



St. Julie's Catholic High School

Weekly Newsletter

Week Beginning 5th May 2025

Forthcoming Dates for your Diary

12th May
Public Examinations Commence

23rd May
Year 13 Leavers Service



St Julie's Students Ace At Athenaeum Debate

On Wednesday a group of Year 10 students wore their St Julie's badge with pride to attend a series of debates at the magnificent Athenaeum in the city centre, in all of its historical and literary splendour. The debate was impassioned, articulate and impactful, resulting in a victory over the team from Archbishop Blanch. Our students were complimented on their effervescent personalities and their ability to listen and then respond respectfully to differing opinions. Congratulations to our wonderful orators!



County Medal for Cross Country Runner!

Congratulations to Georgina in Year 10 who has been awarded the overall silver medal for county cross country running. After competing in three races she placed second in the Merseyside Schools Cross Country League. We're very proud of her success!



Working Across A Continent!

During the Easter break this year Mrs Munoz got the chance to revisit her former school with some wonderful exchange work! Working with her students in Years 8 and 9, she took a collection of Easter cards, all written in Spanish, to the Escolles Parroquials in the town of Picassent in Valencia, a Catholic School that Mrs Munoz attended as a student. Year 10 students at the school then spent a lesson checking the Spanish in the cards for correctness, before writing back in

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both Spanish and English. Thanks very much to the staff and students at both schools for helping to make this exciting exchange happen!



Deputy Head Teacher Appointed

Following a rigorous two day interview process we are delighted to confirm the appointment of Dr. McGinn to the post of Deputy Head Teacher at St. Julie's. On Tuesday evening Mrs McCourt circulated a letter to parents, a copy of which is on the next page.

Dear Parent/Carers,

Re: Deputy Headteacher appointment

We are delighted to confirm the appointment of Dr McGinn to the position of Deputy Headteacher at St Julie's Catholic High School. Following a rigorous and comprehensive two-day interview process—which included collective worship, a series of tasks, multiple panel interviews, a formal presentation, and a final interview—it was the unanimous decision of the panel to appoint Dr McGinn. His passion for education and alignment with our school's Catholic ethos were evident throughout every stage of the process.

Dr McGinn brings a wealth of experience and academic expertise to our leadership team. Having completed his PhD at the University of Cambridge, he dedicated many years to cancer research before answering a vocational call to the teaching profession in 2017. Since then, he has demonstrated outstanding dedication to his students and colleagues alike. Dr

McGinn joined St Julie's Catholic High School in January 2019. In his role as Deputy Headteacher, Dr McGinn will lead the continued development of academic excellence across the school. His proven track record of exceptional academic outcomes, combined with his commitment to the holistic development of every child, makes him an invaluable addition to our community. In addition, he has a deep understanding of the school's three strategic aims, which focus on Catholic leadership and service, equity in education, and academic excellence for all.

The interview panel comprised our Chair of Governors, Mrs Smith, governors, a local authority and Archdiocesan representative, and Sr Mary O'Brien, SND.

We warmly welcome Dr McGinn into this new role and look forward to the many contributions he will make to the life and mission of our school.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs K McCourt
Headteacher



Year 10 Parents' Evening

Thank you to all of the parents who were able to join us for our Year 10 Parents' Evening on Thursday evening. We hope that the evening proved to be helpful.

Sixth Form spotlight!

In our final week of subject spotlights, we wanted to highlight a range of exciting Level 3 courses that combine academic knowledge with real-world application. In Business Studies, students explore marketing, finance, and management, preparing for careers in entrepreneurship, business consultancy, and project management. Last Year, degrees in Business Studies or Business and Marketing were our most popular subjects for Post 18 subject choices at university!

Sociology examines society, culture, and social change, with pathways into social research, public services, and education. Year 13s enjoy studying Sociology in order to better understand how society works — exploring how people, communities, and institutions shape the world around us. It encourages critical thinking, empathy, and awareness of social issues, helping us make sense of current events and preparing us for careers where understanding people and social structures is key.

Our Criminology course helps students explore the causes of crime, the justice system, and the impact of crime on society. It develops analytical thinking, research skills, and a deeper understanding of human behaviour — perfect preparation for careers in law, policing, criminology, social services, and public policy, as well as helping students become more informed, critical thinkers.

