



St. Julie's Catholic High School

Weekly Newsletter

Week Beginning 27th January 2020

Forthcoming dates for your diary...

30th January
Year 8 Parents' Evening

12th February
Year 11 Parents' Evening



Sixth Form Open Night Ushers In Leading Performance

This week has been an outstanding one for St. Julie's Sixth Form, as our hugely successful Open Evening took place on the same day as results performance tables showed St. Julie's Sixth Form to be the highest performing Girls' School Sixth Form provider in the city! [Read more here.](#)



A Sterling Run From Neave!

Congratulations to Neave in Year 11 who has collected some silverware at the Northern Indoor Athletics Championships. The tournament was held at EIS Sheffield, and Neave ran to a very strong silver medal position in the U17 300m event. Well done!



A Level Politics Students take on Westminster!

Our Politics students here at St. Julie's last week had the fantastic opportunity of visiting and touring the Houses of Parliament in London. We were taken through all of the key areas of the Palace of Westminster, including the House of Commons and the House of Lords. Read more and [see the pictures here.](#)

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Year 8 Student Through to 'Greatest Dancer' Semis!

Congratulations to Ruby in Year 8 for making it through to the semi-final stages of 'The Greatest Dancer'. Ruby performed as part of the ensemble dance group 'JJ Acrobatics' in the BBC national dance competition. We wish her and her teammates the very best of luck in the next round!



Emergency Service from 7 Rigby

7 Rigby presented a wonderfully thought out assembly in the Chapel on the Emergency Services on Tuesday this week. They alerted us to the crucial roles that the Police, Paramedics and Fire Fighters play in keeping us safe and how, sometimes unfortunately, they are not respected by the very people they are serving. Using a mix of commentaries, slides, video clips and role play, 7 Rigby skilfully linked their ideas and even related what they were talking about to the wildfires in Australia. It was an excellent assembly well received by the rest of Year 7.



Great Result for Indoor Cricketers!

A combined Year 7 and 8 indoor cricket team had a strong performance at the Liverpool School Indoor Cricket Competition, coming joint second by a single run! Lancashire Cricket Foundation are running a free cricket club hosted at King David High School for girls in Year 10 and below between 5 and 6pm. Players with good ability may then be invited to join the older teenagers group that runs between 6 and 7pm. This is a great opportunity for any cricket players keep to develop their skills.



Years 7 and 8 Complete in Indoor Athletics

Teams from Years 7 and 8 have competed in the Liverpool Schools Indoor Athletics competition at the Wavertree tennis centre on Wednesday. Year 7 performed brilliantly as they got their first taste of an indoor athletics tournament and year 8 came fifth overall and so just missed out on that top four place to go through to the next round. All the competitors showed excellent team work supporting each other in the track and field events.

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Farewell to 2019 - The Year of the Saint

2019 – the Year of the Saint is at an end! So, after an action-packed year the Year of the Saint flag was lowered by Head Girl, Lily, aided by Niamh and Antonella, Heads of Dorothy and Rigby House respectively. The Year of the Saint flag was replaced by that of our newly crowned House Champions – Maria. [Read more about it here!](#)



St. Julie - on the move

With Year 11 Mock GCSE Exams taking place this week, some of last year's Year 11 students - now enjoying their own studies in Year 12 - carried our statue of St. Julie from the Chapel to the Sports Hall. This is so St. Julie can be looking over the candidates facing this dress rehearsal for GCSE exams later in the year. It also gives Year 11 students a focal point to look to for re-assurance, calm and encouragement if they are having a difficult or blank moment. So, why Year 12 and not premises staff? Well, the Year 12 students know exactly what it's like to be in exams and this is a tradition that has developed over the last couple of years. It's one way the Year 12 students can give back to the Year 11s who - next year - will take on the responsibility for the year below them! Thanks to Lucy, Sinead, Anya, Liv, Holly, Anna, Katie and Sophie for stepping forward to

'serve the good God well' in this way!



Called To Confirm?

On Wednesday, 15th January, 2020, we were delighted to receive a visit from ANIMATE - the Youth Ministry Team from the Archdiocese of Liverpool. ANIMATE, led by Fr Simon Gore, came in to launch with Year 8 students the new process of inviting and preparing students for the Sacrament of Confirmation - an important event in the life of Catholic young people where they have the opportunity to confirm the promises made for them when they were baptised. ANIMATE presented a fantastically engaging assembly around the ideas of gifts and qualities that can't be quantified but which are important nonetheless.

There was no shortage of volunteers as games of Never Mind the Buzzcocks and The Price is Right were played and we even had our very own Josie the Builder - constructing a lego house. Can she fix it? Yes she can!

The process of being confirmed is explained [in this letter](#). Enrolment is done online at www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk It is, of course, a choice and more information is available by contacting Mr Anderson, our Lay Chaplain at school.

615 Bus Service

Following the cessation of services by Halton Transport, Merseytravel have secured emergency provision for the 615 service. From Monday 27th January, the service will be operated by Stagecoach as an interim measure. The service may encounter some initial teething problems, and Merseytravel are asking for asking for patience.

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For full and up-to-date information on affected services visit <http://www.merseytravel.gov.uk/travel-updates>. For alternative ways to make your journey visit <http://www.jp.merseytravel.gov.uk>.

Places Available on MFL Trip To Barcelona

A couple of places have become available for the MFL department trip to Barcelona in May. If your daughter is in Year 8, 9 or 10 and you would like more information please contact Ms Mathison for further details.

Adverse Childhood Experiences

The Public Health Network of Wales have released [this video](#) which gives really useful information about the impact of adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) and talks about some of the available support.

Safeguarding: Bedtime Stories

What does your child read before bed? Bullying shouldn't be part of their bedtime routine. Please [watch this video](#) which raises awareness of the impact of online bullying. Please be mindful that this video is not intended for children or young people and shouldn't be shown to them.

Year 8 Parents' Evening

Parents' Evening for students in Year 8 is taking place on the 30th January. Appointments can be booked in the [Parents Evening Booking System](#). We look forward to seeing you there!

Year 11 Mock Exams

Thank you for supporting students during the mock exam session. The season has been marked with calm preparedness and excellent conduct. Results from all papers will be issued and discussed on Year 11 Parents Evening on Wednesday 12th February.

Careers Updates

Updates this week include information about a live Careers event being broadcast over the internet from Gatwick Airport highlighting opportunities in the aviation industry, and a full schedule of forthcoming activities being run by the NHS within Liverpool. As always you can get the [latest information here](#).

Sixth Form Applications

The application window for Sixth Form places will be opening in January. The Governors entry requirements can be [found here](#), and the application form is [available here](#). Further information will be given to parents and students shortly via assemblies, the website and through this bulletin.

Attendance Summary

Attendance figures for week 17 are given below.

Group	% Attend
Year 07	96.3
Year 08	95.9
Year 09	94.3
Year 10	93.7
Year 11	98.5
Year 12	93.7
Year 13	91.7

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

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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 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.