

# St. Julie's Sixth Form Newsletter



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## English Conference for Sixth Form Students

**A group of English Language A Level students had the opportunity to attend an English Language subject conference at Hope University.**

The students attended lectures including sexism in the lexicon and bilingualism. Miss Clarke and Mrs Jones hope to invite lecturers into school in the new year for further study sessions.

Hannah, one of the students on the trip, gave a summary of what she took away from the conference for the English Department Blog:

*"Mrs Jones, Miss Clarke, myself and the year 13 A Level class took a trip down to Liverpool Hope University to receive a lecture about English Language. The lecture gave us an insight into sexism in language, political/ courtroom language and multilingualism.*

*What stood out to me personally was the lecture about sexism in language. We discussed how words can be gender based and the reform and social construction of meaning. One thing from the lecture that will stick with me is this quote that "one finds a perfectly innocent term designated to a girl or a woman may begin with totally neutral or even positive connotation, but gradually acquires negative implications" – Schulz. If you found any of this remotely interesting, maybe English Language is for you? There are many other subjects to cover in English Language though, so if you don't like the sound of that, maybe some of the other topics could suit you! After all the English Language is what you make of it! So if this sounds like your thing, maybe you should head over to the English department for more information."*

## Riding High In Performance Tables

The recent publication of the DfE 16-18 Performance Tables for summer 2016 results gave many reasons for celebration!

The key performance measure now used post-16 is a value added score, to measure progress from students' start points upon entering Sixth Form.

For A Level qualifications, St Julie's Sixth Form was ranked 6th in the city out of 30 providers, putting us in the top third of state-funded Sixth Forms nationally

For Applied General qualifications (Applied A Levels and Level 3 BTEC) ST Julies Sixth Form was ranked 3rd in the city out of 24 providers.

For the second year running, we are the only school in the city to be ranked in the top 6 both for A Level and Applied General progress. Our progress score for students resitting English GCSE was the best in the city. Resit Maths GCSE progress score was above the average for the city.

The most recent destinations data is for students who left in 2014. 92% of our students who left that year remained in education or employment for at least 2 terms, above the average nationally (88%) and for Liverpool (86%)

This represents phenomenal all-round achievement by the 2016 cohort and all staff who were involved in teaching and supporting them in their time throughout school, of a type not replicated by any school in the city. This is another reminder of the many reasons why continuing their education at St Julie's post-16 should be the only option that students are considering!



Our Year 12 Engineers have continued their collaboration with Kier Construction in a three day project at the University of Liverpool. Samantha, Oonagh, Emily and Isobel built a scale model of the St Julie's Chapel and former Convent and successfully designed a structure to support the Convent building for the future demolition of Our Lady's building. The students then went on to deliver a presentation about their progress on the project which was highly praised by all involved, Well Done!

**Y12 Mocks begin on the week commencing 12th June!**

# Year 12 Students Complete Cambridge HE+ Scheme

A group of students in Year 12 have successfully completed the Cambridge Higher Education + scheme. Led by Cambridge University and in collaboration with the University of Liverpool, Liverpool John Moore's University and Edge Hill University, students participated in a number of master classes led by PHD students.

They then worked independently with other students from across Merseyside during the year to research a topic area of interest and then deliver a presentation to an audience of staff and other students. The Higher Education + scheme is aimed at students who are looking at applying for competitive Higher Education courses and the students involved felt they benefited from it enormously.

"I really enjoyed the experience of the Higher

Education + Scheme. We visited a number of Universities and worked with other students from different schools to research a project and deliver a presentation. I feel it has prepared me better for applying to University and in particular competitive courses".

Meghan Lester

"The Higher Education + Scheme allowed me to improve my organisational and presentation skills. I particularly enjoyed meeting and working with other students who were interested in applying for similar University courses as me. I think it will support my application to University."

Georgia Malone

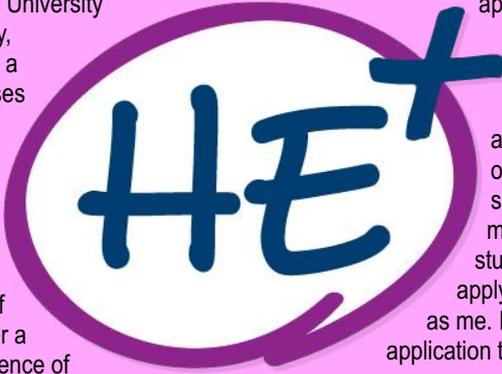
## Cambridge/Oxford University Conference

The same students have also attended a Cambridge and Oxford University Conference at Aintree

Racecourse where they were able to attend specific sessions on subjects they were interested in applying for at University e.g. Medicine, veterinary science etc. The sessions provided invaluable advice on what to include on any application to a competitive higher education course.

## Extended Project Qualification

Also, a number of students are in the process of submitting their initial ideas and proposals for the Level 3 Extended Project Qualification (EPQ). The Extended Project Qualification is worth the same number of UCAS points as an AS Level and involves students completing independent research, a 5000 word dissertation and a presentation of the research process and findings. The Extended Project Qualification is well regarded by Universities with an increasing number including it in their offer to students.



## Leading the Reading Revolution

The English department was recently joined by Natalie Hughes-Crean from The Reader. Along with Miss Sutton, six Year 12 girls rediscovered their love of reading for pleasure and are now ready, willing and fully trained Reading Revolutionaries.

Through a hands on approach, all six girls learned new techniques to help younger pupils discover that reading isn't just for school, that it can be 'fun,' 'relaxing' and can 'expand the imagination.' Over the coming weeks, the girls will begin their roles as mentors, inspiring the younger years to pick up a book and read for pleasure.

Good luck to the team leading the revolution!

## King Lear with the RSC

Sixth Form students who take A Level English Literature were recently able to watch a Royal Shakespeare Company live broadcast of King Lear. The live broadcast supported students' understanding of the genre of tragedy, which is one of the units studied for A Level. Students were challenged to watch and ask questions with the RSC actors and presenters explaining a number of key concepts as the play progresses.



## Lifting the Loft!

Congratulations to our Music Performance performance students for a fantastic show at 'The Loft' in Woolton Village.

Their hard work in preparation clearly paid off as the students performed with relaxed confidence through their eclectic set. The challenges of performing in a working public hospitality venue rather than a theatre presented no problems and the audience quickly warmed to the engaging concert.



## Sixth Form Fancy Dress!

Mr Willis has once again had his nerves shredded trying to judge the Sixth Form fancy dress competition! Congratulations to the Geeks and the pack of Brownies (complete with tents!) as our winners from Years 12 and 13.

## A Level Students Tour Liverpool Arena

Our A Level Travel and Tourism students attended a practical session focusing on the industry at the Arena and Convention Centre Liverpool (ACC Liverpool) where they were treated to an in depth and informative presentation about the centre and how it has operated since it opened in 2008, and how it has been so successful in bringing business into Liverpool. They were also given a guided tour of all of their venues (now also including the Exhibition Centre) and got to enter backstage areas including dressing rooms, the VIP boxes and the Arena itself.

