

Headteacher's Message

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Advent is all about preparing for the coming of Jesus. It is a time of preparation ahead of celebration. At St Julie's Catholic High School the students have been celebrating a number of successes in Music, Drama, Sport and Dance during the Advent season. In terms of preparation all students were able to take part in an Advent Mass which brought together the many skills and talents of our students while also being a time of respectful, prayerfulness and quiet reflection.

The Christian spirit of the students at our school has been prevalent at this time of year as we build community through our personal action. Our charitable fundraising activities this term have been aimed at supporting a range of Cancer charities and Children's charities and have managed to raise over £3,000. This is a great testament to the public spiritedness, Christian living and sense of community that embodies all that is good about the students of St Julie's Catholic High School. I am sure that all parents/carers are justifiably proud of their children's achievements this term.

From all the staff and students can we wish you a peaceful Christmas time and a very Happy New Year full of hope and opportunities.



Christmas Raffle Prize kindly donated by Mrs Fairhurst

Building Community Through Personal Action



Christmas-Bingo!



Christmas Cards to Sierra Leone



Maths for NSPCC & Childline



Children In Need 2011

This half-term has seen fantastic efforts made by our students building community spirit and raising funds for several charities.

Events started with Children In Need in November with our students rising to the occasion once again, raising a whopping £515.19! There was a great programme of fund raising activities including many of the members of our Sixth Form arriving for school in pyjamas!

On the 2nd of December all of Year 7 took part in a giant sponsored Maths lesson to raise money for NSPCC and Childline! During the lesson, students cracked codes, became "Mathionaires" and used their teamworking skills with Tangrams. The total raised was a huge £336.50!

Our School Chaplain and some of our Sixth Formers took over the Year 7 R.E. classes for a week to give each child an opportunity to send a Christmas card all the way over to Sierra Leone! Our school has been linked with this children's village in Sierra Leone since we became official sponsors after learning about the wonderful work they do there for orphaned and abandoned children.

Finally, it was 'eyes down' for Years 7 and 8 for the annual school Christmas Bingo! This year funds raised are towards a new school minibus for the use of students.

European Christmas Market

Students recently captured a feel of Europe as our MFL Department hosted a vibrant Christmas Market in school! The department was transformed into a lively market, with stalls selling hot chocolate, cakes and other tasty treats. Traditional games were also being played, and the spirit of a Christmas Market was abundant as students soaked up the atmosphere and delicious smells!

Advent Mass

This Christmas we celebrated our advent masses on the feast day of the Immaculate Conception. It was a joyous celebration, the music was exceptional and the Sports Hall was transformed into a place that provided a very warm and welcoming environment. We had Carpet laid out, Christmas trees decorated and over 600 chairs sourced from various places around the school!





The Stars Are Out and Shining Brightly...

...especially with our PE Department! We're having an amazing season for Sport this year, with too little room to tell you about all our successes! recent highlights include a 4-1 win for the U18 football team in the English Schools' Cup; three cross country runners all winning their first two races of the season; a string of netball wins including scorelines of 12-0 and 15-0 and further wins in hockey.

In Drama, St. Julie's students have once again been treading the boards at The Liverpool Playhouse to celebrate the 400th anniversary of The Winter's Tale by William Shakespeare. Emma Smith, Education Liason Officer, described the students command of the text as outstanding and their performance was highly praised. Congratulations also to Year 11 GCSE Drama students Courtney Glynn, Hannah McGlynn and Poppy Melia who took part in the regional heat of the BBC Shakespeare Off By Heart competition, performing at the The Lowry in Salford.

In Dance, Year 13 students have enjoyed an Alvin Ailey workshop for their written examination, based on their set work 'Revelations' and a little further down the school, Year 10 have been playing their part in raising £15k for the Roy Castle Lung Castle Foundation in a city wide dance-a-thon!

We also wish a warm welcome to our newest musicians and singers who pulled out all the stops to provide beautiful music for our recent Advent celebrations.



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St. Julie's Stands Up Against Bullying in Anti Bullying Week...

The whole school sported special blue badges as we took part in a huge range of activities for anti bullying week, including self defence classes, drama workshops and team building.

We were delighted to receive work from Lauren Irwin, one of our former pupils now recording in California, who told us about the release on iTunes of her single 'Stand Tall'.

Lauren told us: "I wrote the song 'Stand Tall' to help bring an end to bullying. It came from my

experiences of being bullied from the age of 7 and also watching the effect bullying had on friends of mine. I am committed to working for this cause. I have recently set up my foundation 'I Am Enough Media' with my brother. No matter what religion, belief, sexuality or look we should be free to live in a world without bullying. I AM ENOUGH, and remember YOU ARE ENOUGH. Much Love, Lauren x"

