



# St. Julie's Catholic High School

## Weekly Newsletter

Week Beginning 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024

### Forthcoming Dates for your Diary

**4<sup>th</sup> March**  
National Careers Week

**7<sup>th</sup> March**  
World Book Day



### St Julie's Hosts Violence Against Women and Girls' (VAWG) Forum

This week key stakeholders from across the city attended the VAWG Forum to hear key updates from Liverpool City Council on the progress of the work being done to keep all women and girls safe in Liverpool. The event had input from the amazing ANCHOR project as well as other teams working to protect and prevent violent crimes. Next steps have been agreed and we are excited to continue our work in this area. To close the event all delegates were able to watch the NOWFest Winners and their amazing production of 'Flowers'!



### LSSP Key Stage 1 Dance Festival

On Tuesday this week our theatre welcomed dance troupes from ten different primary schools who were all performing at the LSSP Key Stage 1 Dance Festival hosted at St. Julie's. It was a joy to see the enthusiasm and talent on display and the young students had a fantastic time!



### Piano Recital at the University of Liverpool

This week our young piano players had a wonderful opportunity to hear a piano recital and take part in a workshop with Dr Ruth Minton from the University of Liverpool. They had an incredible Journey into the world of nineteenth-century pianism with the University of Liverpool Music Department's Ruth K. Minton

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as she explored the music of Franz Liszt (1811–1886) and Franz Schubert (1797–1828). This concert spotlighted the piano as an inspiration for pianist-composers. Liszt was a renowned improvisor and great supporter of musicians, particularly with his transcriptions of others' work, including Schubert's Lieder; while Schubert's improvisations took place in the Viennese Salon, they were equally vital to provide first-hand experience and ideas, which are perfectly captured in the D.935 Impromptus. This lunchtime concert brought together the music of two composers who not only shared a first name, but also a joy of exploring the piano's expressive potential and delving into music that remains transcendent and beautiful today.




**Operation Encompass**  
Please [click here](#) for a letter circulated by Mrs McCourt about the national Operation Encompass scheme.



**Year 7 & 8 Footballers Reign in the Rain!**

This week our combined Year 7 and 8 football team faced a team from Litherland High School in the Merseyside Cup. Conditions offered significant challenges for both sides, with the match being contested in heavy rain. With steely grit our players dug deep and won the fixture 3-0 with a goal from Jessie and two from Luella. Congratulations to all of the players, who are from Year 7 Jessie, Luella,




### Live simply, sustainably and in solidarity

One of our Live Simply pledges is to support CAFOD's BIG LENT WALK.

St Julie's are aiming to walk 200km to raise money to help the environment. This Lent, CAFOD is supporting families with the skills and tools they've asked for to fight the climate crisis.

You can sign up yourself or support us by donating on our school's [Just Giving Page](#).



Ava-Rose, Heidi, Annabelle, Maisie, Freya and Scarlett, and from Year 8 Ella, Grace, Imogen and Mia.



**Leading Parent Partnership Award Coffee Morning**  
Research has identified that during secondary school, a parents influence on a child's learning is



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almost 30% greater than that of their school. Increased involvement can raise achievement by almost 20% and no involvement at all means low or no qualifications at the age of 16. We are using the Leading Parent Partnership Award (LPPA) to help strengthen our school's partnership with parents. LPPA is a national award that will provide us with a valuable school improvement tool and also give us recognition for our commitment to working with parents.

The LPPA will help us achieve these long-term benefits:

- contribute to improved pupil attendance, punctuality, behaviour and progress
- increase parent participation and involvement
- enhance parents' support in their child's learning
- improve communication between home and school.

If you would like to become more involved or just want more information, please attend our first Working Group Coffee Morning on Friday 01 March 2024 at 9am to find out more. Contact information is available [here](#).



