



# St. Julie's Catholic High School

## Weekly Newsletter

Week Beginning 13<sup>th</sup> January 2020

### Forthcoming dates for your diary...

**15<sup>th</sup> January**  
Year 11 Mock Exams begin

**23<sup>rd</sup> January**  
Sixth Form Open Evening  
3:30-6:00pm

[6F Application Form](#)

[6F Entry requirements](#)

**30<sup>th</sup> January**  
Year 8 Parents' Evening



### Thanks from Micah Foodbank

Mr Alderman has received a very nice letter of thanks from Paul O'Brien, Executive Director of Micah Liverpool, for our recent Christmas donation. You can read the full text of the letter in the [story on our website](#). We're glad that the magnificent collection effort was so worthwhile and extend the thank you to everybody who has donated to give so many people a better Christmas.



### Deck The Halls!

On the first day of the Christmas holidays, Sixth Formers Chloe, Caitlyn, Sarah, Zoe, Abbie and Tyler headed out early to St. Mary's Parish Hall, Woolton to help transform it into the most festive of Christmas Dinner venues. Tables were moved, set up, covered, laid and decorated. Chairs were covered and the kitchen prepared for the feast which was to follow.

[See photos here!](#)



### Next Round for Big Dance Off

After entering our dance number 'Seize the day' from our school musical 'This is Liverpool' we are happy to announce we have got through to the next round of the Big Dance Off national competition. Last year we were placed 7th in the KS3 heat. This year we are entering the KS4 heat. There are still two round before the final showcase. Good luck to our Dance company.



When Ofsted visited St. Julie's they judged that "Students who continue their education in the sixth form are well served by the school. Appropriate courses and good teaching are helping sixth-form students to do well."

Application forms are available to download now using the links on the calendar bar of this newsletter. Why not start filling yours in now? Your best option could be right on your doorstep...



## Sixth Form Open Evening: Thursday 23rd January

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### Runaway Success for CAFOD

While others were snuggled inside in post-Christmas recovery mode, around 300 runners, walkers and dogs(!) gathered at Wavertree Park for the annual CAFOD Funrun! A team from St. Julie's was on hand to give them St. Julie's water, jelly babies and plenty of encouragement. Special thanks to Lauren, Kate, Katie, Abi, Paige, Anna and Holly who gave up time to be part of this fantastic event.

### Voices Raised for First Friday

Staff and students gathered into the Chapel for First Friday - the monthly celebration of hymns old and new. 'Old' and 'New' were taken very much to heart this month, as we sang the "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing", a Carol that originated in 1739, alongside the much more recent "Plant In Us A Seed" composed by Mr Anderson.

### Year 8 Parents' Evening

Parents' Evening for students in Year 8 is taking place on the 30<sup>th</sup> January. Appointments can be booked in the [Parents Evening Booking System](#) from 9am on the 20<sup>th</sup> January. We look forward to seeing you there!

### Safeguarding: Safety in Out of School Settings

Does your child attend an 'Out of School Setting' such as community and youth centre, sports clubs or out of school tuition? If so and in order to reassure yourself that this is a safe and appropriate environment, please be aware of [this linked document](#).

The document gives guidance about questions you may want to ask of this provider in respect of things such as employment checks on staff, supervision arrangements, staff training, data protection and a range of other issues. It also identifies a number of 'red flags' that might give rise to concern about a provider and what you should do if you were to have concerns.

Please also be aware of [this website](#) which is a free hub of national safeguarding resources to empower children, young people and all adults supporting them.

### Year 11 Mock Exams

Mock examinations for Year 11 students begin on the 15<sup>th</sup> January. The full timetable is [available for viewing here](#). Other important exam information can be found [here](#).

### Smart Watch Guidance

Please remind your daughter that she must only wear a plain wrist watch to school. Apple watches, iWatches and other smart 'connected' wrist devices are not allowed due to the type of communication methods that can be accessed via these devices, e.g. text messages and social media.

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## Careers Updates

Updates this week include information about upcoming information evenings about the Andrew Collinge Hairdressing apprenticeship programmes, and it's worth revisiting the link to Merseyside Police who have made significant updates to their website. Check out also [this site](#) which is much more accessible for those who find some other careers sites a bit overwhelming. As always you can get the [latest information here](#).

## Sixth Form Applications

The application window for Sixth Form places will be opening in January. The Governors entry requirements can be [found here](#), and the application form is [available here](#). Further information will be given to parents and students shortly via assemblies, the website and through this bulletin.

## Attendance Summary

Attendance figures for the week commencing 16/12/19 are given below.

| Group   | % Attend |
|---------|----------|
| Year 07 | 89.3     |
| Year 08 | 93.6     |
| Year 09 | 92.0     |
| Year 10 | 86.9     |
| Year 11 | 93.1     |
| Year 12 | 88.7     |
| Year 13 | 84.0     |

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 daughter unless the completed form is returned to school.**

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**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.