



St. Julie's Catholic High School

Weekly Newsletter

Week Beginning 14th December 2020

Forthcoming Dates for your Diary

15th-17th December
Advent Services

15th December
Christmas Lunch for all students

16th December
Sixth Form Fancy Dress

17th December
Teaching finishes at the normal time of 3:15pm

18th December
Staff INSET
No student attendance on this day



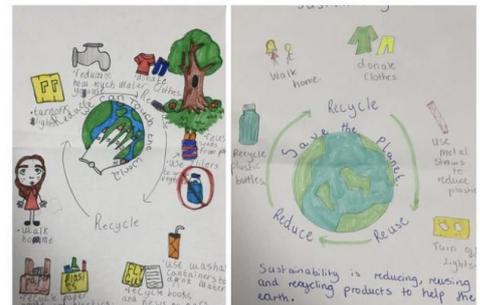
Year 13 Drama Students Raise Some Laughs!

After a very difficult year it was wonderful to see our Sixth Form Drama students perform a brace of side splitting comedies for their examinable performances. The originally devised pieces both centred around the concept of local competition. In 'Best Foot Forward', the happy players of the West Derby Amateur Dramatics Society welcomed a dazzling new member to their company and in 'Woolton In Bloom' the intrepid gardeners of Woolton turned sleuths in this hilarious whodunnit. [See the photos here](#)



Christmas Jumper Day

We've been getting into the festive spirit for the final Friday of teaching in 2020, as professional daywear was accessorised with a Christmas twist. It's Christmas Jumper Day!



Year 7 Show Off Design Skills

Students in Design Technology have been learning about sustainability in the context of creating their own company to produce sustainable packaging for smoothie products, and the standard of work has been really impressive as you can see [in the gallery](#). Well done to all of the students!

Words of St Julie:

"We are what we want to be by the efforts we are willing to make."

[Hear more about these words at our Chaplaincy Website](#)

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Christmas Dinner is on the house!

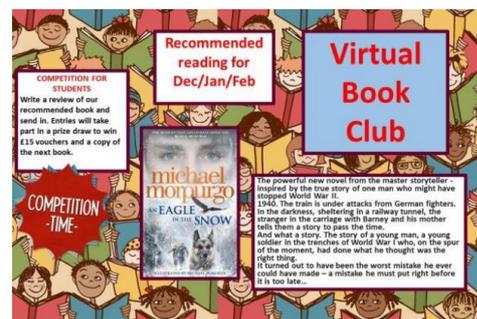
We're delighted to be able to tell you the annual Christmas Dinner, this year served on the 15th December in the school Dining Room, will be provided **free of charge** to all students wishing to dine. This has been made possible through the very generous support of Bidfood, a catering supplier to St. Julie's, who are providing all of the ingredients for our Christmas Dinner at no cost. We'd like to thank all at Bidfood for this generous festive gesture, and we're looking forward to some happy diners!



Words of Wisdom

A few weeks ago some glass artwork appeared on the corridors of St. Julie's. The various doves, sunflowers, olive branches and hearts were well-received although no-one seemed to know why they were there. All became clear on Wednesday of this week when plaques of some of the Words of St. Julie appeared beneath them. The quotes were researched and chosen by members of last year's 1804 Society following their pilgrimage to Amiens and Namur in the footsteps of St. Julie. The plaques are a reminder of our heritage and the extraordinary woman who is patron of our school. The quotes are a welcome addition to the weekly Words of St. Julie videos that appear on our [Chaplaincy website](#). The latest

also appears on page 1 of this newsletter. We hope these **words of wisdom from our smiling saint** will continue to inspire for generations to come.



Virtual Book Club Launches!

As the long nights draw in, why not sink into a good read - alongside other members of the English Department's virtual book club! Send in a review of our recommended book and you could be in with the chance of a prize! For next half term we're recommending Michael Morpurgo's 'An Eagle In The Snow', inspired by a real story that could have stopped World War II.



Bully-Busting Advice for Year 9

Students in Year 9 have benefited from an advice workshop with [Bullybusters](#), aiming to build skills in recognising bullying behaviour and knowing what to do when they see it. Thanks to the Bullybusters team for coming in to see us!

Advent Services

The Advent Service at St. Julie's is usually a joyous gathering of the whole school in the Sports Hall but this year celebrations will be a little different. Instead of the whole school, each Year Group will gather in the Sports Hall for a **socially distanced service of readings**

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and reflection. The Year 9 choir will sing and the Year 9 Dance Company will perform. Students and staff have been wonderful in supporting the Micah Foodbank and donations will be taken for distribution after the final service on Thursday. Although a much quieter service than usual, we still anticipate memorable celebrations of this Advent Season.

