St. Julie's Catholic High School Weekly Newsletter

Week Beginning 8th September 2025

Forthcoming Dates for your Diary

8th September Photo day for all students in Years 7 to 11

11th September Y7 SEN Welcome Event

11th September Year 11 GCSE Parent Support Evening

18th **September** Year 4, 5 and 6 Open Evening

ST. JULIE'S STUDENTS WHO ARRIVE ON TIME HAVE HIGHER READING ABILITY



Outstanding Results Today: Empowered Women of Tomorrow Squeals of delight resounded across the building on both of our results days as our students discovered the results of their hard work. The causes of celebration were very well founded as we saw significant improvement right across the school. Sixth Form students are heading to prestigious Russell Group universities, including the University of Liverpool, Newcastle, York, King's College London, Manchester and Leeds to pursue subjects such as Law, Physics, Medicine and Biomedical Sciences.

At GCSE students achieved results significantly above the national average and have also performed above the national average for girls only. This is the result of a tremendous amount of hard work from both the students and the team around them, including parents, carers and wider family as well as our own staff.





We're hugely proud of our students and delighted to see so many of our them continuing to place their trust in us by choosing us as their preferred choice for Post 16 education.

You can read more about our exam results days and see some photo galleries in the stories on our website for <u>A Level Results Day</u> and <u>GCSE Results Day</u>

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A Warm Welcome Back!

We were delighted to open our doors to students for the new Academic Year on Tuesday, including our new Year 7 students resplendent in their new uniforms! We had a wonderfully smooth start to the day with our excited students settling quickly and all of our students in formal learning by 11 o'clock! Thank you to all of our parents and carers for their support and hard work in preparing students for the new year.



Outstanding LAMDA Results Land!

An incredible 56 students took part in this summer's LAMDA examinations, our biggest cohort yet, and delivered truly outstanding results. We are thrilled to announce that out of the 56 entries, 47 students achieved Distinctions and the remaining 9 were awarded Merits, marking a 100% pass rate across the board. The results are a testament to the students' hard work, determination, and passion for performance. We are incredibly proud of each and every student for their achievements and the confidence they have developed through the LAMDA programme. Their success reflects not only their talent but also their commitment to personal growth and expression. As we celebrate these fantastic results, we are also excited to

welcome a new intake of students for the upcoming academic year. Here's to another year of creativity, confidence, and performance excellence!



Student Golfer Represents County!

Congratulations to Scout in Year 9 who was selected to represent Lancashire this summer in the County Girls Golf Team! She recently contested her first event at Ashton Under Lyne Golf Club where a win in her match secured a draw for the team. Also during the summer Scout played in the Childwall Junior Open against 32 competitors, almost all of whom were boys. Despite the broad age range with players aged up to 18 Scout earned a superb fourth place in the tournament. Scout currently captains the Junior Formby Ladies Golf Club and is in ongoing competitions with four other prestigious clubs. We wish her every success in her leadership role!

Photo Day 2025!

On **Monday 8**th **September** our professional photographic partners, John Hunt Photography, will be visiting school to take a portrait of all students from Years 7 to 11.

Copies of the photos will subsequently be available for purchase if desired, with no obligation to buy.

On the day, students will be given a card with information that they will need to bring home with purchasing information included.

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Pilgrims Return To Lourdes

Just after school broke up for the Summer, Julia, Cara, Lucy and Daisy headed off once again on the Liverpool Archdiocese Youth Pilgrimage to Lourdes. For Julia and Lucy, this was their third time in Lourdes and Cara joined ex-pupil Daisy on their second pilgrimage. Hundreds of young people from across the Archdiocese travel each year to assist those pilgrims who may have difficulties with mobility or specific medical needs. They help the pilgrims get around town and take them to events, services and Masses at the Grotto where Our Lady appeared to St Bernadette. It is a week of service, getting to know the pilgrims, talking to them and listening in turn. This is often the most rewarding part for the young helpers. But of course, there is social time and lots of new friendships to be made! Lourdes can be life-changing and life-enhancing because you return knowing you have done something to make a difference to other people's lives - the assisted pilgrims and your own coach community. Whilst it is a physically demanding week for them, Lourdes is an amazing faith giving and lifeaffirming experience and Julia, Lucy, Cara and Daisy have all been bitten by the Lourdes 'bug'! The Lourdes Youth Pilgrimage is open to young people in Year 10 or above. Lourdes Pilgrimage dates are 22nd-31st July 2026. Applications for Lourdes 2026 open

on
15th September www.liverpoollour

desyouth.co.uk
Apply before 9am on 20th October for early bird discount £50 off £670 (full price £720)

Extra-Curricular and Enrichment Activities

Departments are currently finalising plans for our first wave of extracurricular and enrichment activities, from arts and sports through to STEM and technology. We aim to offer engaging activities for all tastes, and further details about these clubs, dates and how to access them will be shared in due course.



Woolton Hall Fire

As was widely reported in the press, on Tuesday 19th August Woolton Hall suffered an extensive and catastrophic fire. Our school buildings were completely unharmed by the blaze which saw firefighters running hoses for five days to extinguish the flames fully. Unfortunately the blaze has harmed the structural integrity of the building which has necessitated the temporary closure of the school car park, rear access road and part of the netball courts.



