



St. Julie's Catholic High School

Weekly Newsletter

Week Beginning 30th November 2020

Forthcoming Dates for your Diary

30th November
Year 11 Access Arrangements Testing

10th December
Year 7 Parents Evening will be replaced by alternative arrangements. Please see page 4 of this newsletter



Friday Live at Eight Fifty Five!

On Friday, 20th November, at 8:55 a.m., we streamed our first weekly broadcast into all Form Rooms and offices. Entitled **Friday LIVE – 8:55**, this snappy video bulletin features a weekly round-up of events, shoutouts and an invitation to prayer. In the debut broadcast, Head Prefect Madi and Deputy Head Prefect Nancy announced - in Ant and Dec style - the results of the House Merit Cup competition for the first half of this Advent Term.



Year 7 Kick Off Fundraising!

Congratulations to Year 7 for their success in their first Year Group charity event. The support of the odd socks event raised £72.84 which will be donated to the National Children's Bureau. The poster competition attracted lots of fabulous submissions but Maisey's entry clinched her first place, and her work will now be reproduced and put up around school.



St. Julie's Prize Winners Take Working Lunch!

This week we welcomed Gennaro Sarno and Victoria Dootson from Overbury, the interior design and construction firm, into school for a working lunch with our environmental prize winners. The team enjoyed a lunch with our students where they discussed their water cooler project and how they could further expand on some of their environmentally minded ideas.

Words of St Julie:

"Nothing causes trees to be more strongly rooted than great winds"

[Hear more about these words at our Chaplaincy Website](#)

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Congratulations to Arrowsmith!

Congratulations to students in Arrowsmith House for clinching the House Championship for the first half term of the 2020-21 academic year. The winners were announced in the Friday live broadcast, and their victory comes ahead of strong performances by students in Therese and Nugent.



The Girls' Network Careers Workshop Zoom Experience!

Three women from diverse professional employment (Architecture, Flight Systems Engineering and Digital Design) sectors came together to meet with Year 11 students currently involved in The Girls' Network Programme. Students listened to their career journey and asked questions on how and why they pursued their specific professions. Each professional also provided guidance on their qualifications, experience and which aspects of their job they find exciting and challenging. This thought-provoking session empowered students to think more deeply about their future and the opportunities available. It also highlighted the importance of networking, which opens doors for other experiences and opportunities which we may sometimes perceive are out of reach. The next workshop will take place on Friday 4

December and will focus on students' well-being.



Advent Adventures!

Advent is approaching and you might like to dip into a couple of our Advent Calendars - but, alas, no chocolates are in sight at our [Advent Wellbeing Countdown](#) Calendar! However, each day there is a 30 second video reflection basically reminding us all to be kind to ourselves! Our other Advent Adventure is a series of daily challenges for individuals and families to follow on Instagram - just look for [stjulies125](#) and the story will develop each school day till the end of term!

Year 11 Mock Examinations 2021

Year 11 Mock examinations will commence from Monday 11 January 2021 to Friday 22 January 2021. This will ensure that Year 11 students experience formal mocks in the lead up to their public examinations in May/June 2021 and will support them in the rigour and formalities of the process. Mock exams will also provide an accurate assessment method to monitor and track their progress throughout the year. Staff will standardise the assessments across each qualification. All assessments are being recorded via departmental trackers. A letter circulated by Mrs McCourt and the Year 11 mock exam timetable are [available here](#).

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Second Round of Covid-19 Testing

The second round of Covid-19 testing was completed in St. Julie's earlier this week with a much streamlined procedure that saw all participated students tested in a single day. We'd like to thank parents for being patient whilst navigating the necessary consent requirements, and personnel from the Army for their skill and efficiency throughout the testing process.

KS3 - The Brilliant Club

We are delighted to confirm that 24 students have been selected to take part in the spring term Brilliant Club programme across Year 7 and 8. The Scholars Programme, is an academic programme run by The Brilliant Club. It aims to give children an experience of university learning to help them make an informed decision about their future. Throughout the Scholars Programme students will experience small group university-style tutorials delivered by a PhD tutor, teaching a supra-curricular topic based on their current research. This programme works with highly selective Russell Group universities. Best of luck to all students involved in the programme.

Covid Reporting

Please continue to review the [information sent out each week in the bulletin](#) with regard to the importance of notifying school immediately if your child tests positive for COVID-19. Please continue to contact school in any of the normal ways - the main switchboard (0151 428 6421) during working hours; or reception@stjulies.org.uk or

safeguarding@stjulies.org.uk for out of hours notifications. School have taken all reasonable steps to raise awareness of this. Thank you.



Christmas activities

In the lead up to Christmas students would normally take part in whole school events. Due to the current circumstances, we will be adapting some of the programmes. The 1804 Society and Year 11 Prefects will be organising Christmas jumper day, Advent activities and Christmas carols. Alongside this, we have the annual Christmas tree competition across the school for the best dressed tree, with the most imaginative and creative name. All students will receive a Christmas lunch and have the opportunity to judge the Sixth Form and staff fancy dress day! Further details to follow soon. Lessons will continue as normal up to 3.15pm on Thursday 17 December. This is really important because students have missed a significant number of lessons due to national school closures and self-isolation. Any planned Christmas activities will not interfere with taught lessons.

