



St. Julie's Catholic High School

Weekly Newsletter

Week Beginning 13th July 2020

Forthcoming Dates for your Diary

Exams Results Days
Results will be published to students on the existing dates of 13th August (A Level) and 20th August (GCSE). Exact arrangements are to be confirmed and will be published in due course.

Virtual Open Evening
[Take the tour here](#) and tell your friends!

16th July & 17th July
Staff Training



Lowering the Flag for 2019-20

On Friday, 10th July, staff joined students in the Peace Garden for an End of Year service. In glorious sunshine, they reflected, gave a round of applause for each other and for carers and keyworkers and held a minute's silence for all who have died during this most difficult of years. The school flag was lowered to half-mast as a sign of respect and it will be raised once more when school re-opens. Our Peace Bell pealed to mark the end of the academic year and it will sound once more on our first day back in September to welcome students and staff to St. Julie's.



Performing Arts Students Make the Cut!

We're very excited to tell you that two of our talented performers, Steph and Grace, have made the shortlist in the 'Imagination Project' competition. They have now met virtually with the team of producers and have been interviewed about their audition performance. You can [read more about it here](#).



Prime Minister Addresses School Leavers

On Friday 10th July Prime Minister Boris Johnson gave a video address to school leavers across the country, thanking them for their sacrifices and underlining their importance to our future. If you missed the address live, a copy [is available on demand](#) at Number 10's YouTube channel.

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Student Travel Survey

We have received an open letter to all parents and carers [from the City's Cycling and Walking Commissioner](#) that we have been asked to circulate.

In the spirit of the letter, and in accordance with the DfE's advice to Local Authorities to explore ways to reduce the demand on public transport in September, we would like to ask for a few minutes of your time to [complete a travel survey](#) about how your child will be travelling, or could travel, to and from school in September.

Thank you in advance for your time, which we do appreciate.



Outstanding Work In Set Design

Congratulations to Aislinn in 7 Nugent for a fantastic piece of project work in Performing Arts. Using materials found around the home, Aislinn has crafted some remarkable scaled sets for an Aladdin production, included a suspended flying carpet using theatrical principles. Well done on a great piece of work!

YPAS Delivering Services Over Summer

With the end of the school year fast approaching, we would like to remind you about the Young Person's Advisory Service (YPAS) with whom we work closely.

YPAS is a mental health and emotional well-being service supporting young people and families across Liverpool. Some signs of low mood and anxiety may include irritability, sleeping too much or not enough, avoiding things they used to enjoy, isolating themselves from others, and excessive worry. If you have any concerns regarding your child, and would like to make a referral to access support from YPAS, please [visit their website](#).



Synod 2020 Update

We've received the following message from the Synod Office Team that we'd like to share with you:

When we set off on our Synod journey with the words Together on the Road, we never imagined what God had in store for us. The last few months have been unexpected and they have taught us all that the road has many twists and turns on it and, as the Synod journey continues, God is calling us to listen, often in new and exciting ways.

Archbishop Malcolm has issued a video message and a revised Synod timetable has been published. Our Synod weekend will now take place on 18, 19, and 20 June 2021. You can watch the message and find full details of the changes on the Synod 2020 website: synod2020.co.uk

Please continue to pray for our Synod 2020 journey.

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Stars of Lockdown!

Congratulations to all of our 'Stars of Lockdown' this week for their tremendous efforts in working from home! A special thanks goes to Amber, Cara and Sophia for sending us in some photos to share. Well done!



Thinking of Medicine or Nursing?

The response to the Covid-19 pandemic has brought the work of critical care staff into sharp focus. Are you thinking of a career in Medicine or Nursing? During the period of lockdown we've had student at St. Julie's volunteering or working with hospital trusts to serve the public, gaining great professional insights and team working skills. For those interested in Medicine, the following information will be useful: [Applying to Medical School](#)
In order to study medicine students need to complete additional BMAT / UCAT tests as outlined below:

UCAT

As of 1st June:
Students taking this test will have the option of doing so at home or at a test centre
Registration opens 1st July
Testing window operates from 3rd August to 1st October 2020
Students need to check out This '[ultimate UCAT](#)' guide may be helpful too!