As a school we are in active dialogue with representatives of Liverpool City Council and Historic England in seeking to ensure a timely resolution to making the building safe and restoring normal service. We owe a debt of gratitude to the managers of Sainsbury's and Tesco in Woolton Village who have generously helped us meet our gap in parking facilities. We will keep

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you informed of this developing situation as it progresses.



A Hive Of Activity!

Summer is always a busy time for schools and this year has been no exception. Throughout the six weeks there was rarely a day with less than ten vans on site. We've had cleaning and decorating taking place, new seating installed in our theatre, remodelling of our Learning Support area and staff room, lightning conductor testing, drainage inspections, a new IT rollout and, of course, every window cleaned inside and out! Thanks to all of our contractors for their hard work during the school holiday.

Sixth Form Update: A fresh start and a bright future ahead!

As we welcome in the new academic year, there is a real sense of excitement and purpose in the Sixth Form area. We are delighted to see so many students returning full of energy, ambition, and a readiness to embrace the challenges ahead.

Before looking forward, it is only right that we take a moment to reflect on the fantastic achievements of our outgoing Year 13 cohort. Their exam results were a testament to months of dedicated

hard work, supported by our committed staff. These successes have opened doors to a wide range of exciting opportunities ranging from prestigious universities to apprenticeships and employment. We could not be prouder of what they have accomplished. Their achievements set the tone for our new Year 12 students, who have made a strong start and are already beginning to settle into the positive, friendly and focused environment that defines our Sixth Form. In the coming weeks, we will begin to introduce a number of

environment that defines our Sixth Form. In the coming weeks, we will begin to introduce a number of enrichment initiatives and wider opportunities aimed at supporting their academic growth and personal development.

For our returning Year 13 students,

the university application process is already in full swing. Many are already signing up for further open days and exploring their next steps, whilst others spent the summer preparing for demanding admissions tests or completing valuable work experience placements across a range of industries. We are especially proud of those who took part in university residentials at Oxford, Cambridge, and even the United States through the Sutton Trust initiative experiences that will no doubt shape their futures.

Finally, we would like to remind any Year 11 students who are still considering their Post-16 options that a small number of places are still available. If you're looking for a vibrant, supportive, and ambitious Sixth Form, we would be happy to welcome you. Here's to a successful year ahead for all!

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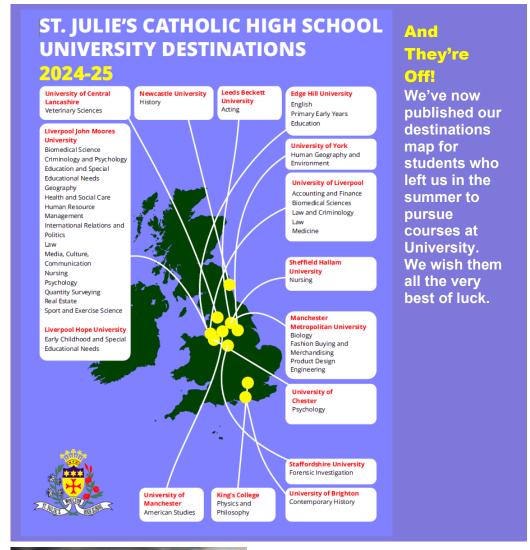
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Punctuality Procedures at St Julie's

At St Julie's, we believe punctuality is crucial for a successful and positive school day. Arriving on time ensures every pupil is ready to learn and minimises disruption for all.

Why Is Punctuality So Important?

- Sets good routines for life
- Ensures no learning is missed
- Minimises disruption for others You can read our punctuality

procedures in detail here.

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

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lessons! Remember, school attendance matters.



Recommended Read for September

If you're stuck for reading inspiration why not take a look at our recommended read? This year's recommended reads are all coming from our students, and Leah's recommendation for September is 'The Island at the End of Everything' by Kiran Millwood Hargrave.

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Kiran Millwood Hargrave is the new big gun in children's fiction ... This is an enchanting book by a writer who fully deserves the fuss that's being made of her.' TELEGRAPH

Amihan lives on Culion Island. where some of the inhabitants including her mother - have leprosy.

Ami loves her home - with its blue seas and lush forests. Culion is all she has ever known. But the arrival of malicious government official Mr Zamora changes her world forever: islanders untouched by sickness are forced to leave. Banished across the sea, she's desperate to return, and finds a strange and fragile hope in a colony of

butterflies. Can they lead her home before it's too late?



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 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.



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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 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).

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.

Young Carers Support

Barnardo's Action with Young Carers offers assessments and support for young carers. You can find out more from their information leaflet or at the website.

Domestic Abuse:

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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 <u>local and national</u> <u>helplines</u>, including a vital resource for adults <u>'#lt's</u> <u>abuse'</u>.
- The <u>Bright Sky app</u> is an excellent resource for victims of domestic abuse.
- The <u>Hideout</u> 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

<u>referrals@rasamerseyside.org</u> 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, <u>available here</u>, gives more information about the kinds of services that young people can access and explains about how the system works.

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

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and password and then look for the 'Install and more' option.

Resources for Parents in Knowsley

Addvanced 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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Domestic Abuse

Merseyside Domestic Violence

Service 0780 272 2703 mdvs.org

Ruby Project ruby@pss.org.uk

Family support Family First

Knowsley Family Info

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Lee Cooper Foundation

Healthy Knowsley