



# St. Julie's Catholic High School

## Weekly Newsletter

Week Beginning 17th December 2018

### Forthcoming dates for your diary...

**14<sup>th</sup> December**  
Christmas Jumper Day

**20<sup>th</sup> December**  
Sixth Form Fancy Dress

**21<sup>st</sup> December**  
End of Term  
Finish at 3:15pm

**24<sup>th</sup> January**  
Sixth Form Open Night  
3:30-6:00pm



### Our School Nativity

Students in Years 7 and 8 have brought the house down with their Christmas comedy "Our School Nativity". In a change from previous years, our traditional whole school production has given way to a Christmas Extravaganza led by our youngest performers, with a hilarious original script full of local humour and references. You can view the photo gallery from the show and even watch a video of the whole performance [on our website](#).



### Blue Skies for Sixth Form in Madrid

Some of our Sixth Form linguists have escaped a wet weekend in favour of a cultural visit to beautiful Madrid! They said "We were stunned by the beautiful palace of Madrid and found an unexpected gem for tourists in the Letters to the King exhibition which proved to be incredibly relevant to our history studies." Read [more here](#).



### Year 11 Scientists Try University Education

A group of Year 11 Scientists have participated in a Science Masterclass seminar at Liverpool Hope University. The Seminar, prepared and delivered by Mrs Helen Moore, a Senior Professional Tutor at Liverpool Hope, focussed on the digestive system and helped to unravel some of the mysteries of this complex biological system.

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### Year 9 Compete in Skills Challenge Day!

Two teams of 4 Year 9 pupils competed in the UK Geographical Skills Challenge Day on Friday 7 December held at Birkenhead School. The pupils had a great day completing a wide range of challenges set by universities and employers, all linking with UK Geography. Read [more here](#).



### Year 12 Fundraising

As part of their Christian Action work, Year 12 students this week ran an afternoon of fun activities during PSHE with Year 7 students, raising funds for charities including CAFOD, Hope Foodbank, YMCA, The Whitefield Centre, Compassion and Malaysian Care.



### Christmas Jumper Day

Staff and students have jumped head first into the Christmas spirit with our Christmas Jumper Day. In return for a charitable donation, students were invited to sport a festive jumper over their uniform which resulted in a rich palette of Yule colours in our corridors!



### Attendance Breakfasts

This week has brought some hearty breakfasts as we have rewarded our students who have excellent attendance with a delicious buffet breakfast. Well done to the students for their commitment and our hard working catering team for producing such magnificent feasts!

### Year 10 Students Raise Their Revision Game

Students in Year 10 spent their PSHE session this week developing their time management talents in a workshop with Elevate Education. The session was a huge success and the skills the students have developed will be used as part of their revision planning and coursework management.

### Vacancy for Parent Governor

We're currently inviting applications for the role of Parent Governor on our School Governing Body. Find out more in [this letter from Sr. Margaret](#), our Chair of Governors.

### Homework Timetables

We'd like to remind parents that homework timetables for students in [Key Stage 3](#) and [Key Stage 4](#) are available on our website.

### Staying Safe Online At Christmas

As Christmas approaches and many young people will be receiving new electronic devices such as smart phones, it is a good time for parents and carers to be aware of some of the popular Apps used by young people - and the possible risks associated with them.

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One of these is Kik Messenger; a free messaging app aimed at users aged thirteen and over. Used by more than 300 million people worldwide, Kik lets users exchange messages, photos, videos, GIFs and web pages with friends, family, chatbots and even strangers.

Unlike WhatsApp, Kik doesn't require a user to sign up with a phone number. Instead, friends can be added via their username, making it easier for users to receive unwanted contact from strangers. Police in the UK issued a safety warning earlier in the year, claiming that Kik has featured in 'more than 1,100 child sexual abuse cases in the last five years' and that 'children are at risk' on the app. ([BBC News Story](#)).

[Click this link](#) to access a free safety guide for parents.

### Winter Road Safety

As the nights become darker, it is important that everyone takes the time to remind themselves of road safety. The following links give useful advice and guidance about how we can all keep ourselves safer on the roads in the winter months.

[Think Campaign](#)  
[Road Safety Week](#)  
[Brake Road Safety](#)  
[Bobby Colleran Trust](#)

### Sixth Form Fancy Dress

Our annual Sixth Form Fancy Dress event will take place on Thursday 20 December. This event is for Sixth Form students only.

### Higher And Degree Apprenticeship Vacancy List

This list is updated daily with new opportunities and maintained by the Government. You can always find the [latest list on this page](#).

For wider information about apprenticeships, the December parent pack from the National Apprenticeship Service is [now available for download](#).

### In-School Sickness

At this time of year, sickness is often prevalent. 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).

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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

We're delighted that phase two of our building work is approaching completion but we do still have contractors on site completing surface work and line painting. 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.