



St. Julie's Catholic High School

Weekly Newsletter

Week Beginning 20th May 2019

Forthcoming dates for your diary...

24th May

Leavers' Mass
Celebration 2pm

24th May

Climate Change
Day
School finishes at
1:30pm

27th June

4:00-6:00pm
Year 4 and 5 Open
Evening

**28th June and 1st
July**

School INSET days



Congratulations to Bafta's Best Leading Actress!

We started the week on a real high with the news that our former student Jodie Comer had landed Bafta's big prize of 'Best Leading Actress'. Jodie had walked Bafta's red carpet before with a nomination for her work in 'Thirteen', but following the massive international success of 'Killing Eve' she has broken through. We were happy to welcome the BBC into school as they put together [their piece for Northwest Tonight](#). Jodie has continued to be a fantastic role model for our talented performers and we look forward to watching her success as her career continues from strength to strength.



Mental Health Awareness Week

This week we have been contributing to Mental Health Awareness with daily assemblies and high profile digital campaigns. You can read more about what we've doing in this vital area in our website stories [here](#), [here](#) and [here](#)!



Congratulations to Duke of Edinburgh Award Winners.

Congratulations to Year 12 students Tyler and Lois who have gained their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award this week. The students completed an expedition in Cheshire and volunteered for six months. Well done to them both.

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Exam Week One A Great Success

The final preparation for our exam season was a kindness performed by some of our Sixth Form students, who undertook the act of moving our statue of St. Julie from the Chapel down to the exam hall to offer a reminder to candidates of her peaceful presence. Our exam candidates have responded to the challenges of the week magnificently, with exemplary conduct during an often stressful time. We must also note our thanks to students throughout all school year groups who have been considerate and courteous in their movement around the school. This is very much appreciated in the exam rooms.



International Day against Homophobia and Transphobia

Our school community gathered today at breaktime to mark this important day with the ceremonial raising of a rainbow flag. Mr Anderson spoke to the gathered students about the importance of this message, before the flag was raised by Isobel from Year 12, and it now flies proudly over our Peace Garden.



Peace Garden - Quest for Peace

The beautiful weather this week helped the Peace Garden at St. Julie's host a new activity - The Quest for Peace. Mr Bennett's wonderful Year 8 R.E. class ventured outside and participated in a "treasure hunt" style learning activity where they explored the 16 stations in our Peace Garden. These stations can be found by each of the olive trees which have for so long been symbols of peace. Read more about what they were doing [here](#).

Climate Change Day 24th May

On Friday 24 May we will be hosting a Climate Change Day to raise awareness of environmental issues. Various activities will take place throughout the day. Following this school will finish at 1.30pm for all students due to the Year 13 Leavers' Mass celebration taking place from 2pm.

YPAS Coffee Events

The Young Persons Advisory Service are hosting some coffee events for parents and carers which are informal drop in sessions. At the South Hub on Lyndene Road, the Autism in Motion team will be attending between 10am and 12pm on the 12th June. Contact Sharron on 0151 702 6073 for more information.

MFL Listening Tests

The MFL Department would like to offer a big thank you to all of the Year 11 and 13 students who have been participating in speaking tests in recent weeks. The tests have

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now been completed smoothly and the candidates have conducted themselves superbly throughout.

Free Design and Built Environment Workshop

Bookings are now available for limited free places on the PLACED Academy - an out of hours workshop programme for students who will be in Years 10, 11 and 12 next year who have an interest in building, design and architecture. [Learn more here.](#)

Residential Opportunity for Visually Impaired Students

The Royal National College for the Blind have asked us to make parents aware of a great residential weekend opportunity for students with visual impairment. The weekend takes place on the 26th and 27th October, and you can find [more information here.](#) To make an application please use [this application form.](#)

Careers Updates

There are lots of updates about Apprenticeship opportunities this week. [Click here](#) for more.

Weekly Attendance Round Up

The attendance at St. Julie's last week is shown in the table below.

Group	% Attend
Year 07	96.9
Year 08	95.3
Year 09	94.8
Year 10	93.5
Year 11	93.9
Totals	94.9

Standardised Tests for Students in Years 7, 8 and 9

During the Summer term students in Years 7, 8 and 9 will be sitting short progress tests in English, Maths and Science.

More information can be found in [this letter](#) circulated by Mrs McCourt.

Supporting Your Child During Exam Time

As begin the exam season, Young Minds have launched advice for parents about supporting their children.

Tips include:

- Encourage your child to take revision breaks and find a balance between studying and doing things they find enjoyable and relaxing.
- Make sure they are eating and drinking at regular intervals.
- Reassure them – reinforce that you are and will be proud of them no matter what happens.
- Remain positive and hopeful!
- Let them know their feelings are valid and normal, but also offer support and solutions where possible.
- Anxiety is often worst at night and this means it is useful to encourage good bedtime routine

You can find out more [here.](#)

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

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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 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.