

St. Julie's Sixth Form Newsletter



July 2016



OFSTED success for Sixth Form!

We were delighted that in our recent OFSTED Inspection, provision in Sixth Form was deemed to be Good overall. Inspectors commented that:

- 'Achievement in Sixth Form shows an upward trajectory...this positive trend is set to continue'
- 'The quality of teaching and learning in the sixth form is carefully monitored...This has improved the quality of teaching and outcomes'
- 'Learners receive effective careers education, advice and guidance which helps them to make informed choices about the next steps in their lives. As a result of this guidance, destinations for learners in the sixth form are strong, with the majority progressing to university study'
- 'In 2015 all learners who had special educational needs or disability, and a high proportion of disadvantaged learners, progressed to university'
- 'Learners in the sixth form provide support for younger pupils'
- 'The sixth form is now strong and led well'



Commendation for Year 12 Engineers

The Year 12 engineering team recently visited the University of Liverpool for the culmination of months of hard work on their project.

The team have been working on a project that entails redeveloping sections of Prescot town centre for the Engineering Education Scheme.

Although the team were late getting involved in the scheme they were given a special commendation at the graduation ceremony for their unbelievable amount of work completed and their well delivered presentation. Well done Lois, Lucy, Catherine and Katy!

Community Award for Deputy Head Girl



Our Deputy Head Girl, Hannah McLellan was the deserved winner of the prestigious 'Blue Mile Superstar' award, 2016. Hannah was put forward for the award by Everton in the Community as a result of her hard work and dedication to support others. The award celebrates Hannah's work within the community and how she has balanced her studies with voluntary work in order to enrich the lives of many young people.

Congratulations to our Year 13 BTEC Performance students for a fabulous farewell concert in the Dorothy Stang theatre.

The students played 25 songs from across the decades and the enthusiastic audience response will help to improve their coursework marks!





Geography Students Get Knee Deep in River Study!

AS Geography students spent a sunny Friday on the 11th March traversing the length of the River Alyn in North Wales to investigate how and why a river changes its channel and valley as it travels downstream.

Students were required to get into the river (and get a little wet!) to measure the cross-sectional area, wetted perimeter, hydraulic radius, velocity, pH level and

gradient of the river at 5 different sites, which included a visit to the mouth of the river where it meets the River Dee.

Students got thoroughly involved, really enjoyed the experience and have vastly increased their understanding of how rivers work as a result of the fieldwork. Now all they have to do is process the data collected and ace their exams!



Dance Students in the Big Apple!

GCSE and A Level Dance students were enthralled by a performance of Matthew Bourne's stunning 'Sleeping Beauty' during the half term break.

The group of 45 students visited the performance at the Liverpool Empire on Saturday 20th February.

Our dance students also had a fabulous time on the Performing Arts trip to New York City!

They braved the cold to enjoy some classic sightseeing opportunities at Madame Tussauds and the Rockefeller Centre, as well as donning some skates and hitting the ice.

There was some hard work in there too though, with some fantastic dance workshops including at the legendary 'Alvin Ailey American Dance Theatre'.

1804 Society: 2016/17

A new 1804 Society has been selected for 2016/2017! The society is named after the year 1804 - the year that St. Julie and the first Sisters of Notre Dame took their vows and so the name reminds us of the Christian duty to serve others.

The 1804 Society is a student leadership group which is made up of elected Sixth Formers. The 1804 Society focuses on Christian Leadership through its core values of Community, Leadership, Education, Service, Goodness and Tradition.

Head Girl: Catherine McGonigal
Deputy Head Girl: Katy Hodgson

and Stephanie O'Neill

Celebration Coordinator: Ivy Reader

Service Coordinator: Hannah King, Kate Allanson

Communication Coordinator: Anna Murphy, Carina Crangle

Heads of House: Emma Malins, Samantha Brennan, Jazzmin Evason, Tayla Shipway, Rachel Macklin, Beth Finan.

Savannah Garber, current Head Girl, said "I wish the new society members all the best and I hope they find it as fulfilling as we all have."

Sixth Form Performance Worth Celebrating!

The Department for Education Performance Tables for examination performance in Summer 2015 has given St Julie's Catholic Sixth Form double reason to celebrate.

The key 'Value Added' score, used to measure progress, shows that St Julie's is the number 4 ranked school or college in the city for A Level performance and the number 5 ranked school or college in the city for performance on vocational courses (Level 3 BTECs).

We are the only school or college in the city to be ranked in the top 5 for both academic and vocational progress.

We are also ranked in the **top 20%** of schools and colleges in the North West and the top 25% nationally for progress made by students on academic courses and the top 25% nationally for progress on vocational courses.

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New Facilities For Sixth Form

We've made sure that our Sixth Form students continue to enjoy places to study and relax that won't be disturbed by building noise by moving to a new location within school.

Improvement work is now complete, and our Year 12 students returning from study leave are already settling comfortably into their new home!

