



# St. Julie's Catholic High School

## Weekly Newsletter

Week Beginning 7th December 2020

### Forthcoming Dates for your Diary

**10<sup>th</sup> December**  
Year 7 Parents Evening will be replaced by alternative arrangements. Please see page 4 of this newsletter

**18<sup>th</sup> December**  
Staff INSET  
No student attendance on this day



### Delegates Attend Virtual Climate Conference

We've been very proud to send four virtual delegates to the 'Virtual Climate Conference' for schools this week. Representing polar opposites of the global spectrum, St Julie's fielded two teams, representing the nations of USA and Bhutan. The students found the experience very valuable and we'd like to thank Interclimate Network and the Liverpool World Centre for making the event happen. [Read more here!](#)



### Hamper Appeal Launches

St. Julie's very much values its connection with the Micah Foodbank and launched our Christmas Hamper appeal on Friday. Sophie - the Service Co-ordinator of the 1804 Society - presented [this promotional video](#) inviting members of the school community to help out in any way they can, mindful that these are very difficult times for many in our city.



### The Brilliant Club Meet!

The latest cohort in our Brilliant Club have had their first meeting for pre-planning on the programme that lies ahead. The group of 24 talented students from Years 7 and 8 will be following the Scholars' programme, operated by the Brilliant Club. This programme works with highly selective Russell Group universities. Good luck to all of the candidates, as we wish them every success with their projects.

### Words of St Julie:

"Patience and courage. It is impossible in this life not to have a mixture of ups and downs."

[Hear more about these words at our Chaplaincy Website](#)

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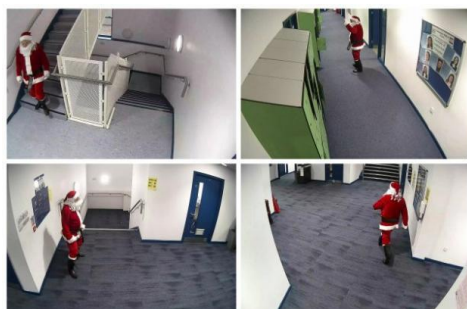
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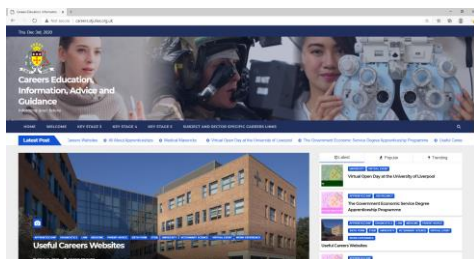
## Statement from the DfE regarding GCSE and A Level Exams

The Department for Education and the Education Secretary have issued a release with some information about how the GCSE and A Level Examinations in 2021 will be adapted to accommodate the disruption to education caused by Covid-19. The full statement has been included in a letter circulated by Mrs McCourt which is [available to read here](#).



### Christmas Presence

There have been reports of an unexpected presence at St. Julie's this week. In a red suit! Eyewitness accounts describe the visitor as being of average height, stout build with significant facial hair. CCTV footage indicates he was clad predominantly in red, wearing spectacles, a hat and white gloves. If you spot him, be sure to wish him a merry Christmas!



### St. Julie's Careers Website Launches!

We've gathered together all our online careers resources into a single convenient portal set up in accordance with the Gatsby benchmarks for Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance. The site offers links to new opportunities as they arrive, as well as some great advice for students and parents in the longer term.

Please take a moment to have a look at [careers.stjulies.org.uk](https://careers.stjulies.org.uk).



### Online Tutoring Pilot Launches

Four of our students joined with an online PhD tutor from The University of Leicester today for the pilot of the Brilliant Tutoring programme. This forms part of the National Tutoring Programme. Luci, Ava, Amelia and Katie joined with a maths tutor via videoconferencing to smooth out any kinks in the technology before the mainstream launch in January 2021. Early indications are very positive!

### Girls Network Wellbeing Event



Students involved in 'The Girls Network' took advantage of the wisdom of their mentors in an online seminar via videoconferencing. They had the opportunity to discuss the importance of physical health, mental health and wellbeing. Students found the new perspectives insightful.

### Message to Year 7 Parents from Miss Rainey

Prior to the Parent Evening appointments next week, Miss Rainey has recorded a message for parents of students in Year 7 which [you can watch here](#).

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## Well Being Boxes

At St. Julie's Catholic High School, we ensure the highest standard of support for all students. This was recognised by OFSTED in April 2018, when we secured an Outstanding grade for Personal Development and Welfare, 'a high moral code, respect for others and high aspirations are three of the most striking features of pupils' excellent personal development'. Unfortunately, 56% of girls lose **confidence** during puberty. Girls are more likely to blame themselves when something goes wrong, apologise when they give their opinion, over-think decisions and dwell on mistakes. At St. Julie's Catholic High School, we want to arm your daughter with the tools she needs to combat the confidence gap and show the world that doing things #LikeAGirl is amazing. To support your daughter with her health and confidence, we have provided each female member of staff, with a 'Well Being' box. Each box contains: free sanitary products; breakfast bars; hair bobbles; stationery; spare tights and underwear. If your daughter requires any of the free products she can ask any female member of staff. This will be dealt with discreetly and without fear of embarrassment. You can read more in [the letter circulated by Mrs McCourt this week](#).