Psychology focuses on human behaviour and mental processes, opening doors to careers in healthcare, counselling, education, and criminology. To learn more about A level Psychology, [click here](#). Our Year 13 students enjoy Psychology A level because it offers fascinating insights into human behaviour, mental processes, and how individuals interact with the world around them. The subject combines theory with real-life applications, allowing students to explore topics like memory, development, and social influence, while also sharpening their critical thinking, research, and analytical skills.

Health and Social Care provides insight into health services, care practices, and human development, ideal for roles in nursing, social work, and community care. Many of our sixth form Health and Social Care students progress to Nursing (Adult and Paediatric) and Paramedic Science courses at University. Students that follow other avenues include Social Work, Childhood and Youth Studies and Teaching.

Our popular Digital Media course covers content creation, digital marketing, and media production, leading to careers in graphic design, advertising, and digital communications. Studying Digital Media allows students to develop creative and technical skills – skills which are in high demand in today's digital-first world. Our course opens up exciting career paths in marketing, social media, graphic design, film, and web development, while also building problem-solving, collaboration, and project management skills that are valuable in any industry.



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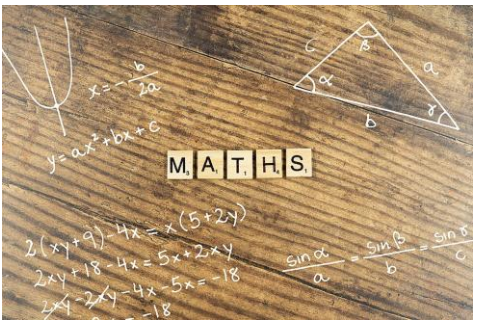
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Students Take On UKMT Maths Challenge!

On Thursday, our top set Year 7 and 8 students took part in the Junior UK Mathematics Trust (UKMT) Maths Challenge. Designed to stretch the brightest young mathematicians in the country, the challenge tests logical thinking, problem-solving skills, and mathematical creativity. Our students rose to the occasion with enthusiasm and determination, tackling tricky puzzles and multi-step problems with confidence. We're incredibly proud of their hard work and look forward to seeing how they scored in this nationally recognised competition. Well done to everyone who took part!



Careers: Demystifying the Home Office

Are you interested in law, computing or STEM subjects? Take a look at this amazing Home Office 5 Day Work Experience opportunity from 16th-20th June especially for Liverpool students in Y12 and 13. You would need to have permission from both school and home to attend. There are only 10 places available, so if you are interested, respond quickly. This 5-day face to face work experience will give a real insight into the Home Office, the government department working to build a safe, fair and prosperous country. The placement will give students the opportunity to work alongside several teams including operational commands, intelligence and project delivery. Find out more at our [Careers Website](#).

High school immunisation pack

Year 8 and year 9



Immunisations Information

The school immunisations service at Mersey Care have released a helpful new information leaflet aimed at parents of students at secondary school. You can [find a copy here](#).



GCSE Revision Materials

Please [click here for a copy of a letter circulated by Miss Gawley](#) recently with details of revision materials aimed at students taking GCSE exams this summer.

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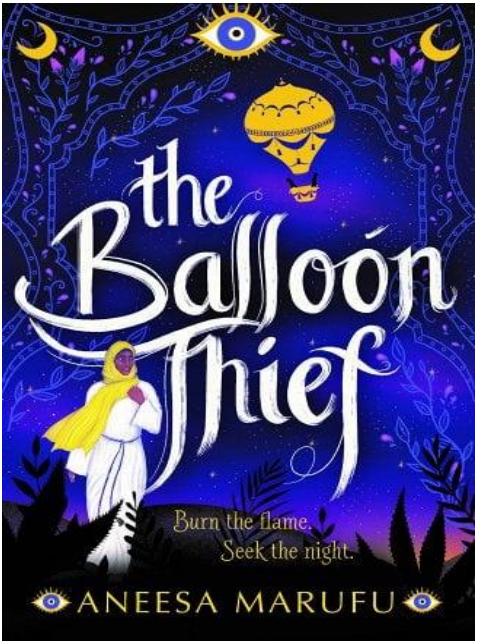
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100%	0 days	0 lessons missed
99%	1 day	6 lessons missed
98%	3 days	18 lessons missed
97%	1 week	30 lessons missed
96%	1.5 weeks	45 lessons missed
94%	2 weeks	60 lessons missed
93%	2.5 weeks	75 lessons missed
92%	3 weeks	90 lessons missed
90%	3.5 weeks	105 lessons missed