Brilliant Tutoring Programme - National Tutoring Programme

Over 100 students have been selected to take part in the Brilliant Tutoring Programme. The first session will take place in January and students will receive 15 hours of tuition. This programme will run alongside other in-house tuition programmes and the Tutor Trust. The next cohort will have the opportunity to take part in the programme from April 2021.

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Groupcall Enhanced Xpressions App

We've now enabled some services for the 'enhanced' Groupcall Xpressions App, which as well as receiving communications from the school now enables you to view up to date information about your child's attendance, behaviour and achievements. If you aren't using the app yet, just search your app store for 'Groupcall Xpressions'.

Liverpool ASD Training Team Appointments

The Liverpool ASD Training Team are providing a series of virtual drop in advisory sessions via Zoom. They are for parent/carers wishing to talk in a private one to one setting about any questions or concerns they may have about their child. You do not require a diagnosis of ASD to book your place. You can see the dates for December [on our website](#).

Year 7 Parents Evening Information

Unfortunately, due to Covid restrictions, we are unable to host Year 7 Parents' Evening as planned on Thursday 10 December 2020. Your daughter will receive her termly academic report week beginning Monday 30 November. This is in addition to the GL Assessment reports sent home two weeks ago for English, Mathematics and Science. Your daughter's termly report will provide key pieces of information relating to her current academic progress, achievements, behaviour and attendance. In addition to the termly report, please find [a copy of the Knowledge Assessment Framework](#). This booklet explains in detail how your daughter's knowledge, skills and understanding has been assessed during this term, in line with the Key Stage 3 National Curriculum.

Video call or telephone consultation

We will be replacing Year 7 Parents' Evening with a video call or telephone consultation booking system. This can be accessed via GroupCall and we will send further information over the next two weeks on how to access this facility and make bookings with your daughter's subject teacher and/or pastoral team.

Video calls and telephone consultations will commence from Monday 7 December to Thursday 17 December. Please do not hesitate to contact school if you require any further information. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Careers Updates

This week we've got news on a raft of apprenticeships and trainee positions with some heavyweight corporate firms and details of the last advice morning of the year from Mysercough College. Find the [latest updates here](#).

Remote Learning Programme

As we continue to develop our remote learning programme for students who are required to self-isolate, we have implemented the following updates:

- Lesson by lesson resources mapped against the current curriculum
- Lesson plans and resources adhere to the school's learning and teaching policy
- Updated VLE server with an improved communication system and interactive software
- Access to e-books to develop students' learning
- Use of Microsoft Teams in lessons - students can dial into some lessons and listen to the audio and resources. Subject teachers will confirm via email and provide information on how students can access the lessons. Lessons have also been

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recorded for students to refer back to at a later date

- Updated [remote learning policy](#)
- Ongoing training and professional development for staff to deliver high quality remote learning resources
- Instant feedback and assessment via MathsWatch and Educake
- Updated podcasts and introductory videos

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](#).

School Bus Service

Can we please remind parents and students of the vital importance of wearing masks on public transport and adhering to the [previously published requirements](#) for use of the school bus service.

Year 9 PE Day - Every Tuesday

Every Tuesday Year 9 students will have PE lessons at least twice during the day. To reduce changing time Year 9 students can come to school in their PE kit. This rule only applies to Year 9 students. All students must only wear their St. Julie's PE Kit.

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.

COVID-19 (coronavirus) absence: A quick guide for parents / carers	What to do if...	Action needed	Back to school...
<p>my child has COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms</p> <p>my child tests positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus)</p>	<p>Check if you or anyone else in your household has symptoms.</p> <p>Check if you or anyone else in your household has symptoms.</p>	<p>Check if you or anyone else in your household has symptoms.</p> <p>Check if you or anyone else in your household has symptoms.</p>	<p>when child has been tested and has been advised to stay at home for 10 days.</p> <p>when child has been tested and has been advised to stay at home for 10 days.</p>
<p>somebody in my household has COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms</p>	<p>Check if you or anyone else in your household has symptoms.</p> <p>Check if you or anyone else in your household has symptoms.</p>	<p>Check if you or anyone else in your household has symptoms.</p> <p>Check if you or anyone else in your household has symptoms.</p>	<p>when household member has been tested and has been advised to stay at home for 10 days.</p> <p>when household member has been tested and has been advised to stay at home for 10 days.</p>
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Latest Covid Absence Information Poster

Please [click here for a quick guidance poster](#) for parents about Covid related absence, which has some helpful links in too.

Covid-19 Information and Risk Assessment

All parent/carers can access the school's Covid-19 risk assessment [here](#).