

# 1804 Society

This year the 1804 Society has been launched within Sixth Form. 1804 was the year that St. Julie and the first Sisters took their vows so the name reminds us of our Christian duty to serve others. This also gives students a chance to make their voices heard in how to make improvements throughout the school and get involved in charity work.

The 1804 Society has 10 members who all have different roles: Head Girl is Lea Downham, Deputy Heads are Emily Kilkelly and Georgia Meadowcroft. Heads of Houses are Lucy Fleming, Amy Kent, Kenya Kilgallon, Emily Clarke, Emily Kilkelly and Georgia



Meadowcroft. Service Coordinator is Niamh Fowler, Communications Coordinator is Caroline Shipway and Events Coordinator is Lorna Shields.



## Prom Deadline

Just a reminder the deadline for deposits on Prom tickets for Year 13 is **17th December**. The deposit is £10, if you wish to purchase a

ticket please go to a member of the 1804 Society.

After Christmas the remaining price of the ticket will be decided, it will be no more than an additional £10, as we are hoping to raise money through different events to reduce costs.

## Remembrance Day

On Remembrance Day this year, the school community joined together for the lowering of the Union flag in silence, to honour all those who lost their lives during the war. On the day various students throughout the school got involved in performances showing



what it was like during the time when people had to leave their friends and family behind. This was done through a drama and dance piece, whilst one of the younger students sang. Other students created their own



poppies and a poppy for every student in the school was placed into the school mound. For the week running up to Remembrance Day, the 1804 Society sold traditional style poppies

to students and teachers, poppy seeds were also planted in the school garden where a small donation of a £1 was required, they are expected to grow next year.



## Fancy Dress

On 18th December

the Sixth Form will be celebrating the annual fancy dress competition in aid of charity. A donation of £1 is required and we hope everyone gets involved. Remember, the group with the most creative idea and best effort put into their costume will take the prestigious title of 2014's "Best Fancy Dress Costume" and a small prize.

## Children In need

This year for Children In Need, the 1804 Society ran a variety of activities in order to raise money for the cause.

Throughout the school, many people participated by donating either through cake sales (which raised £263.67 alone), wearing Pudsey colours or accessories, having mad hairstyles, guessing the name of the teachers from their baby photos and filling up a picture of Pudsey with any spare change. **The day as a whole was very successful and in total we raised over £300.**



# St. Julie's Sixth Form Newsletter



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# Results Success!

Everyone at St Julie's is still riding high on the back of our summer examination results, which were amongst the best ever produced by our Sixth Form students - A fantastic 70% A\* - C in Year 13 and outstanding performance at A/S and BTEC, where we are ranked in the top 25% and top 10% respectively of all Sixth Form providers nationally.

Once again, the large majority of students secured their first-choice destination, with 100% of Leavers in 2014 going on to further education, employment or training. Recent destinations for St Julie's students have included top universities such as Oxford, Cambridge, Durham, Liverpool, Leeds and Manchester with a large number of students following courses that are closely related to the growth sectors in the local economy, meaning that they will be well prepared for entering the jobs market.

The strength of our Sixth Form is further backed up by the response from students and parents when surveyed for their opinions. The table opposite shows the results of our most recent survey in September 2014, well over 90% of respondents agreed that provision was good or better.



The results of our most recent survey in September 2014. Well over 90% of respondents agreed that provision was 'good' or 'better' in terms of...

- Support from teachers
- Resources, including access to ICT facilities
- Quality of teaching
- Communication between home and school
- Safety and welcome
- Leadership and management of Sixth Form

## Year 12 STEM Students Join Prestigious Project



Earlier this year Miss Peers and a team of Year 12 students enrolled on the National Engineering Education Scheme based at The University of Liverpool.

The team of four who all study STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) subjects will be working on a real life project over the next six months. The team will be working alongside Arup, which is a city centre based engineering firm, to produce a full report, a prototype and to deliver a presentation to industry professionals.

On the scheme launch day the team were asked to complete several challenges including building a rollercoaster! Look out for more updates about our team over the next six months.

## Generosity Shown In Charity Fundraising

Year 12 student Savannah Garber and a group of fellow students began fundraising for the Teenage Cancer Trust at the beginning of 2014. In May, Savannah ran in a 10k race with family and friends raising over £8,000. Fundraising continued through the year with breaktime cake sales every Wednesday through the Summer

term, and face painting at school sports day.

To round the year off, a team of Year 12 students will be taking part in Liverpool's 5k Santa Dash run. We wish them lots of luck.

