



St. Julie's Catholic High School

Weekly Newsletter

Week Beginning 10th February 2020

Forthcoming dates for your diary...

12th February
Year 11 Parents' Evening

13th February
USA Trip commences

14th February
School finishes for Half Term break at 3:15pm



Debate Mate Success in Round One!

This week members of St Julie's Debate Mate club from Years 8, 9 and 10 welcomed teams, and staff, from Holly Lodge and Bellerive FCJ Catholic College as they proudly hosted the first round of the Urban Debate League. The competition was particularly well attended, with over 50 students competing in some fiercely-contested motions, which included topics such as 'compulsory 8 PM curfews for all under 16s' and 'a child's right to vote on their education'. [Read more about what went on here.](#)



Cast Your Vote for Euro Tree of the Year

Congratulations to Aislinn in Year 7 and Maisey in Year 8 who placed second and third in the Allerton Oak poetry competition run by the Friends of Calderstones Park. Now see if you can help the mighty tree [gain continental recognition!](#)



1804 Society Go For Gold

Members of our 1804 Society were out in force raising money for Marie Curie, selling daffodil badges during lunch and break time. By collecting or donating and wearing daffodils, students and staff are raising money so Marie Curie can continue their work in caring for more people with a terminal illness and providing support to their families.

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Post 16 Performance Flying High in Performance Tables

Students applying for Sixth Form places at St. Julie's will feel vindicated in their choice after publication of the [Post 16 Performance Tables](#) which place St. Julie's Sixth Form in sixth place on the table of the best performing Liverpool schools and colleges, making us the best performing of the Sixth Forms based in girls' schools. Interviews are already underway but it's not [too late to apply](#).



Flying the Flags

The bell tolled in the Peace Garden at St. Julie's at breaktime on Friday, 7th February, 2020 inviting students and staff to gather round as we raised the flag of St. Julie in celebration of the founding of the Sisters of Notre Dame all the way back in February 1804. A rousing three cheers were offered for the Sisters of Notre Dame who founded our school and who have been a presence in Liverpool since 1851. It was a double celebration, though, as we also raised our Rainbow flag to mark February as LGBT+ History month – an opportunity to learn more about the struggles that people have gone through for acceptance and equality. The raising of the flag is an expression of our commitment to our Mission Statement to be a Catholic learning community which “respects and embraces diversity.” A spontaneous round of applause went up as the flag was raised. Our service concluded with an invitation to offer each other a sign of peace and a chance to get a Rainbow Julie badge! [See photos here](#).



Fun and Games in Performing Arts Movie Night

Year 7 students in many schools want to rush home at the end of the day on Friday, but we had great fun and games on the Performing Arts Movie Night! The evening was a great chance to unwind, and saw some spirited activities before settling down to a showing of 'Hotel for Dogs'.



BTEC Ballet Rehearsals Going Well

The weekend brought some excellent rehearsal time for the Year 12 and 13 BTEC ballet performance. New staff member and former pupil Miss Daly did some excellent script development working with the extended corps who will be using their talents to help the Sixth Form performers shine in 'Swan Lake'.



SAVE the DATE

Safer Internet Day

2020 | Tuesday
11 February

Together for a better internet

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Safer Internet Day 2020

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celebrating Safer Internet Day 2020. Safer Internet Day is a global campaign to promote the safe and responsible use of technology, which calls on young people, parents, carers, teachers, social workers, law enforcement, companies, policymakers, and wider, to join together in helping to create a better internet. Find out how you can [help us here](#).

Government Advice on Coronavirus

The following link gives the latest information and guidance in relation to the coronavirus, which has been updated today:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-information-for-the-public>

There is no specific advice regarding actions to be taken by schools at this point. If that changes, we will update you with the new guidance.



Children's Mental Health Week

It's Children's Mental Health Week, but at St. Julie's we're promoting mental health awareness every week! This week we've been running presentations on stress management on our big screens, and advice and guidance regularly appears in our parent notices and safeguarding notices.

This week is a great opportunity to remind you of the ['Kooth' service](#). The service, accredited by the British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy (BACP), offers young people free and anonymous access to self-help materials, live moderated discussion forums, tools such as an online journal and mood tracker - and the ability to contribute

written pieces of work reflecting their own experiences.

Liverpool City Council ASD Advisory Sessions

The Liverpool City Council ASD Training Team provide drop in advisory sessions to families of Children & Young People with a diagnosis of autism and those awaiting assessment.

Your child does not require a diagnosis of ASD to attend but must have questions or concerns about the children/young people.

These sessions are very popular and enable family members to talk in a private one to one setting. No appointment is required. The full list of dates is [available here](#).

Year 11 Parents Evening

The Year 11 parents' event takes place on Wednesday 12th February, and [online booking for appointments is now open](#).

Careers Updates

Updates this week include details of Apprenticeship schemes across multiple sectors with big names like the National Audit Office and Nestle. As always you can get the [latest information here](#).

Attendance Summary

Attendance figures for week 19 are given below.

Group	% Attend
Year 07	96.1
Year 08	94.1
Year 09	94.4
Year 10	94.2
Year 11	94.8
Year 12	93.9
Year 13	93.1
Totals	94.6

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

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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 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

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school which pupils can reach without crossing any roads.