## Year 11 Mock Examinations 2021

Year 11 Mock examinations will commence from Monday 11 January 2021 to Friday 22 January 2021. This will ensure that Year 11 students experience formal mocks in the lead up to their public examinations in May/June 2021 and will support them in the rigour and formalities of the process. Mock exams will also provide an accurate assessment method to monitor and track their progress throughout the year. Staff will standardise the assessments across each qualification. All assessments are being recorded via departmental trackers. A letter circulated by Mrs

McCourt and the Year 11 mock exam timetable are [available here](#).

## 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](mailto:reception@stjulies.org.uk) or [safeguarding@stjulies.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@stjulies.org.uk) for out of hours notifications. School have taken all reasonable steps to raise awareness of this. Thank you.



## Christmas activities

In the lead up to Christmas students would normally take part in whole school events. Due to the current circumstances, we will be adapting some of the programmes. The 1804 Society and Year 11 Prefects are organising Christmas jumper day, taking place on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December, alongside Advent activities and Christmas carols. Alongside this, we have the annual Christmas tree competition across the school for the best dressed tree, with the most imaginative and creative name. All students will receive a Christmas lunch and have the opportunity to judge the Sixth Form and staff fancy dress day, which is taking place on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December! Further details to follow soon. Lessons will continue as normal up to 3.15pm on Thursday 17 December. This is really important because students have missed a significant number of lessons due to national school closures and self-isolation. Any

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planned Christmas activities will not interfere with taught lessons.

## Groupcall Enhanced Xpressions App

We've now enabled some services for the 'enhanced' Groupcall Xpressions App, which as well as receiving communications from the school now enables you to view up to date information about your child's attendance, behaviour and achievements. If you aren't using the app yet, just search your app store for 'Groupcall Xpressions'.

## Liverpool ASD Training Team Appointments

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. You can see the dates for December [on our website](#).

## Year 7 Parents Evening

Due to being unable to host a conventional format Parents Evening for parents of students in Year 7, we are running online appointments. The details of accessing appointments have all been communicated to parents via text and email, but you can find a [copy of that correspondence here](#).

## Parental Careers Guides

If you're looking to help your child navigate their future there are some really helpful guides available at [theparentsguideto.co.uk](http://theparentsguideto.co.uk). There's a mixture of free and paid content on there, but it's worth taking a look.

## Careers Updates

Check out our [brand new Careers site](#) for information about the University of Liverpool's virtual open day, and some apprenticeship opportunities with the Government's Economic Services programme.

## Remote Learning Programme

As we continue to develop our remote learning programme for students who are required to self-isolate, we have implemented the following updates:

- Lesson by lesson resources mapped against the current curriculum
- Lesson plans and resources adhere to the school's learning and teaching policy
- Updated VLE server with an improved communication system and interactive software
- Access to e-books to develop students' learning
- Use of Microsoft Teams in lessons - students can dial into some lessons and listen to the audio and resources. Subject teachers will confirm via email and provide information on how students can access the lessons. Lessons have also been recorded for students to refer back to at a later date
- Updated [remote learning policy](#)
- Ongoing training and professional development for staff to deliver high quality remote learning resources
- Instant feedback and assessment via MathsWatch and Educake
- Updated podcasts and introductory videos

## 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](#).

## School Bus Service

Can we please remind parents and students of the vital importance of wearing masks on public transport and adhering to the [previously](#)

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[published requirements](#) for use of the school bus service.

young person is put at risk of harm by illegal or inappropriate parking.

COVID-19 (coronavirus) absence: A quick guide for parents / carers	What to do if...	Action needed	Back to school...
<p><b>my child has COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms</b></p> <p>my child tests positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus)</p> <p>somewhere in my household has COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms</p> <p>somewhere in my household has tested positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus)</p>	<p>Child should get a test unless household self-isolates when waiting for test result</p> <p>Child should get a test unless household self-isolates when waiting for test result</p> <p>Child should get a test unless household self-isolates when waiting for test result</p> <p>Child should get a test unless household self-isolates when waiting for test result</p>	<p>when child's test comes back negative and child is well enough</p> <p>when child tests better and has been without a fever for at least 48 hours</p> <p>when household member tests negative, well and does not have COVID-19 symptoms</p> <p>when child has completed 14 days of self-isolation, even if they test negative during those 14 days</p>	<p>when the school has completed 14 days of self-isolation, even if they test negative during those 14 days</p> <p>when the quarantine period of 14 days has been completed for the child even if they test negative during those 14 days</p> <p>when school / other agencies inform you that restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school again</p> <p>when conditions above are met</p>
<p><b>we have received advice from a medical professional that my child must receive shielding</b></p> <p>I am not sure who should get a test for COVID-19 (coronavirus)</p>	<p>Child should get a test unless household self-isolates when waiting for test result</p> <p>Child should get a test unless household self-isolates when waiting for test result</p> <p>Child should get a test unless household self-isolates when waiting for test result</p> <p>Child should get a test unless household self-isolates when waiting for test result</p>	<p>when child has completed 14 days of self-isolation, even if they test negative during those 14 days</p>	<p>when the school has completed 14 days of self-isolation, even if they test negative during those 14 days</p>

## Latest Covid Absence Information Poster

Please [click here for a quick guidance poster](#) for parents about Covid related absence, which has some helpful links in too.

## Covid-19 Information and Risk Assessment

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

## Year 9 PE Day - Every Tuesday

Every Tuesday Year 9 students will have PE lessons at least twice during the day. To reduce changing time Year 9 students can come to school in their PE kit. This rule only applies to Year 9 students. All students must only wear their St. Julie's PE Kit.

## 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

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.