



# St. Julie's Catholic High School

## Weekly Newsletter

Week Beginning 13th May 2019

### Forthcoming dates for your diary...

**13<sup>th</sup> May**

Year 11 and 13 Exams Begin

**27<sup>th</sup> June**

**4:00-6:00pm**

Year 4 and 5 Open Evening

**28<sup>th</sup> June and 1<sup>st</sup> July**

**July**

School INSET days



### St. Julie's Students Become Cyber Champions!

This week 19 students from St. Julie's attended the training and launch event of Merseyside Police's Cyber Champions scheme. The event was introduced and hosted by Assistant Chief Constable Ian Critchley and Detective Chief Inspector Helen Bennett, from Merseyside Police's Digital Forensics Team. Training was delivered by Merseyside Police's Digital PCSO Megan Buckland who has previously worked with students in St. Julie's. You can find out more about the programme in the [full story on our website](#).



### Year 9 Student Releases Song

Grace in Year 9 is set to release her own song this month. Her original song, that she has composed, written lyrics for and recorded by herself will be available on Spotify on the 20th May. The song is called 'Crystal' is based on positive well-being and looking after your mind. Grace will be performing it as part of our mental health performances.



### Geographers complete revision in the 'real world'

On Tuesday 30th April, the Year 11 Geography pupils were taken on a tour of North Wales in order to complete a wide range of revision activities on different topics from the exams they have coming up at the end of May. Read more about their adventures (and seal spotting!) [here](#).

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### Prayer Shorts Launches

A new feature has just been added to the Chaplaincy section of this website. It's a link to **Prayer Shorts** - a collection of short video resources to support our collective worship. **Prayer Shorts** contains End of Day prayers, prayer clips relating to our Mission Statement, short prayers for various occasions such as when you have a lot on your plate, some of our more regular Form Prayers and, for those who like a good sing, some Hymns and Lyrics. We hope you enjoy dipping into this set of resources which can be found via the Chaplaincy tab on the school website or [directly here](#).



### Former Student Shares Nurse Training Experience

This week a group of aspiring nurses from Year 10 and Year 12 were treated to an exciting and informative visit from former St Julie's student and trainee nurse Jemma Riley and LJMU admissions tutor Phil Rathe. The students gained an invaluable insight to what training to be a nurse entails; learned more about the personal qualities, experience and qualifications required to be a nurse and how the recruitment process works. We look forward to further opportunities with LJMU and to welcoming them back into school again for UCAS advice in the autumn term.



### TV Star Returns to Teach Masterclass

the Performing Arts department were pleased to welcome back former student, Katherine-Rose Morley to deliver a masterclass in acting. After leaving St Julie's, Katherine went to train at Guildhall school of music and drama and since graduating has worked professionally on stage and screen including, Call the Midwife, Vera, The Last Tango in Halifax and many other well known shows. Find out more about the session in [the full story](#).

### The Brilliant Club Graduates!

We are delighted to report that twelve Year 9 and 10 students successfully completed their Brilliant Club assignment projects on astrophysics. On Thursday 16 May they will celebrate their achievements at a graduation service held at the University of Liverpool. Nine students successfully achieve 1st class degrees as part of this project. Fantastic achievement!

### Careers Updates

Careers updates this week include details of 12 month industry placements ideal for gap years, and an interesting article on Student Loans. [Click here](#) for more.

### Parentalk Course: The Teenage Years

The Hub at St. Peter's are running a 'Caring for Families' Parentalk on 'The Teenage Years'. You can find out [more information here](#).

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## Weekly Attendance Round Up

The attendance at St. Julie's last week is shown in the table below.

Group	% Attend
Year 07	96.4
Year 08	94.3
Year 09	95.6
Year 10	94.7
Year 11	94.9
Year 12	96.0
Year 13	95.0
Totals	95.2

## Standardised Tests for Students in Years 7, 8 and 9

During the Summer term students in Years 7, 8 and 9 will be sitting short progress tests in English, Maths and Science. More information can be found in [this letter](#) circulated by Mrs McCourt.



## Free School Meals & Extra School Funding

Did you know that if you are eligible for free school meals but have not yet applied then doing so could not only save you up to £400 a year but could also generate an extra £935 in funding for St. Julie's?

