



# St. Julie's Catholic High School

## Weekly Newsletter

Week Beginning 2nd September 2019

### Forthcoming dates for your diary...

**15<sup>th</sup> August**  
A Level Results Day  
from 9am

**22nd August**  
GCSE Results Day  
from 9am

**3<sup>rd</sup> September**  
Return to school for  
all students  
Please see Page 2

**4<sup>th</sup> September**  
Individual Portrait  
Photos

**19<sup>th</sup> September**  
Open Evening  
4-6pm



### Back From The Big Apple!

Students from year 9-13 in Performing Arts have just returned from the Big Apple! The trip saw 5 days of fun filled activity including dance workshops at the Alvin Ailey Centre, drama with Steps on Broadway, Studios Times Square for stage combat, a visit up the Empire State building, a cruise to the Statue of Liberty, tuk tuks around Central Park and a shopping trip to 5th Avenue. The trip rounded off with a Broadway show of 'Mean Girls' the Musical. What an experience!



### Walking the Battlefields

On the 8th July a group of Year 8, 9 and 10 students set off on a journey to visit the battlefields of the Great War. The tour included moving visits to several cemeteries and some important museums that helped to illustrate the conditions that warring soldiers on both sides had to contend with. Read Hannah's account [on the website](#).



### St. Julie's Building Shortlisted for Design Award

St Julie's Catholic High School was one of 6 construction projects in Liverpool that were short listed for a North West Regional Construction Award, 2019. Architects IBI Taylor Young designed our building and Kier Construction built it. These awards are very prestigious and being shortlisted was a significant achievement!

We wish all students, parents, carers, staff, students and governors a safe and happy summer!

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### Congratulations to Lucky Ticket Winner!

Congratulations to Kiera in Year 9 who won two tickets for the Vitality Netball World Cup being hosted in Liverpool. Kiera was awarded the tickets for her outstanding commitment to sports at St. Julie's, and we hope she enjoyed the event, and getting acquainted with some of the most talented netball players in the world!



### Breakfast of Champions!

The winners of our Merit Cup in each Year Group tucked into a hearty celebration breakfast on the last day of term as a reward for their hard work and good conduct. Congratulations to all of them!

### Pilgrim's Progress

We reported to you recently about our Pilgrimage to Rome. We've now got some photos and video for you in the [full story on the website!](#)

### Summer Newsletter

We have circulated a printed newsletter to all parents which contains some important information for next year in the centre pages. You can see [an electronic version here.](#)

### Congratulations to award winning School Physicists

We'd like to offer congratulations to Lois Bent in Year 12 and Lucy

White in Year 10 for earning awards at the prestigious Schools Physicist of the Year Awards at the University of Liverpool and supported by the Ogden Trust. The two students were recognised for their natural talent and aptitude for Physics, in addition to their dedication to the subject.



### The Brilliant Club Graduates

On Wednesday 17 July twelve Year 7 and 8 students attended The Brilliant Club Graduation event following their successful completion of a 2000 word assignment. The results were outstanding. Each project focused on STEM and challenged their critical thinking and evaluation skills. We are extremely proud of their achievements. Well done girls!



### Great Drama at Bishop Eton

This half term Mrs Heeley and Mrs Boardman-Jones have been going into Bishop Eton to help prepare the Year 6 students for their leavers' assembly which was based on the musical 'Matilda'. Yesterday they performed in three shows with audiences consisting of pupils and parents/carers. They were outstanding and the feedback from their audiences was fabulous!

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## Year 7 Take Fundraising To Heart

You may remember that last week we brought you news of the Year 7 Dodgeball tournament. With this, and other fundraising activities, the Year Group have raised an astonishing £950 for the British Heart Foundation. The donation will be very much appreciated by this worthy organisation. Thank you to all of the students, and those who supported them, for a fantastic fundraising effort.

## Results Days

Exam results can be collected from 9am on 15<sup>th</sup> August for A Level awards and 9am on 22<sup>nd</sup> August for GCSE awards (including Sixth Form resits). Please be aware that if students are unable to collect results in person but wish to send a representative then the student will need to contact school prior to results day and provide details of the identity of the representative, who will be required to provide identification on the day.

## Arrangements for the start of term:

**School re-opens for pupils on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September. Years 7, 8, 9 start at 8.40am. Years 10, 11, 12 and 13 start at 9.50am**

The best indicator of a pupil's likely attendance - and as a result, their progress and attainment - is their attendance in the first two weeks of the school year. Pupils who get off to a strong start in terms of attendance are likely to maintain this across this year. Pupils who are absent early in the term are more likely to accrue further absences. For this reason, school cannot authorise any holiday requests and will seek to issue penalty notices where the law allows for any holidays that 'overrun' into the start of term. All pupils are to be encouraged to make a positive start to the year and be in on time, all the time.

