



St. Julie's Catholic High School

Weekly Newsletter

Week Beginning 16th March 2020

Forthcoming dates for your diary...

16th March

Year 10 Mock Exams Begin

19th March

Sixth Form Parents' Evening

25th March

Notre Dame Awards Evening

26th March

Founder's Day Celebration



Welcome To Our Newest Students!

On Wednesday, 11th March, 2020, our newest students and their parents/carers came to St. Julie's for an official welcome to our school community. While parents/carers assembled in the Sports Hall to receive some information from Mr Alderman and Mrs McCourt, their children, in a whole host of different coloured uniforms, went to the Chapel where our music ministry team, Overwhelm, welcomed them in song. [Read more here.](#)



Signs Of Celebration!

This week saw a great multimedia performance from Year 13 student Lucy. The performance formed coursework for the BTEC course in Performing Arts and incorporated elements of song, signing and shadow art. Lucy was assisted in the performance by some fantastic students from Much Woolton

Primary School!



Debate Mate: Round 2!

Our classrooms echoed to the sound of robust debate this week as we hosted round two of the Debate Mate Urban League. As part of this 18 week ongoing programme our school welcomed teams from Saint Francis of Assisi, Broadgreen and Bellerive secondary schools. Find out what happened [here.](#)

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COVID-19 Helpline Launched

On 12th March, the Government gave important updates to their guidance in relation to the coronavirus (COVID-19) cases and risk in the UK, including changes to the advice being given to anyone suffering symptoms.

This guidance can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public>

The updated guidance for educational settings can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>

As a school we are monitoring for any updates or changes to this advice and ensuring that we comply fully with the guidance given.

The government has provided additional guidance about when to self-isolate:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-people-with-confirmed-or-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

Update from GOV.UK – COVID-19: Government announces moving out of contain phase and into delay

https://www.gov.uk/government/news/covid-19-government-announces-moving-out-of-contain-phase-and-into-delay?utm_source=088dcb26-16b9-4639-90f1-2f7aaacdca75&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-

[notifications&utm_content=immediate](#)

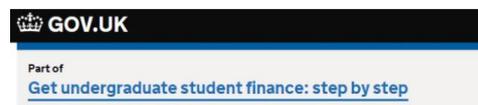
NHS Tips for Staying at Home

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-advice/>

NHS 111 online tool:

<https://111.nhs.uk/covid-19>

We are continuing to provide links to information rather than reproducing it in full because advice is changing so rapidly. We strongly encourage parents to check these links on a daily basis.



Student finance



Advising On Next Steps

This week our Year 13 UCAS applicants were delivered a student finance presentation by Liverpool John Moores University as part of our CEIAG support. Students can now apply online for student finance via the student finance website. Students and parents can use this site for further guidance and support including the use of an online calculator to determine how much they may be entitled to. Meanwhile, Year 13 students who are not applying to UCAS enjoyed a presentation relating to different progression paths, including gap year, apprenticeship, employment and further education to support them in their next steps.

CAMHS Advice: Low Self Esteem

[Part two of the ongoing series](#) of information support sheets from the CAMHS service focusses on issues of low self esteem.

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Year 10 Parents Evening

Thank you to all of the parents and carers who joined us this week for our Year 10 parents evening. The event incorporated new arrangements for extended hours and we hope that those who attended found it easier to engage with the teachers that they needed to see.

Sixth Form Parents' Evening

Although conversations at Sixth Form Parents' Evening can be quite involved, parents usually only need to meet with three or four teachers. For this reason, we will not need to operate a shortened school day and students will finish at 3:15pm as usual on 19th March.

Year 10 Mock Examination Timetable

The timetable for Year 10 mock examinations, commencing on the 16th March is [now available for viewing and printing](#). Please be aware that good attendance and punctuality is vital throughout the mock exam season, and full equipment should be brought to each exam. An individual timetable will be provided for each candidate shortly.

Year 11 Easter Revision

[This document](#) shows the planned schedule of Year 11 Revision sessions taking place during the Easter break. All information is correct at the time of publication, but arrangements may change as further advice about coronavirus control is issued.

Summer Exam Information

Mrs McCourt has circulated important information to exam

candidates in [Year 11](#) and [Year 13](#) related to the forthcoming summer exam season.

Safeguarding: County Lines

18th March is National Child Sexual Exploitation Awareness Day. Alongside Child Sexual Exploitation sits Child Criminal Exploitation and County Lines.

We will be circulating information over the next month on all areas of child exploitation. County Lines is the name given to dedicated supply lines to traffic drugs around the country

County Lines is an issue in Liverpool, with many young people recruited. Young middle class girls are the top choice for the drug runners as they are not likely to be stopped by the police or draw attention to themselves. An information sheet on County Lines can be [found here](#), with an informative video [here](#).

Safeguarding: Sexting – Sharing Images

Sexting is sending an explicit image or video of yourself to somebody else. It can also be called 'pic for pic' or 'nude selfies'. Whilst sexting can be seen by teenagers as harmless fun it is actually illegal to create or share an explicit image, even when the person doing so is a child themselves. It's important to remember that whilst the age of consent is 16, the age in relation to explicit images is 18. You can read a [helpful and detailed article](#) in the safeguarding section of our website.

Careers Updates

This week we've got updated apprenticeship information and a handy list of taster days coming up at Edge Hill University. As always you can get the [latest information here](#).

Attendance Summary

Attendance figures for week 23 are given below.

Group	% Attend
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Year 07	96.9
Year 08	95.4
Year 09	95.9
Year 10	95.5
Year 11	95.4
Year 12	93.8
Year 13	92.4
Totals	95.5

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. 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

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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.