[This blog](#) talks you through the BMAT and the different sections you can expect on the tests. For those interested in Nursing and Midwifery, check out [this really helpful video](#) from Kingston University.

Remote Enrichment and Open Days

Check [here for an updated list](#) of virtual and online open days and enrichment opportunities, largely for Sixth Form students, running through July and August.



Edge Hill Year 12 Residentials

Edge Hill University have taken their popular Year 12 summer residentials online, but you'll still need to apply and numbers are still limited. Students will receive a mixture of live face to face teaching with academic colleagues and pre recorded sessions to watch at their leisure. Students will also have access to live chats with current Edge Hill students and staff; running throughout the week they will receive advice on student finance, applying to university and student life. Each department will set their students a project to complete during the residential, this will be excellent preparation for university study no matter which institution you intend to apply to. Find out [more here](#).

Careers Updates

Updates this week include information about RAF recruitment, some great webinars for the Allied Health Professions, webinars from the National Careers Service about preparing for virtual interviews with employers (could be handy for Uni applicants too), and a visual guide

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to choices post-GCSE published by the Department for Education. You can find [all the details here](#).

Letter Relating to Arrangements for September

This letter has been sent by post, but copies are accessible below:
[Letter for students currently in Year 6](#)
[Letter for students currently in Year 7](#)
[Letter for students currently in Year 8](#)
[Letter for students currently in Year 9](#)
[Letter for students currently in Year 10](#)
[Letter for students currently in Year 11](#) | [Follow up latter for students current in Year 11](#)
[Letter for students currently in Sixth Form](#)

Safeguarding: Guidance for parents and carers of children attending out-of-school settings during the coronavirus

(COVID-19) outbreak (gov.uk)
The government has issued guidance for parents about any out-of-school settings they use for their children. This will become particularly important as the summer holidays begin.

The guidance includes a section about choosing a suitable provider and provides some examples of positive signs to look out for when choosing an out-of-school setting for your child.

In addition to covid-19 related issues, the guidance covers safeguarding matters too, including finding out whether staff members and volunteers have relevant child protection training, and relevant checks have been made.

You can [find the guidance here](#).

Safeguarding: Government guidance for parents - online harms

The government has produced a useful webpage listing sources of advice and support for keeping their children safe. The guide includes information about:

- Protect children from domestic abuse
- Teenage relationship abuse
- Child sexual abuse and exploitation
- Sexual assault referral centres
- Crime, Criminal Exploitation and County Lines, violence and gangs
- Protect children from radicalisation
- Prevent
- Online child safety
- Mental health

You can [find the information here](#).

End of Year Reports

All students will receive their end of year report. This will be published in July and will include information on student's academic progress from September 2019 to March 2020. Students will also be commended on any work completed during lockdown. It will not be possible to issue operational grades at this point but baseline assessments will take place in September to identify strengths and any gaps in knowledge and understanding. Year 10 students will receive their mock results in their end of year reports. All curriculum teams have adjusted their curriculum maps to ensure that retrieval and re-connection techniques are used to support student progress.

Half Term 6 Calendar and INSET Days Moved

A printable copy of the school calendar for Half Term 6 (1st June to 17th July) is [available here](#). Planned INSET days have been moved to the 16th and 17th July to accommodate the lesson schedule for Year 10 and 12 students. All events in the school calendar are subject to change in response to further Government and LA advice on school operations.

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Parenting Through Covid-19

We continue to recommend that [Culture Liverpool blog for parenting during Covid-19](#) which is written by local people and for local people, and has parenting ideas to help inform, reassure and keep and young people safe.