### Road Closure Disruption

We've been made aware that from the 26<sup>th</sup> of February, next week, Speke Road will be subject to overnight closures for roadworks for three weeks at the section that passes through the Golf Course. Works in Gerrards Lane remain ongoing. The impact of the Speke Road closure should hopefully be minimal to students but details of diversion to the 81, 81A and 89 during closures can [be found here](#).



## Hope University Taster Day

Year 12 English Literature and Year 12 Language and Literature Combined students went to Liverpool Hope University yesterday for a taster day. Our students got a tour of the university followed by a session about how to pick the right university for them and they got two taster sessions - one in creative writing and one in social care. While both sessions were great, the creative writing really blew us all away. The tutor was infectiously enthusiastic and taught us all about the power of writing.



## Free Webinar from Magdalene College

Magdalene College, Cambridge, will be hosting two interactive webinars for students in Years 10 and 11 who are currently considering studying A Levels. The sessions will take place on 27 and 28 February 2024, 17:00-18:00 on Zoom. The focus of these sessions will be 'The Subject Matters', providing students with information and guidance on selecting A Level subjects they will enjoy and excel in. The sessions will cover:

- How A-Levels prepare students for university study.
- Undergraduate courses which require specific A-Levels.

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- Making links between A-Level choices, undergraduate degrees, and careers.

These sessions are aimed at Year 10 and 11 students but may also be useful for parents/guardians who are supporting a Year 10 or 11 student.

## Registration

The sessions will take place on Zoom. These events are free, but registration is required. Registrations will close at 09:00 on the event date. **Please note:** the sessions will be identical so students will only need to attend one. [Sign up here.](#)

The sessions will provide valuable insight and could be of particular interest to Year 11 students who are currently attending Sixth Form interviews with a view to selecting provisional A level subjects.



## New Murals Installed

During the half term break a team of installers worked hard to install new mural artwork outside the Chapel and right the way through the Maths corridor. Our Chapel artwork

celebrates the Notre Dame Values as well as giving a timeline story of the life and work of our Foundress, St. Julie Billiart. We think the results look fantastic!



## International Women and Girls in Science Day

Before the half term break we celebrated International Women and Girls in Science, focussing this year on 'Women in Space'. During every science lesson a 'Scientist of the lesson' was chosen and received a prize. There was also a Poster competition for Year 7. Congratulations to Sienna of 7 Maria won this Prize for two wonderful posters about amazing female scientists. She received a bag of science goodies, posters, stationery and sweets!

Find out about Supported Internship Opportunities for September 2024

**When:** Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024

**Where:** PINS Social Club, Duke Street

**Time:** 12:30pm-2:30pm

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## Free Event for SEND Students

Please find below details of a fantastic event being held on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024 for all students (and families) who wish to find out more about Supported Internships. As you may have seen in the local press, Liverpool have successfully bid to be part of a two-year pilot from the Department for Education



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and will be supporting up to 70 young people with SEND on structured work-study programmes, as well as continuing to offer supported internships for students with EHCPs. You can [book a free place here](#)



### What's Love Got To Do With It?

Students in Year 8 have now completed the first workshop of their six week programme designed especially for teenagers to understand and recognise the signs of unhealthy relationships and be able to make safe choices.



### CyberCamps for Girls and Young Women

Recognising the national skills shortages in CyberSecurity experts and the challenge that fewer women than men become CyberSecurity experts, the OU has teamed up with Cisco - a global Silicon Valley based technology corporation to launch CyberCamps for Girls and Young Women during 2023/24. The OU is a leading Cisco partner, having already worked together for the previous 18 years, teaching over 20,000 OU students.

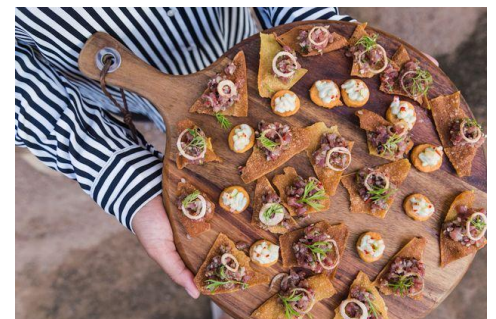
With over 1,000 already signed up, CyberCamps is aimed at Girls and Young Women aged 13 to 19. This project is supported by female CyberSecurity experts from all corners of the UK and is entirely distance based. Offered as a

collection of short industry ready courses, each participant can collect digital badges, to evidence their participation, as well as prepare for professional accreditation. You can [find out more here](#).