Elsewhere in Year 12, three students - Zoe, Shannon and Charlotte - have spearheaded the school's campaign for the Operation Christmas Child shoebox campaign. Thanks to the generosity they inspired in students from Years 7-13 we collected 97 decorated shoeboxes filled with presents and cards for less fortunate children.



## BTEC Concert Showcases Musical Skills

**Our BTEC Performance students raised the roof in the Dorothy Stang Theatre with a jam-packed concert!**

The show, featuring students from Years 12 and 13, was a two and half hour extravaganza of eclectic songs with some creative interpretation along the way.

All the performers were warmly received by the enthusiastic audience, which will help exam grades - the concert is filmed and used as a piece of coursework!

Thanks to Mr Quinn, all the performers, and everyone who came along to support our students.



## Students Selected for Holocaust Education Trust Visit

In September all Year 13 students were invited to submit expressions of interest to take part in a day visit to the Auschwitz Concentration Camp in Poland in early November.

The experience - organised by the Holocaust Education Trust and fully paid for by the school - is perhaps a once in a lifetime opportunity and is regarded by

many who have participated previously as being the single most important experience of their school lives. A number of high quality expressions of interest were received and after much deliberation it was decided that Sarah Byrne, Emily Kilkelly and Hanna Smith would represent the school.

All three students demonstrated not only a keen sense of how this visit would impact on their own lives, but also pledged to ensure that they will share their experiences with other students once they return. We look forward to more St Julie's students following in their footsteps next year.

## Model United Nations

Once again St Julie's students are taking part in the Model United Nations programme, run by Mr Marks, and Liverpool Schools' Parliament - both fantastic opportunities for our students to engage with their peers in others schools and keep up-to-date on global issues. This year, the school is representing Ukraine, which offers a great opportunity for students to find out more about a part of the world which has experienced great conflict in recent months.

In addition to this, Year 12 students have now signed up for their Christian Action placements, which started in the first week back after half-term. This is a fantastic opportunity for students to develop a range of skills and build up valuable experience to give them a head start in future university and job applications - as well as being an important way of ensuring that we live out our Mission to be a community of justice, fairness, care and compassion.



Placements range from work in local Primary schools to in-school activities, supporting the learning and enjoyment of pupils across a range of Year Groups and Curriculum areas. This is yet another example of what makes St Julie's Catholic Sixth Form such a special environment.

writing personal statements. Feedback on this support has been very positive...

- 94% of students agreeing they were well supported by their Progress Leader and/or Assistant Head Teacher.
- 100% of parents agreed that UCAS support had been good.
- 100% of parents also agreed that their child...
  - was happy
  - felt safe
  - makes good progress
  - is taught well
  - has appropriate homework
- 100% of parents agreed that behaviour at the school is good

# UCAS

With the UCAS Apply 2015 process now in full swing, almost all applications have now been sent. Each applicant has received one-to-one support from their Form Tutor with follow-up meetings with either Mrs Jones, Mrs Preston or Mr Willis for final checking before applications are sent. Offers are already flooding in. The support offered during this process included a parents' information evening on Thursday 3rd July to help guide them through the application process and the provision of a wide range of resources available to students via the School VLE to assist with completing the application form and

The Student Finance Company also attended Year 13 Parents Evening to give advice, guidance and reassurance about the process of applying for and repaying loans to cover university tuition fees.

## A Good Prognosis for Aspiring Medical Students

In the last week before Christmas, another cohort of students will be attending the annual Medlink and Vetlink Conferences. Once again St Julie's met all booking costs for the events, which give a fantastic competitive edge to any students considering careers in Medicine or Veterinary Science. We are already looking forward to sending another cohort next year.



We were also delighted to recently welcome back former student, and now doctor, Charlie Gaul who spoke to aspiring medical students today about her experiences.

Charlie was one of Deputy Head Girls when in Year 13 before she completed her studies at St. Julie's in 2009. Now a fully qualified doctor, Charlie practises at Alder Hey Hospital and visited today to share her journey with aspiring students from Years 10 to 13. She offered lots of information and practical advice, with generous time for questions and answers. We'd like to thank Charlie for returning to visit us and we hope to see her again in the future.

**We are delighted that for the second year running, Year 12 students at St Julie's will be taking part in the HE+ programme run in conjunction with Cambridge University.**

This scheme is aimed at supporting students who achieved a good range of top grades in their GCSEs in developing the skills needed to apply to top universities and offers them

the chance to attend a residential event at Cambridge University in the summer term.

The programme is aimed not just at potential Oxbridge applicants - though it will help to build on our fantastic 80% acceptance rate for our previous Oxbridge applicants - but is of use to students aspiring to attend any of the Russell Group of leading universities, including the University of Liverpool.

