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Welcome back to a new academic year. Whilst it has been the summer holidays we have not all been resting. A group of

staff led 7 students on a 4 week expedition to Peru. The trek to Machu Pichu took 5 days and was followed by sheer hard work, making clay bricks in the midday sun to build classrooms and toilet blocks for a remote school community. However, the students thoroughly enjoyed the challenge, as can be seen on our website.

Once again we celebrate fantastic results across the school. Another year of pleasing Sixth Form results saw over 70% of all A Level grades at A*-C, with students leaving us to go to University in Liverpool, Manchester, Newcastle and Queens College, Cambridge. Results at GCSE were equally solid. As schools across the city and country reported a drop in GCSE results, particularly in Maths, we continued to perform well, with headline results equal to last year and a slight increase in Maths results by 1%. Particularly pleasing was the increase in A*/A grades, especially in English and RE where nearly one third of all grades were at A*/A grade level for Year 11 students.

I am also pleased to report that we have come to the end of a very long period of consultation with the community about a new school building for St Julie's. At an open public meeting on 10 September Mayor Joe Anderson listened to the views of all members of the local community and committed to move forward to a detailed planning application. The proposal is for the new school to be built mainly on its current site, with a small slice of land taken from the field in front of the school. The Mayor went on to say he would seek to replace any lost land with woodland, gained from the Trustees of the school, adjacent to the field. If the planning application is successful the Mayor stated that he would want the work to commence in the summer term, after exams have finished.

The future is looking very bright, with continued exam success and proposed new school buildings. St Julie's continues to be the school of choice for girls in South Liverpool, and for good reason. If you have a daughter in Year 4, 5 or 6 come and find out more at our Open Evening, Thursday 25 September, 3:30-6:00pm. Visit www.stjulies.org.uk for more details.



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CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL.
OPEN EVENING:
THURSDAY 25TH SEPT.
3.30-6.00PM**

A Great Result for our Students!

We were delighted to share two wonderful results days with our students during the summer, which saw students moving to university destinations including Liverpool, Plymouth, Newcastle and Queens College, Cambridge.

We're particularly delighted to congratulate Sofia Riccio on her A*A*A*A results and wish her well at Queens College, Cambridge, where she will be reading Natural Sciences.

On GCSE results day we welcomed Juice FM into school who interviewed some brave students for broadcasting throughout the day.

When interviewed by Juice FM, one proud parent said: "I'm an unbelievably happy Mum! I want to say thanks very much for all the support that the staff have provided. Without everything they've done for her she wouldn't have these results. What St. Julie's have done for her has been fantastic."



"Excellent insight into the school. Our guide was brilliant!" "Brilliant school just like when I came." "The young girl who guided was a great example of the 'rounded young people' you speak of."

"I thoroughly enjoyed this visit and I am very impressed!" "Lovely staff and lovely girls. A credit to the school." "Really pleased with our first look at St Julie's." "Staff very friendly, informative and helpful."



Liverpool City Council Present New Vision for St. Julie's

Mayor Joe Anderson has spoken to staff, students and local residents in a public consultation meeting where he presented the latest plan for a brand new St. Julie's building constructed largely on our existing site.

The new building will afford our students the very best learning environment with cutting edge technologies and architecture. The Mayor has resolved to submit a formal planning application for this vision, and we'll keep you posted with progress!

Welcome, and Farewell...

As we begin the new year we'd like to offer a warm welcome to our new members of permanent staff for this year. Mr Boyd, Mr Blank and Miss Sutton join our English Department, while Mrs Gee and Miss Naylor join our Maths Department. In Science we welcome Mr Boyle.

With some sadness and fond wishes we bade farewell in the Summer to staff members including Mrs Connolly and Mrs Thomas from our Maths Department; Mrs Dawber from PE; Miss Cooper and Miss Franklin from English and Miss Boyle, one of our Assistant Headteachers, who retired after 37 years continuous service to St. Julie's. We wish them all very well for the future.



Fun for Everyone on School Sports Day

We finished our academic year in July in style, making the very last day of term school sports day!

Although we had a few nervous moments with a huge downpour just before nine o'clock, the skies cleared beautifully and we were able to enjoy our day at Wavertree Outdoor Athletics Centre.

The day started with the traditional parade of flags accompanied by live music. Students from years 7 to 10 then participated in track and field events including the long jump, standing long jump, obstacle course, javelin, shot put, high jump, tug of war, egg and spoon race, hula hooping and, of course, welly throwing!

Students Make a Trip of a Lifetime to Peru



During the Summer a group of students embarked on an epic trip to Peru for 4 weeks, joining with Sawston College from Cambridge.

Cusco City was the first stop on this adventure. A few days sight-seeing was had in order to acclimatise to the altitude. The group then went to Camp Cusco

to help the local community there build a stone wall enclosure around their school. Next for the group was the Salkantay Trek to Machu Pichu.

This was a 5 day trek, which covered 52 miles of high altitude and a walk through the Amazon Rainforest. It was difficult, but worth it when they got to see the



magnificent Incan Ruins.

The group then made their way to Lake Titicaca to aid in the construction of two toilet blocks for the local community. A week of intense physical work resulted in the buildings being made from adobe mud bricks. A day off allowed the group to venture to the world famous floating reed islands.



The group then transferred to Colca Canyon, the second deepest canyon in the world.

Projects undertaken in Colca included restoring the library in the secondary school, building a drainage system in the kindergarten and building a kitchen to provide meals for the local children.