



St. Julie's Catholic High School

Weekly Newsletter

Week Beginning 11th February 2019

Forthcoming dates for your diary...

15th February
Finish for half term
at 3:15pm

25th February
Year 13 Mock
exams begin



Drama Students Triumph at Now Festival

Performing Arts students from St. Julie's have once again been proud to perform at the 3 day 'Now!' Festival at the Epstein Theatre. The Merseyside Youth Association chose the theme "Rise Up" exploring adverse childhood experiences and resilience. Our group of talented performers of students from Years 8 to 11 interpreted this theme to an award winning standard, taking home the prize for 'Best Acting' and 'Best Overall Performance'. Congratulations to them all!



Overwhelm at the Cathedral

An estimated 1800 people gathered in the magnificent Cathedral of Christ the King for a wonderful service inaugurating the journey towards Synod 2020 and Overwhelm. St. Julie's Music Ministry Team, were there to lead this huge congregation in prayerful song. Read more and see the photo gallery in [the full story](#).



Aiming for the top

Aspiring Russell Group university students from King David High School and St. Francis of Assisi Academy joined our own students this week for an informative presentation organised by Cambridge University. The session helped dispel some myths about Oxbridge and give great insights into choosing the right A Levels!

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Year 10: [Mrs L Rainey Barwise](#)

Year 11: [Mrs J Navarro](#)

Sixth Form: [Mr A Cooban](#)

SENCO: [Mrs G Dooley](#)

Curriculum Leaders

English: [Miss N Gregg](#)

Maths: [Mrs L Gee](#)

Science: [Mr O McGinn](#)

RE: [Mr P Bennett](#)

MFL: [Ms H Mathison](#)

Humanities: [Mrs A Wood](#)

Performing Arts (including PE): [Miss A Douglas](#)

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Holocaust Memorial Day

Holocaust Memorial Day falls on the 27th January each year, the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz by Allied troops in 1945. Nowadays, survivors of the Holocaust are few in number so it is even more important than ever to mark this day and learn the lessons of history. As well as a moving assembly by Speranza, Aneri and our 1804 Society and a prayer video used in Sacred Time, some of our History students participated in the HMD "*Torn from Home*" postcard project. Read more [here](#).



Year 11 Perform Under Pressure!

Congratulations to the year 11 Drama class who entertained both their examiner and audience as they performed their final practical work of the course. Across 2 nights, students delivered mature, polished and professional performances that left the audience speechless. Their hard work, enthusiasm and commitment definitely paid off. Well done Year 11!



A Future In History

Year 11 History students enjoyed an interactive session this week promoting the value of studying History at A Level at St. Julie's and then onto degree level. The session was run by two student ambassadors from Leeds University. Tara and Jacob were final and second year students of History, and were incredibly inspiring about why studying History is a great choice for the future of our Year 11 students.



Attendance Beats The Weather

The difficult weather in January hasn't dented the resolve of our committed students who have recorded sustained attendance in the year since September. We'd particularly like to congratulate Year 7 students who, along with the staff supporting them, have raised their game to record the best attendance of all of our Year Groups. The latest figures to date are shown below.

Group	% Attend
Year 07	96.2
Year 08	95.1
Year 09	95.1
Year 10	94.0
Year 11	93.8
Year 12	94.2
Year 13	93.1
Totals	94.7

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With things moving in the right direction we must acknowledge that there is still some work to be done to meet the minimum attendance that we aim for which is **97%**. Pupils with no absence are an astonishing **2.2 times more likely** to achieve 5 or more GCSEs or equivalent at grades 9-7 including English and Maths than pupils missing 10-15 percent of Key Stage 4 sessions, so we thank you for your continued support of our work on attendance and ask that you keep on helping your child maintain excellent attendance.



Now Festival Steering Group

We'd like to congratulate our 4 Year 9 Performing Arts students who were selected to be on the steering group of this week's Now Festival. They have been busy working each night back stage and as part of the judging panel.



Mug Shots!

Year 8 have been busy designing and manufacturing a packaged product. They used CAD software to design and develop a personalised design which was transferred onto the ceramic mugs using a die-sublimation heat process. The packaging introduced them to tessellation and the need to think about materials in the real world when choosing and packaging products in the future.

We use similar approaches in our Graphics GCSE where last year we achieved an outstanding 100% pass rate.

Nuffield Research Placements

Students in Year 12 will shortly be getting a presentation in school about Nuffield Research Placements, which offer students who meet eligibility criteria the chance of a summer placement doing real research work with an expert supervisor. If you'd like to know more now, [click here](#) for the information leaflet.

Careers Updates

Please check our [careers updates page](#) for new information this week on resources for aspiring Lawyers and Medics and some interesting open days including the 'Explore Law' event at the University of Liverpool on 13th March.

Year 11 Parents Evening

Thank you to all of the parents who contributed to making our Year 11 Parents evening such a success. The response that we had from parents was very supportive, and they were reassured with the plans in place for supporting students in this critical period leading into the exams. With parents, students and staff at school all working together we can secure the best possible outcomes for students.

Year 13 Mock Exams

Year 13 mock examinations are scheduled to commence on Monday 25th February.

Sixth Form Applications

Sixth Form applications and interviews are well underway, but it's not too late to [make an application](#).

In-School Sickness

At this time of year, sickness is often prevalent. We have a system in place in school to support students that are feeling unwell. Pupils must not phone or text home

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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 school which pupils can reach without crossing any roads.