You can apply for free school meals if you are in receipt of one of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit – your household earned annual income must be less than £7,400 after tax and not including any benefits
- Income Support
- Income based Jobseeker's Allowance

- Income related Employment Support Allowance
- Support under part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed part of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit – with no Working Tax Credit and your annual household income is no more than £16,190, as assessed by the Inland Revenue

If your application is successful then once we have received notification a daily credit is automatically applied to your child's account in the catering system, and they continue to use the Dining Room in exactly the same way they do now.

You can see [this flyer](#) for more information or just [get started with your application](#) straight away!

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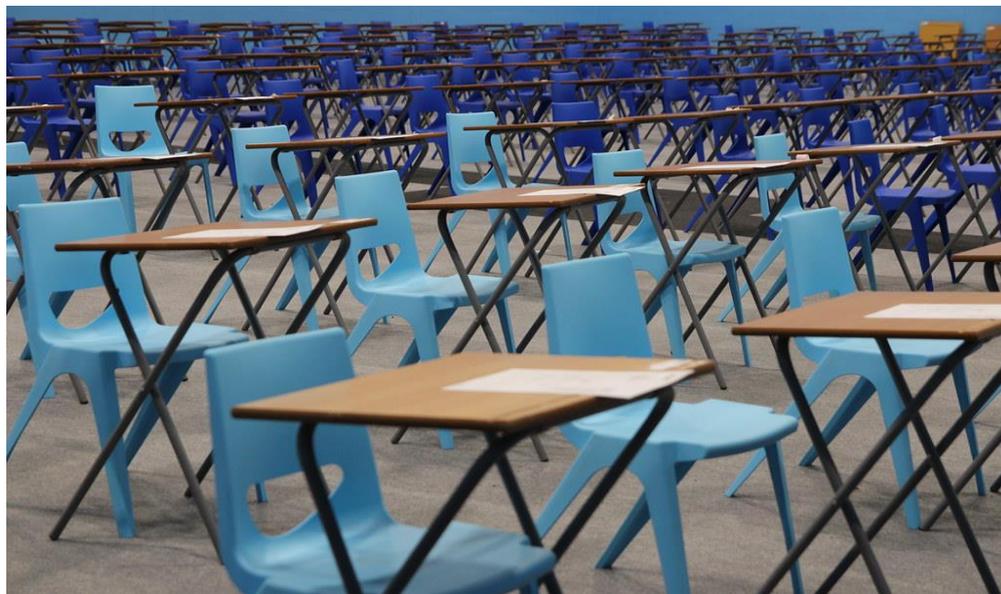
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## Exam Season Begins!

After months of preparation, the exam season is now upon us with formal external exams starting on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May.

This weekend is the ideal opportunity to review the JCQ regulations one more time before we begin. It's also a great time to do an equipment check with your daughter and think about drawing up a daily routine.

Remember that pencil cases need to be transparent, drinks must be in completely transparent containers with no labels or printing and calculator lids must not have any printing on them other than the manufacturer's logo.

We know that the exam board regulations can seem overly rigorous at times, but they are important to give a consistent experience to every candidate in the country, and we are required to report any breach of the regulations, however innocent, to the exam board for them to decide what action must be taken.

Whilst careful planning and preparation takes place to meet the needs of candidates, it is very important that candidates entitled to special access arrangements alert invigilators **before the start** of the exam if they believe that their access arrangements have not been provided.

Please see [this link](#) for an important letter circulated by Mrs McCourt to parents of students in Year 11 last

month which includes details of the support that will be given to students during the exam period. We wish all our students the very best of luck during the exam season. Important previously published candidate information is available for [Year 11](#) and [Year 13](#).

### Supporting Your Child During Exam Time

As begin the exam season, Young Minds have launched advice for parents about supporting their children.

Tips include:

- Encourage your child to take revision breaks and find a balance between studying and doing things they find enjoyable and relaxing.
- Make sure they are eating and drinking at regular intervals.
- Reassure them – reinforce that you are and will be proud of them no matter what happens.
- Remain positive and hopeful!
- Let them know their feelings are valid and normal, but also offer support and solutions where possible.
- Anxiety is often worst at night and this means it is useful to encourage good bedtime routine

You can find out more [here](#).

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## 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 school which pupils can reach without crossing any roads.