



St. Julie's Catholic High School

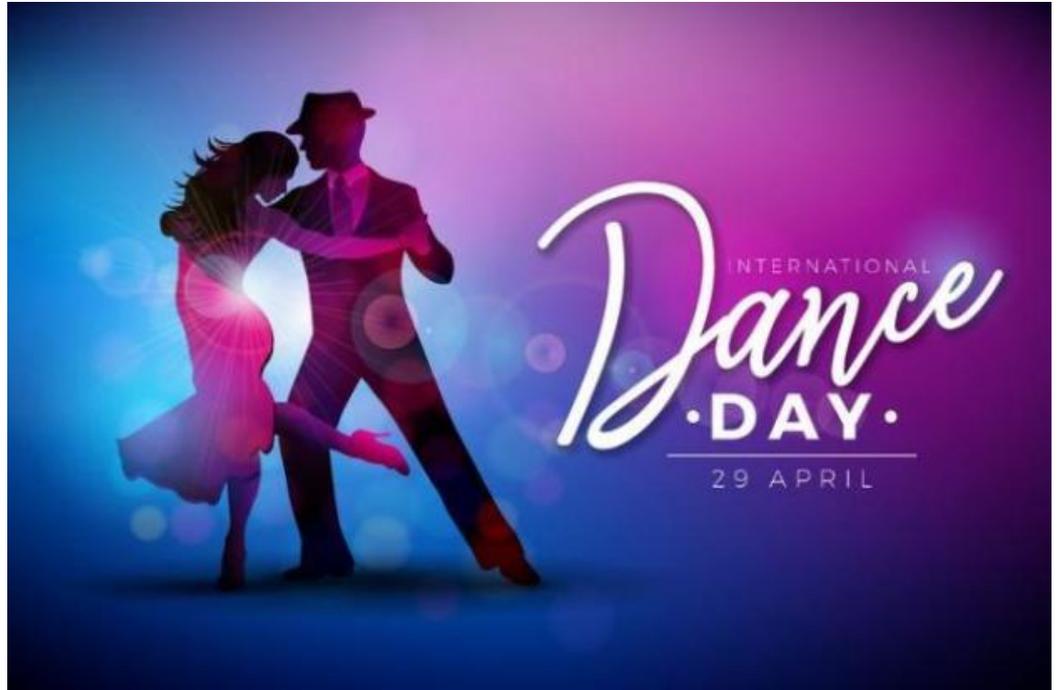
Weekly Newsletter

Week Beginning 4th May 2020

Forthcoming Dates for your Diary

We have no further information about dates for a return to school but following the Prime Minister's announcement on the 30th April of a forthcoming comprehensive plan we may have a better indication next week.

Please continue to follow the Government's daily briefings for the latest guidance.



Students Video Collaborate for International Dance Day

Wednesday 29th April is the birthday of the founder of modern ballet, Jean-Georges Noverre, and the day we celebrate International Dance Day! This year was a little bit different, but students managed to participate at home. As well as the outreach team at LIPA running a live Healthy Dancer session at 11am on Wednesday, our students were happy to pick up their cameras to share some of their moves, and we hope you enjoy [this video that compiles clips old and new](#) for a glorious celebration of dance!



NOW Festival Performance Available to Stream

St Julie's award winning NOW Festival Performance is now ready for you all to see! Read more about February's performance and link up to the video stream on Youtube in the [full story on our website](#).



Prefect Applications Open to Year 10

Are you a student in Year 10 who thinks they have the right qualities to be a prefect in Year 11? Applications are open! The deadline for applications is the 15th June, but [why not start now?](#)

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Congratulations to GCSEPod Champ!

Well done to Mollie in Year 9 who has been our top user of GCSEPod since national lockdown began! Although it's not competitive, we wanted to take a moment to congratulate Mollie on her hard work in getting the most out of the service by viewing 34 pods...and counting!



BBC Own It App updated for COVID-19

The BBC's Own It app helps young people new to social media manage their well-being, whilst empowering children to make smart choices, and helping them to lead a positive life online. Read more about the [latest updates here](#).

Girls' Network Mentor Matching About To Begin

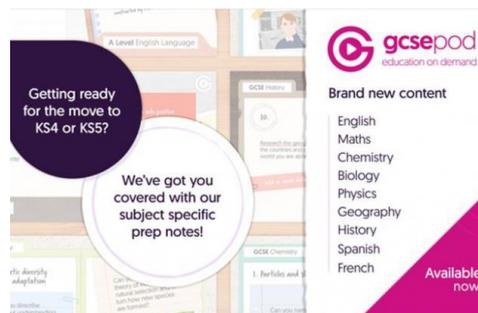
We've had exciting news for students involved in the Girls' Network mentoring programme! Matching is about to be announced, which means you will soon find out who your mentor is going to be. We hope you have a productive mentoring relationship with them! Keep checking your student email for further updates.