Kooth Guidance for Adults

Kooth is a free, online self-referral counselling service for young people that has had some really positive feedback. The guide for adults, [available here](#), gives more information about the kinds of services that young people can access and explains about how the system works.

South Liverpool Food Bank Christmas Schedule

The Christmas operating schedule for the South Liverpool Foodbanks can be [found here](#). Bridge Chapel Centre in Garston is closed on Christmas Day, Bank Holiday Monday and New Year's Day, but they are offering replacement sessions on Wednesday 23rd and Wednesday 30th.

Statement from the DfE regarding GCSE and A Level Exams

The Department for Education and the Education Secretary have issued a release with some information about how the GCSE and A Level Examinations in 2021 will be adapted to accommodate the disruption to education caused by Covid-19. The full statement has been included in a letter circulated by Mrs McCourt which is [available to read here](#).

Virtual Year 7 Parents Evening

Our Year 7 Parents' Evening went virtual for the first time this year, and we'd like to thank parents for their patience as we all got to grips with this new method. The event largely went smoothly with over 900

video conference appointments taking place across three evenings, but we are aware that some users had difficulties getting connected to the site or experienced some technical difficulties during appointments, and for that we apologise. We're working with our service provider on the few issues that emerged and look forward to an even smoother experience should we need to use this method again.

Year 11 Mocks - Contingency Plan

Year 11 Mocks will commence from Monday 11 January 2021. If in the unfortunate event that students are required to self-isolate due to Covid-19, a mop-up session will take place at the end of the mock examination programme.

To ensure fairness, the mop-up sessions will have different exam papers set. Students will not be disadvantaged by this process and grade boundaries will be adjusted to reflect the national results for that dataset.

Covid Reporting

Please continue to review the [information sent out each week in the bulletin](#) with regard to the importance of notifying school immediately if your child tests positive for COVID-19. Please continue to contact school in any of the normal ways - the main switchboard (0151 428 6421) during working hours; or reception@stjulies.org.uk or safeguarding@stjulies.org.uk for out of hours notifications. School have taken all reasonable steps to raise awareness of this. Thank you.

Careers Updates

This week we've got the December update of the Amazing Apprenticeships Parent Pack. You can find all the info on our [new Careers Site](#).

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Remote Learning Programme

As we continue to develop our remote learning programme for students who are required to self-isolate, we have implemented the following updates:

- Lesson by lesson resources mapped against the current curriculum
- Lesson plans and resources adhere to the school's learning and teaching policy
- Updated VLE server with an improved communication system and interactive software
- Access to e-books to develop students' learning
- Use of Microsoft Teams in lessons - students can dial into some lessons and listen to the audio and resources. Subject teachers will confirm via email and provide information on how students can access the lessons. Lessons have also been recorded for students to refer back to at a later date
- Updated [remote learning policy](#)
- Ongoing training and professional development for staff to deliver high quality remote learning resources
- Instant feedback and assessment via MathsWatch and Educake
- Updated podcasts and introductory videos

Microsoft Office 365 Licencing

All students at St. Julie's are licenced to install the Microsoft Office 365 suite on up to five computers at home at no cost. You can find out more about how to complete the installation in this [remote learning guide](#).

School Bus Service

Can we please remind parents and students of the vital importance of wearing masks on public transport and adhering to the [previously](#)

[published requirements](#) for use of the school bus service.

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My child has COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms	• Child must remain at home • Child must get a test • Child must remain at home while waiting for test result • Child must self-isolate (avoid all contacts) until 10 days after symptoms start	• when child's test comes back negative and child is well enough	What to do if... Action needed... Back to school...
My child tests positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus)	• Child must remain at home • Child must get a test • Child must remain at home while waiting for test result • Child must self-isolate (avoid all contacts) until 10 days after symptoms start	• when child has been well for at least 48 hours • when child has been well for at least 10 days since last test • when child has been well for at least 10 days since last test	What to do if... Action needed... Back to school...
Someone in my household has COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms	• Household member with symptoms should get a test • Household member with symptoms should self-isolate (avoid all contacts) until 10 days after symptoms start	• when household member has been well for at least 10 days since last test	What to do if... Action needed... Back to school...
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Latest Covid Absence Information Poster

Please [click here for a quick guidance poster](#) for parents about Covid related absence, which has some helpful links in too.

Covid-19 Information and Risk Assessment

All parent/carers can access the school's Covid-19 risk assessment [here](#).

Year 9 PE Day - Every Tuesday

Every Tuesday Year 9 students will have PE lessons at least twice during the day. To reduce changing time Year 9 students can come to school in their PE kit. This rule only applies to Year 9 students. All students must only wear their St. Julie's PE Kit.

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 and nurseries have asked their School Liaison Police Officers to support in ensuring that no

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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.