

St. Julie's Sixth Form Newsletter



January 2014

Sixth Form Open Evening 2014!



On the 6th March we will be opening our doors to students in Years 10 and 11 to give them the chance to get to know our Sixth Form better.

Come along for the chance to see our unrivalled facilities for exclusive use by Sixth Form students, meet staff and students, learn

more about our extensive range of courses and pathways and discover the exciting opportunities that are part of Sixth Form life.

A talk will be given by Mr Alderman (Headteacher) and Mr Willis (Assistant Headteacher Key Stage 5) at 5.15pm.

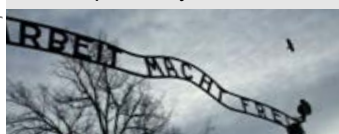
Thursday 6th March 4 - 6pm



Parliament Visit for Students with Holocaust Education Trust

Following their visit to Auschwitz reported in our last newsletter, Dominique Daly and Nicola Ruddick will be visiting the Houses of Parliament on 20th January to attend an event run by the Holocaust Education Trust.

When they return to the school this will help them to fulfil their pledge to ensure that they will share their experiences with other students once they return. We look forward to two more St Julie's students following in Dom and Nicola's footsteps next year.



Baroness Newlove pictured speaking to our students

Aspiring medics meet at Medline!

In the last week before Christmas, a group of aspiring medical students attended the annual Medline Conference hosted by Nottingham University, with another student attending a Vetlink Conference at the same venue.



These are of great support to our students considering careers in Medicine or Veterinary Science and provide vital information and advice for university application forms.

Baroness Newlove Returns to St Julie's

We were delighted to welcome Baroness Newlove back into our school for a visit as part of the 'Peers in Schools' programme.

The programme aims to engage young people with the political and parliamentary process by allowing members of the House of Lords to visit schools and talk to students.

After a reception with members of the School Council Baroness Newlove spoke to an audience of 200 members of our Sixth Form and Year 11 students, talking engagingly about her work in the House, her family life, and her wider work combating anti-social behaviour.

Following the talk, students had an opportunity to ask questions regarding any aspect of the work of the House of Lords.

We'd like to thank Baroness Newlove for taking the time to visit us again. All of the students found the talk inspirational and informative.



Students meet the Anthony Nolan Trust

On Wednesday 2nd October, as part of our Sixth Form programme of events, students from years 12 and 13 had a presentation given by volunteers from The Anthony Nolan Trust, who are aiming to raise awareness amongst young people in the 16-30 age group. The sixth formers were given information to enable them to make an informed choice about signing up to the bone marrow register. In addition to this, they were also alerted to the vital work done by the NHS blood donation service.

Students were humbled to hear the story of Adrian, a young man who contracted leukaemia and campaigned tirelessly until his death for more awareness of the importance of registering to donate bone marrow. The presentation was delivered by volunteer Denise Smith, herself a cancer survivor, and pupils responded with real empathy to her account of the transplant process.

We were proud and delighted that so many of our students felt moved to express an interest in becoming bone marrow donors following the talk. Jo Buckton, from Anthony Nolan said afterwards:

"Thank you for inviting us to the school and for the warm welcome we received from staff and students.

It was a pleasure speaking to your sixth form and as a result many of the students expressed an interest in joining the bone marrow register.

We very much appreciate your support with our lifesaving work and we look forward to working with you in the future."

The Sixth Form Common Room has been a riot of colourful industry as the final touches were made to costumes for our annual fancy dress contest.

As always, the costumes showed huge imagination and creativity and the standard was very high.

There have to be winners however, and judges did finally reach a decision. Although everyone was a winner, the biggest cheers go to Year 12 winners, the 'Despicable Me' minions, and our Year 13 winners, the ancient Egyptians. Well done everyone!

Fancy Dress Fun!



Members of the Travel and Tourism course have completed an important piece of coursework by organising a 'gap year' talk.

The event, attended by all Sixth Form students, featured guest speakers from external agencies, as well as a talk from our own Miss Hall, and gave an insight into how to organise and fund a safe and interesting gap year, such as those taken by Caitlin and Jennifer to Australia and India respectively!

The planning, organisation, delivery and evaluation of the event forms a part of the coursework evidence portfolio for students following the Travel and Tourism course.



Students help to dash to new record!

A number of our Sixth Form students (and some brave staff!) took part in the annual Liverpool Santa Dash on Sunday 1st December. They helped to smash the world record (previously held by Las Vegas) of 10,000 Santas completing a 5k run.



Balancing The Books

On Tuesday 12th of November, the Sixth Form team invited Year 12 and 13 students and their parents/carers along to a student finance talk. The Student Finance Company representative, who presented the talk, explained all about student loans, university fees and bursaries.

The parents who attended the talk were very positive and felt that it was "very useful" and "good to have all the information." They felt the talk was "worthwhile" and "a reassuring evening". Parents now seem satisfied they have all the information they need about student finance and how to apply for it.

If you missed the talk, don't worry. Here are links which will guide you to find useful and extra information about student finance and university courses:

<https://www.gov.uk/student-finance>
<http://www.ucas.com/how-it-all-works/student-finance>
<http://unistats.direct.gov.uk/>