



# St. Julie's Catholic High School

## Weekly Newsletter

Week Beginning 15th July 2019

### Forthcoming dates for your diary...

#### 19<sup>th</sup> July

End of term at 3:15pm

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#### 3<sup>rd</sup> September

Return to school for all students

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### Happy Birthday St. Julie!

We've celebrated St. Julie's birthday in school with a celebration and ceremony, including the opening of our newly constructed bell tower. With both sorrow and joy we applauded as Sister Margaret Walsh SNDdeN made the formal opening as one of her last acts as Chair of Governors at St. Julie's. We are hugely grateful to Sister Margaret for all that she has done for us, and we will bring you much more on this shortly on our website. You can [watch the ceremony here!](#)



### Prom Night For Year 11

After the stress and pressure of the exam season, our Year 11 students have dialled up the style to celebrate at Prom Night! The red carpet outside the Hallmark Alicia Hotel in Sefton Park was graced with elegance and poise as students posed for photographs outside before being greeted by Mrs Navarro. Read more and see the [all important gallery](#) here!



### Performing Arts Bring The Glitz for Oscars Night!

Woolton Picturehouse became the place to be this week as Performing Arts hosted their own Oscars awards night! Students tasted the Hollywood experience with their red carpet arrival in front of the paparazzi, before being greeted with a mock pink prosecco cocktail, popcorn and a goody bag. [Read more and see the photos here.](#)

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### Year 7 Go Walkabout!

On Thursday 4th July 80 of our year 7 students took to the woodlands of Cholmondeley Castle in Cheshire to participate in a 3-day 'Bushcraft' weekend - organised by The Bushcraft Company - an outdoor activities group. [Read the full story](#) to find out what they got up to and why the trip was such a wonderful success!



### Challenge Club 2019

A number of Year 7 and 8 students have completed the Humanities Challenge Club this term. The participants were tasked with an enquiry question and shown how to write a scientific report with their findings. The task for this year was a topic which is being highly publicised at the minute, and one the pupils feel very passionately about; "Climate Change: A new problem or just history repeating itself?" The results were insightful, and you can read more about what the students had to do and who the overall winner was in [the full story](#).

## Summer Newsletter

We have circulated a printed newsletter to all parents which contains some important information for next year in the centre pages. You can see [an electronic version here](#).



### Super Strike From Notre Dame Student

Local football fans who were disheartened by the Lionesses semi-final departure from the World Cup can take solace from a different winning connection. The USA lifted the trophy after a decisive second goal which was a magnificent solo effort from Rose Lavelle. Rose was a student at Mount Notre Dame High School in Cincinnati, Ohio, and they are very proud indeed of their World Cup winning student. It's good to know that at least some part of the trophy is staying in the family!



### Year 7 Duck, Dive and Dodge!

The Sports Hall gave home to a maelstrom of high energy ball throwing this week as Year 7 students enjoyed a charity dodgeball tournament. The tension really ratcheted up for the closely contested staff versus Sixth Form game in which honours this time fell to the students! Thanks to all who participated.

## End of Term arrangements:

The school day for pupils will end at the usual time of 3.15pm on Friday 19th July, marking the start of the summer holidays. Pupils will then have 6 weeks off to enjoy a break and complete the 'Bridging Work'

set by their subject teachers. Until that point, learning and teaching will continue as normal and pupils are reminded that all of our usual expectations in terms of punctuality, attendance, uniform and conduct will continue to apply. For example, pupils are not to have their school shirts signed by their peers - they are not leaving school, just breaking up for the summer!

Pupils are also to be reminded that when travelling to and from school they are representing St Julie's and we are always very proud of how our pupils conduct themselves. We know that this will continue to be the case as we end this school year. If any pupils are considering acting in a way that would let themselves down, in particular on the last day of term through their behaviour on leaving school, they will be subject to the full range of sanctions available to the school once they return in September. Pupils are to respectful of themselves, their peers, their staff, school premises, members of the public and the local environment. Members of staff will be present in the local area to see the girls off for their summer holiday.

## **Arrangements for the start of term:**

**School re-opens for pupils on Tuesday 3rd September. Years 7, 8, 9 start at 8.40am. Years 10, 11, 12 and 13 start at 9.50am**

The best indicator of a pupil's likely attendance - and as a result, their progress and attainment - is their attendance in the first two weeks of the school year. Pupils who get off to a strong start in terms of attendance are likely to maintain this across this year. Pupils who are absent early in the term are more likely to accrue further absences. For this reason, school cannot authorise any holiday requests and will seek to issue penalty notices where the law allows for any holidays that 'overrun' into the start of term. All pupils are to be encouraged to make a positive start

to the year and be in on time, all the time.