### Young People's Survey

The National Youth Agency and Liverpool City Council are keen to find out your views on the activities and support available for young people in Liverpool, and you could help by asking your child to complete this short survey. Your feedback is important to us as we want to make sure we are providing the services and support you need. The survey will take no longer than 10 minutes to answer (we've timed it). We won't be able to tell who you are from the questions, so please answer honestly. You do not have to answer anything you don't want to. We'll use the results to inform the future of youth work and play provision in Liverpool. Complete the young people's survey by [clicking here](#).



### A Level Taster Sessions

Our A Level taster session programme has begun, allowing students to get a flavour of what an A level lesson feels like. The schedule is below, and all sessions take place in the associated department area.

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Tuesday 27th February 2024	Sociology
Thursday 29th February 2024	Criminology
Thursday 7th March 2024	History and Politics
Thursday 15th March 2024	Geography and Tourism



**Applications for Sixth Form Now Open!**

The application window for students wishing to enrol at St. Julie’s Sixth Form in September 2024 is now open. Students currently attending St Julie’s can [apply here](#), and external candidates can [apply here](#).



**Recommended Read for February**

If you’re stuck for reading inspiration why not take a look at our recommended read? This month we’re suggesting ‘Bone Music’ by David Almond.

***She felt like a ghost. She woke in the night. What was that music?***  
Sylvia has never been so far away. Her mother has brought her to this village, this place of silence and dark, endless forest, and she yearns for the city, the bright lights, her friends, even a phone signal. Late one night she hears the music, a weird jagged spiralling sound. It is played by Gabriel, a troubled, beautiful boy. Gabriel uses the strangest of flutes, a hollow bone. Play it well enough, he says, and you cross the borders between the living and the dead. Sylvia knows she’ll follow him into the depths of the forest. But will they ever find their way out again?

**Dangerous parking**

Please can all parents be reminded not to park on double yellow lines, zig zag markings or drop their daughter off on the pelican crossing. We are very concerned about the safety of all students. Road safety awareness is delivered through our PSHE programme but it is essential that we work in partnership to maintain the safety of all students. Police Community Support Officers will continue to visit the area and issue fixed penalty notices for obstructing driveways and parking illegally. We have also communicated road safety concerns with local councillors and the highway agencies. The safety of students and pedestrians is paramount.



**Education Welfare Helpline**

New for September 2023 is an Education Welfare Helpline. This is available to all parents with attendance queries



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and is available 9am - 5pm weekdays.

You can contact the service on **0151 233 3916**.

### SENISS Helpline: 07591837693

If your child has special educational needs and you are wanting to know more on how to support their learning at home then please ring for professional advice, support or practical strategies.

Monday: 1pm – 4pm, Wednesday: 9am – 4pm, Friday: 9am – 12pm  
Alternatively, you can email your concern to [seniss@liverpool.gov.uk](mailto:seniss@liverpool.gov.uk)  
**Educational Psychology Service Helpline: 0151 233 5978**

If you are concerned about your child's emotional wellbeing or managing their behaviour then please ring for professional advice, support or practical strategies.  
Monday to Friday: 9am – 4.30pm  
Alternatively, you can email your concern to [epsadmin@liverpool.gov.uk](mailto:epsadmin@liverpool.gov.uk)

### ASD Training Team:

07522800193/07515501854  
Advice and strategies for families of children and young people with autism or social communication needs.