Education Endowment Foundation Wellbeing Resources

One of the most important ways to keep mentally healthy is to have routine and structure, and to maintain a healthy sleep pattern. The Education Endowment Foundation (EEF) have produced a series of checklists to help parents and children manage their routines. Supporting home learning routines: [Planning the day](#)

All the EEF materials to support home learning can be [found here](#).



Getting Ready for A Levels with GCSEPod

Calling all year 11 students! GCSE Pod have released workbooks and activities for you to have a go! Log on and select those subjects you are interested in and see what A Level would be like. There are [new pods and resources](#) that you can access and get a feel of what the course content it like. Logging into GCSEpod can be done automatically from your dashboard page in the VLE.

UCAS Parent Guide 2020

UCAS Have published [their guide for parents for 2020](#) and it is packed full of useful advice. Further advice can also be sought from [this useful tool for parents](#), again published by UCAS.

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Thursday Reflection

This week's Thursday reflection invited participants to include something angelic. Find out why and learn more about how to take part at the [Chaplaincy Website](#).

Home Learning Timetable

As we continue to develop our remote and home-learning programmes, all students should have received a Home Learning Timetable (recommended guide only). Alongside this, project work will be set for each year group. Weekly tasks and daily communication with staff will continue as it did before the Easter break. You can [access the relevant materials here](#), but parents and carers have been sent the home learning updates via email or link through SMS.

Stars of Lockdown

In our weekly assemblies we announce Stars of the Week and even though we are not in the building we are still St Julie's and you are all still working exceptionally hard. We have decided to recognise someone of the fantastic work you have been doing through our new 'Stars of Lockdown'. From answering thousands of questions on Educake to completing amazing work on the VLE and uploading work for your teachers. Certificates are in the post! We would love you to take a picture with your certificate and send back to school as we are missing you all very much. You can send your photos to starsoflockdown@stjulies.org.uk

Geography from Home

In addition to the work the that Humanities department have put on the VLE for all of our Geographers at St. Julie's, we thought some of our students might be interested in looking into some different bits of Geography. We are members of the Geographical Association and they have put together a whole range of things for you to investigate whilst at home, from quizzes to setting you up for

studying Geography at university. There is even a fascinating section all about the geography of the coronavirus pandemic – the department are having to re-write whole sections of our courses as each day unfolds as the geography of Covid-19 is so important! The resources are [all available here](#), and if you do get up to anything interesting then please get in touch via the VLE as our geography teachers would love to hear about it!

What's Going on in School?

Our fantastic premises team are continuing with the comprehensive deep clean of the building so that it will be sparkling when we get to return. Members of our admin team and finance team have also been working under strict distancing rules to carry out work that can only be completed on site. This week we have taken delivery of some new external storage, ordered at the start of the year, that will provide secure storage for PE equipment where it is needed most. Look out for them when we join together again!

Home Learning

Students are continuing to engage diligently with all of the different home learning systems that we are using, including some lucky students who got to enjoy a timed mock Science exam using the tools within the VLE. Adapting to solely home learning has been a challenge for both our teaching staff and our students, and it is to the huge credit to all members of the school community that so much work is being completed. Thank you to everybody playing their part in making this happen.

Government Technology Support

Parents may be wondering about how recent Government pledges for support with technology for disadvantaged learners will be put in place. We are only just starting to get information about how this will

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work, and early indications are that ordering will be managed by the Local Authority who will then deliver a number of devices to school. The number of devices we will receive is likely to be around 15 and we are being told to initially prioritise Year 10 students open to Social Services and in receipt of free school meals.

Careers Updates

This week we've got lots of information from Edge Hill University, as well as news of virtual events from Lloyds Finance and a handy template for updating your CV. Read more on the [updates page](#) on our website! We've also got lots of information pertinent to University applicants appearing in the [Advice and Guidance course](#) on the school VLE (requires student log-in).

GCSE Pod Webinars for Parents and Carers

In order to help support the increased demand of their service, GCSE Pod are running some free webinars with different sessions aimed at teachers and parents. To take advantage, and learn how to use this service to its full potential with your daughter, follow the [link here](#) to see the programme and sign up to a session.