The Importance of Attendance

In a world where we face a constant barrage of performance statistics it can be easy to think that a figure that's over 90% must be pretty good. With attendance that's really not the case, as you can see in the table above. A student with 94% attendance has missed two full weeks of schools – that's 60 lessons! Remember, school attendance matters.



Recommended Read for May

If you're stuck for reading inspiration why not take a look at our recommended read? This month we're suggesting 'The Balloon Thief' by Aneesa Marufu.

For Khadija, the only escape from her father's arranged betrothal is the sky.

When she spots a rogue hot air balloon fighting against its ropes, she leaps at the chance for adventure. Khadija soon finds an unlikely ally in a poor glassmaker's apprentice, Jacob. But Jacob is a hāri, and Khadija a Ghadaean. The hāri are oppressed and restless – their infamous terrorist group, the Hāreef, have a new fearsome leader. And the ruling Ghadaeans are brutal in their repression. Soon, a deadly revolution threatens their friendship and their world. The Hāreef use forbidden magic, summoning jinn – wicked spirits made of fire – to enact their revenge, forcing Jacob and Khadija to choose what kind of a world they want to save...



Register As An Alumnus

Are you a former pupil at St. Julie's? Would you like to join our register of alumni? We're always happy to hear from former students, and we'd love to hear about your progress and life experiences that might be helpful in guiding and inspiring our current students. Even if you'd just like to keep in touch and receive our newsletter, you can [fill in the registration form here](#).

Dangerous parking

Please can all parents be reminded not to park on double yellow lines, zig zag markings or drop their daughter off on the pelican crossing. We are very concerned about the safety of all students. Road safety awareness is delivered through our PSHE programme but it is essential that we work in partnership to maintain the safety of all students. Police Community Support Officers will continue to visit the area and issue fixed penalty

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notices for obstructing driveways and parking illegally. We have also communicated road safety concerns with local councillors and the highway agencies. The safety of students and pedestrians is paramount.



Education Welfare Helpline

New for September 2023 is an Education Welfare Helpline. This is available to all parents with attendance queries and is available 9am - 5pm weekdays. You can contact the service on **0151 233 3916**.

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/Occupational Therapist](https://learnliveuk.com/network-rail-secondary-school-safety-talk/Occupational%20Therapist) 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

Hub Of Hope

[The Hub of Hope](#) is the UK's leading mental health support database. It is provided by national mental health charity, Chasing the Stigma, and brings local, national, peer, community, charity, private and NHS mental health support and services together in one place for the first time.

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 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).

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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 increased during and following the pandemic. 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.

RASA (Rape and Sexual Abuse)

Merseyside is a specialist service providing support to anyone who has been impacted by any form of sexual violence at any time in their lives. You can call us on 0151 558 1801, email

referrals@rasamerseyside.org or visit our website

www.rasamerseyside.org

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/>

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)

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.

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Microsoft Office 365 Licencing

All students at St. Julie's are licenced to install the Microsoft Office 365 suite on up to five computers or mobile devices at home at no cost. Students can visit <https://www.office.com> and sign in using their school email address and password and then look for the 'Install and more' option.

Resources for Parents in Knowsley

[Advanced Solutions](#): 0151 486 1788

Listening Ear: St Nicholas Centre,
70 Church Road, Halewood, L26 6LB
0151 488 6648

Children in care (under 18?) Polaris
Knowsley.EHWB@coreassets.com
07967 381 035

[Knowsley CAMHS](#) 0151 351 8610

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[Merseyside Domestic Violence Service](#) 0780 272 2703 mdvs.org

[Ruby Project](#) ruby@pss.org.uk

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