be provided for each candidate shortly.

Safeguarding: BBC 'Own IT' APP

The BBC have created a new APP that helps everyone, and particularly young people, regulate what they post online. Once the APP is installed on someone's phone it recognises if they type something

inappropriate whilst on a social media. The OWN IT then suggests they may want to reconsider sending the message. By doing this, the APP is helping young people to self-regulate their behaviours. Alongside the OWN IT app the BBC has also created a number of short videos to help children and young people seek advice about staying safe online: <https://www.bbc.com/ownit>

Safeguarding: 'In a world where you can be anything, be kind'

The tragic suicide of Caroline Flack has reminded us all of the need to continue to reach out to those experiencing difficulties with their mental health and consider who around us, both young and old, needs support. There is considerable guidance on each local area's CAMHS website, including how to seek support if a young person is in crisis: <https://www.liverpoolcamhs.com/emergency-advice/>

CAMHS Factsheet: Anger

The Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) have produced a series of helpful factsheets for parents. This week's theme is '[Anger](#)'.

Careers Updates

There's loads of information updates this week, including the latest apprenticeships parents pack, some tailored resources for parents and some useful guides on accessing specific careers. We've also got the [Careers Live show](#) happening soon on the waterfront which gets the 'must see' thumbs up from Mrs Mannings. As always you can get the [latest information here](#).

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Attendance Summary

Attendance figures for week 21 are given below.

Group	% Attend
Year 07	95.2
Year 08	92.8
Year 09	94.7
Year 10	91.8
Year 11	92.9
Year 12	92.3
Year 13	91.4
Totals	93.3

Whilst we work very hard as a school to foster good attendance we recognise that it is the responsibility of parents to support their daughter in meeting the definition of 'Regular Attendance' which for us is defined as 97% attendance. Thank you for your work towards meeting this responsibility.

Students with below 90% attendance are classed as 'Persistent Absentees' and so sit at 'Stage 4' of our attendance procedures, which can trigger a range of actions and interventions. Over the coming weeks and months, as a part of a new city-wide initiative we will be working with a range of agencies, including local GP surgeries, to support these students in raising their attendance. Further information will be provided in due course.

In-School Sickness

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

Parking

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- 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.