



St. Julie's Catholic High School

Weekly Newsletter

Week Beginning 9th March 2020

Forthcoming dates for your diary...

11th March

New Year 7
Welcome Event

12th March

Year 10 Parents'
Evening

**Students finish
for the day at
2:30pm**



Year 8 Options Evening

It was a pleasure to welcome Year 8 students and their parents into school this week to learn more about the choices they have for next year. The evening saw an informative presentation about the process, before guests entered the subject marketplace in the Sports Hall. Thank you to everybody who came along to this very important evening. You can find the [content of the presentation here](#), and a copy of the [options booklet here](#).



St Julie's takes part in the Liverpool Readathon

To mark World Book Day on Thursday 5th March, students and staff across the school took part in the Liverpool Readathon! This is a city-wide initiative encouraging everyone in schools to Drop Everything and Read. Read more about it and [see the photos here!](#)



Cheerleader Takes Skills Stateside

Congratulations to Michaela in Year 10 who joined her cheerleading team in competition at the NCA All-Star Nationals in Dallas, Texas! and is the National Cheerleading The Airborn Allstars from Liverpool earned an impressive sixth place in a category field of 19 teams from across the globe.

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COVID-19 Helpline Launched

The Department for Education have launched an educational helpline for staff, parents and young people. The helpline can be reached by phone on 0800 046 8687 or by email at DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk and operates weekdays from 8am to 6pm.

The DfE advise that no school should close in response to a suspected or confirmed COVID-19 case unless directed to do so by Public Health England.

As before, links to the latest information can be found below: Updates on COVID-19:

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>
Guidance for educational settings: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>

Travel advice for those travelling and living overseas:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/travel-advice-novel-coronavirus>



Year 13 Students Raise Curtain for Exams

Congratulations to our Year 13 Drama Students who staged their exam practical performances this week. The students gave two performances: "Agnes of God" and "Bird", which were watched by the exams moderator and an appreciative audience!



School Day Timing Arrangements for Year 10 Parents Evening

Over the years we have trialled various systems for Parents Evenings. We have used paper based appointment systems, online appointment systems, turn up and queue and meet the Form Tutor. Whilst feedback on the evenings is overwhelmingly positive, about the information received and the quality of support, each time parents have complained about appointments over-running, missed appointments and parents not being able to book appointments.

No system is perfect, but we need to address the issue that parents do not always get to see the teacher they need to see on Parents Evening.

So we will trial a longer evening for Yr10 on Thursday 12 March. To facilitate this, **we need to dismiss students earlier at 2.30pm.**

On the day, students will have some shorter lessons, being 40 minutes instead of 50 minutes. However, they will have all their normal lessons for the day. If there is an issue with any student who is unable to go home at 2.30pm, they can remain in school until 3.15pm supervised by a member of staff. The Yr10 Parents Evening will start at 3pm. **PLEASE DO NOT ARRIVE EARLIER THAN 3PM.**

Staff are entitled to a half hour break after teaching through the day, ahead of a long Parents Evening. We will not be able to accommodate parents on site before 3pm. The evening will finish promptly at 6pm, so that staff can maintain a reasonable work-life

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balance. We do need your co-operation with this evening, as we review our systems for Parents Evening.

Year 10 Mock Examination Timetable

The timetable for Year 10 mock examinations, commencing on the 16th March is [now available for viewing and printing](#). Please be aware that good attendance and punctuality is vital throughout the mock exam season, and full equipment should be brought to each exam. An individual timetable will be provided for each candidate shortly.

Careers Updates

This week we've got lots of information about apprenticeship opportunities including the latest guide from [ratemyapprenticeship](#), as well as details of a live webcast about careers in adult social care. As always you can get the [latest information here](#).

Attendance Summary

Attendance figures for week 22 are given below.

Group	% Attend
Year 07	97.2
Year 08	92.5
Year 09	92.8
Year 10	95.1
Year 11	93.4
Year 12	94.2
Year 13	95.0
Totals	94.3

Whilst we work very hard as a school to foster good attendance we recognise that it is the responsibility of parents to support their daughter in meeting the definition of 'Regular Attendance' which for us is defined as 97% attendance. Thank you for your work towards meeting this responsibility.

Students with below 90% attendance are classed as 'Persistent Absentees' and so sit at 'Stage 4' of our attendance

procedures, which can trigger a range of actions and interventions. Over the coming weeks and months, as a part of a new city-wide initiative we will be working with a range of agencies, including local GP surgeries, to support these students in raising their attendance. Further information will be provided in due course.

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**

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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.