## Costing Review

Our school charging policy requires us to annually review the cost of chargeable items. This year has brought serious financial challenges to our school including significant price rises from many of our suppliers. Governors have agreed that the school will continue to subsidise school meals and travel passes but that the level of subsidy has been reviewed. From 1<sup>st</sup> September, following a price rise from Merseytravel, the cost of a student travel pass will be **£79.95**.

In response to the continuing price rises in the wholesale food market that we are all experiencing, the price of a set school meal will be **£2.20** from September.

## Safeguarding Notices

### Stemming teenage mental illness

Stem4 is a teenage mental health charity aimed at improving teenage mental health by stemming commonly occurring mental health issues at an early stage

Young people have just as much right to accessing facts about good mental health as they do good physical health, and yet there is a lack of accurate information. Embarrassment or social stigma surrounding mental health issues can so easily lead to confusion with what may be normal development, as opposed to the early development of a mental health issue.

By raising awareness, sharing information on how to recognise early warning signs and by providing effective strategies in how to deal with them, it can be possible to identify and stem these conditions early on. Find out more at <https://stem4.org.uk/>

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## Safeguarding questions for parents and carers

If you are considering booking your daughter into summer camps, activity days and child-care settings then you may wish to give consideration to the draft DfE guidance 'Safeguarding questions for parents and carers (DfE, 2018) so that you can ask the appropriate questions of the people they intend to leave their children with.

Key questions include:

- Have staff and volunteers undertaken DBS checks? How recent were the checks?
- Will any adults besides the instructor be present at the venue while my child is there? If so, will they be there on a regular basis?
- What training have staff had?
- May I have a copy of your child protection policy?
- Who is your designated safeguarding lead (DSL) and what training have they had? How recent was this training?
- My child has Special Educational Needs and / or a disability (SEND). What steps will you take to accommodate this?
- My child needs help with: using the toilet; changing; feeding; their medication, etc. How will these personal care needs be addressed?
- How are you securely storing the information you hold on my child? Who has access to it and are you giving it to anyone else?
- Is my child allowed to access the internet unsupervised?
- Do you have filtering and monitoring systems in place? What are they?
- What are your systems for First Aid, health and safety and fire evacuation?

More information can [be found here](#).

## Festival Safe Website

Although Glastonbury, perhaps the biggest music festival, has passed there will be many more festivals over the next couple of months including Boomtown, Camp Bestival, Leeds and other more local events. Your daughter may be attending one of these events this summer and the Festival Safe website offers lots of very good information about the fun side, but also about dangers such as alcohol and drugs, crime, what to do in an emergency and how to stay sexually safe.

<https://www.festivalsafe.com/>

### Key Links for Summer

<https://www.childline.org.uk/> - a free, private and confidential service where you can talk about anything. Whatever your worry, whenever you need help, we're here for you online, on the phone, anytime.

<https://www.rlss.org.uk/Pages/Cate-gory/water-safety-information>

<https://www.capt.org.uk/drowning>

As the summer approaches, please remind you children of the dangers around water. Sadly each year more than 700 people drown in the UK and Ireland and many more have non-fatal experiences, sometimes suffering life-changing injuries. The Royal Life Saving Society UK (RLSS UK), work to educate people to enjoy water safely, to keep their families and friends safe and to know what to do in an emergency.

<http://www.juniorcitizen.org.uk/kids/ailsafety/>

Please also remind your children of the dangers of playing around railways and perhaps use this resource to remind them of some dos and don'ts.

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## Director of Public Health - Measles & the importance of the MMR vaccine

We have been asked to circulate the following message from the Director of Public Health:

Director of Public Health - Measles & the importance of the MMR vaccine

There are ongoing measles outbreaks in Europe and we have recently had a case of measles, in Liverpool, associated with travel.

Although MMR vaccination uptake is good across Liverpool, there are pockets of low uptake. Measles can cause serious illness and can sometimes be fatal. Vaccination with 2 doses of MMR is the only way to protect children and young people; further information about MMR is available from Public Health England:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/mmr-for-all-general-leaflet>

## Weekly Attendance Round Up

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

Group	% Attend
Year 07	95.6
Year 08	91.9
Year 09	93.4
Year 10	92.1
Year 12	87.5
Totals	92.8

## 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

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.