## **Costing Review**

Our school charging policy requires us to annually review the cost of chargeable items. This year has brought serious financial challenges to our school including significant price rises from many of our suppliers. Governors have agreed that the school will continue to subsidise school meals and travel passes but that the level of subsidy has been reviewed. From 1<sup>st</sup> September, following a price rise from Merseytravel, the cost of a student travel pass will be **£79.95**.

In response to the continuing price rises in the wholesale food market that we are all experiencing, the price of a set school meal will be **£2.20** from September.

## **Year 12 Taste The World Of Work**

Good luck to our Year 12 students as they start their work experience placements. The placements are a valuable part of the Sixth Form experience at St. Julie's and offer valuable enrichment, as well as a talking point for University interviews!

## **Safeguarding Notices**

### **Stemming teenage mental illness**

Stem4 is a teenage mental health charity aimed at improving teenage mental health by stemming commonly occurring mental health issues at an early stage

Young people have just as much right to accessing facts about good mental health as they do good physical health, and yet there is a lack of accurate information. Embarrassment or social stigma surrounding mental health issues can so easily lead to confusion with what may be normal development, as opposed to the early

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development of a mental health issue.

By raising awareness, sharing information on how to recognise early warning signs and by providing effective strategies in how to deal with them, it can be possible to identify and stem these conditions early on. Find out more at <https://stem4.org.uk/>

## Safeguarding questions for parents and carers

If you are considering booking your daughter into summer camps, activity days and child-care settings then you may wish to give consideration to the draft DfE guidance 'Safeguarding questions for parents and carers (DfE, 2018) so that you can ask the appropriate questions of the people they intend to leave their children with.

Key questions include:

- Have staff and volunteers undertaken DBS checks? How recent were the checks?
- Will any adults besides the instructor be present at the venue while my child is there? If so, will they be there on a regular basis?
- What training have staff had?
- May I have a copy of your child protection policy?
- Who is your designated safeguarding lead (DSL) and what training have they had? How recent was this training?
- My child has Special Educational Needs and / or a disability (SEND). What steps will you take to accommodate this?
- My child needs help with: using the toilet; changing; feeding; their medication, etc. How will these personal care needs be addressed?
- How are you securely storing the information you hold on my child? Who has

access to it and are you giving it to anyone else?

- Is my child allowed to access the internet unsupervised?
- Do you have filtering and monitoring systems in place? What are they?
- What are your systems for First Aid, health and safety and fire evacuation?

More information can [be found here](#).

## Festival Safe Website

Although Glastonbury, perhaps the biggest music festival, has passed there will be many more festivals over the next couple of months including Boomtown, Camp Bestival, Leeds and other more local events. Your daughter may be attending one of these events this summer and the Festival Safe website offers lots of very good information about the fun side, but also about dangers such as alcohol and drugs, crime, what to do in an emergency and how to stay sexually safe.

<https://www.festivalsafe.com/>

### Key Links for Summer

<https://www.childline.org.uk/>- a free, private and confidential service where you can talk about anything. Whatever your worry, whenever you need help, we're here for you online, on the phone, anytime.

<https://www.rlss.org.uk/Pages/Category/water-safety-information>

<https://www.capt.org.uk/drowning>

As the summer approaches, please remind you children of the dangers around water. Sadly each year more than 700 people drown in the UK and Ireland and many more have non-fatal experiences, sometimes suffering life-changing injuries. The Royal Life Saving Society UK (RLSS UK), work to educate people to enjoy water safely, to keep their families and friends safe and to know what to do in an emergency.

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<http://www.juniorcitizen.org.uk/kids/railsafety/>

Please also remind your children of the dangers of playing around railways and perhaps use this resource to remind them of some dos and don'ts.

### Director of Public Health - Measles & the importance of the MMR vaccine

We have been asked to circulate the following message from the Director of Public Health:

Director of Public Health - Measles & the importance of the MMR vaccine

There are ongoing measles outbreaks in Europe and we have recently had a case of measles, in Liverpool, associated with travel.

Although MMR vaccination uptake is good across Liverpool, there are pockets of low uptake. Measles can cause serious illness and can sometimes be fatal. Vaccination with 2 doses of MMR is the only way to protect children and young people; further information about MMR is available from Public Health England:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/mmr-for-all-general-leaflet>

### 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	93.5
Year 09	93.4
Year 10	92.0
Year 12	86.9

### 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

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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.