Monday to Friday: 9am – 12pm  
Alternatively, you can email your concern to [ASDtrainingteam@liverpool.gov.uk](mailto:ASDtrainingteam@liverpool.gov.uk)  
**Children's Occupational Therapy Service**

Please contact the Children's <https://learnliveuk.com/network-rail-secondary-school-safety-talk/> Occupational Therapist who is supporting the child for advice or alternatively for general enquiries please email [chot@liverpool.gov.uk](mailto:chot@liverpool.gov.uk)

### Liverpool Sensory Service

Please contact the Sensory Specialist Teacher who is supporting the child for advice or alternatively for general enquiries please email [sensoryservice@liverpool.gov.uk](mailto:sensoryservice@liverpool.gov.uk)

## Hub Of Hope

[The Hub of Hope](#) is the UK's leading mental health support database. It is provided by national mental health charity, Chasing the Stigma, and brings local, national, peer, community, charity, private and NHS mental health support and services together in one place for the first time.

### Parent Chat Live

[Action for Children Parent Chat](#) is a free and confidential live chat with a qualified parenting coach in the UK. Staff are there to talk about family life, caring for children or managing your wellbeing as a parent. The chat service is a safe space for a parent to share their concerns. There will be someone to listen, take time to understand a parent's situation, and work with the parent to find possible solutions. If appropriate, they may suggest ideas for where to get extra support.

### Liverpool Citizens Support Scheme

If you find yourself in crisis you can apply for support to get food and basic necessities for you and your family including gas and electric vouchers (urgent needs) and furniture and household essentials (home needs).

An emergency or crisis might be a fire or flood, or you have had to move due to violence or fear of violence, or you are leaving care or prison and need support to stay in the community. There are [more details available here](#).

### Domestic Abuse:

There is clear evidence that nationally and locally the frequency of incidences of domestic abuse increased during and following the pandemic. If you or someone you know is suffering from domestic abuse then the following resources will be of use:

- Merseyside Police provide a range of [local and national helplines](#), including a vital

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resource for adults [‘#It’s abuse’](#).

- The [Bright Sky app](#) is an excellent resource for victims of domestic abuse.
- The [Hideout](#) resources provide support for children who have witnessed or suffered from domestic abuse

Members of the Safeguarding Team are in school every day during lockdown and can be contacted in the usual way, with the [safeguarding@stjulies.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@stjulies.org.uk) email address being the best way to make contact out of hours.

### Mental Well-being Support

Children and young people, parents and carers in crisis can call the **Alder Hey CAMHS crisis care line** 24 hours a day, seven days a week on 0151 293 3577 or freephone 0808 196 3550

They should only present to Accident Emergency Department if they need medical treatment or are struggling to keep themselves safe in the immediate moment.

**Anxiety UK** – Charity providing support if you have been diagnosed with anxiety

**Phone: 03444 775 774 (Mon to Fri 9.30am-5.30pm)**

**CALM** – Campaign against living Miserably, for Men ages 15-35  
**Phone: 0800 58 58 58 (daily 5pm-midnight)**

**Mental Health Foundation** – support for mental health concerns  
<https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/>

**MIND** – Meeting mental health needs  
**Phone: 0300 123 3393 (Mon-Fri, 9.00am-6.00pm)**

**No Panic** – support line for panic attacks and OCD  
**Phone: 0844967 4848 (daily 10.00am-10.00pm)**

### Give Us A Shout

Immediate support by text for people of all ages.  
<https://giveusashout.org/>

**Text ‘SHOUT’ to 85258**

**PAPYRUS** – Suicide prevention team  
**Phone: 0800 068 4141 (Mon – Fri, 10.00am – 5.00pm, 7.00pm - 10.00pm, weekends, 2.00pm-5.00pm)**

**Rethink Mental Illness** – supporting mental health all ages.

**Phone: 0300 5000 927 (Mon -Fri, 9.30am-4.00pm)**

**Samaritans** – supporting those experiencing feelings of despair  
**Phone: 116 123 (free 24 hour helpline)**

### 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.

### 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](#).