

St. Julie's Sixth Form Newsletter



October 2013



73% A* to C at A-Level

We are delighted to announce another fantastic year of exam results at St. Julie's Catholic Sixth Form.

Students achieved a 99.5% pass rate at A-Level and nearly three quarters of students achieved a grade C or above at A Level.

The A*-B pass rate has improved from 23.4% to 40.6%, the A* to C pass rate has risen to 73.3% and the A*-E pass rate is 99.6%, all of which are a reflection of all the hard work, commitment and dedication from students and staff throughout the year.

The large majority of students have gained a place at their first choice university which range from Durham to Warwick to Liverpool. Well done to all of our students and we wish them every success on their next pathway to university, college or training.



Sixth Form Induction Survey

We recently asked all Year 12 and 13 pupils for their views on Sixth Form life at St Julie's and the responses were overwhelmingly positive. In all categories, from the quality of teaching, to the resources, support and opportunities with which they are provided, to the progress they are making and the supportive nature of the atmosphere, students were almost unanimous in their opinions.

When asked what they most enjoyed about Sixth Form, students singled out aspects such as the independence they are given, the quality of teaching, the uniform, and the fact that they are treated as adults. The clear message was that St Julie's Sixth Form is the place to be!

Finance Diploma Students Make Opportunities Count!

We are delighted to announce that five of our Year 12 students, Amy Kent, Ellie Irons, Lauren Bessant, Alice Magill and Siobhan Birch, have been accepted onto the prestigious Financial Service Diploma run by the Chartered Institute of Securities and Investment.



The CISI programme is an innovative and highly-regarded qualification, running for the first year in partnership with Liverpool sixth forms and Rathbone Investment Management. The financial sector is one of the key growth areas for our local economy and so we are thrilled our students will be getting such an invaluable insight into the various aspects of the industry.

In addition to this, Alex Cannon from the CISI

came to speak to all our sixth formers about managing money earlier in September. At the end of his informative talk, he presented each student with a copy of #yourmoney, a publication sponsored by the CISI aimed at 16-25 year olds. The book covers a range of useful topics such as: managing credit, how overdrafts work, saving and interest rates and making sense of payslips.

We are looking forward to developing this partnership with the CISI to further benefit our students as they prepare for life beyond school.



Good Luck@University!

Over 85% of former Year 13 students have started university in the last few weeks. We wish our former St. Julie's "girls and boys" the very best of luck. University places include: Maths at Leeds University; Biochemistry at Liverpool University; Law at Manchester University; Fine Art at Newcastle university and French and Hispanic studies at Sheffield, to name but a few.

Some students will be travelling further afield for their gap year. Caitlin McPaul will be travelling to Australia to work as a volunteer at an animal sanctuary and Rachel Bainbridge will be travelling to India to support a school and its sanitation programme. Both students will be starting university from September 2014.

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Mr Willis
Assistant Headteacher

Forthcoming events....look out for updates in our next issue!

Annual Sixth Form Fancy Dress - every year in the last week of term, our Sixth Form students take part in a fancy dress day to raise money for a range of charities. The creativity and imagination that goes into costumes has to be seen to be believed! We are already waiting with bated breath to see what this year brings!

Good luck to all of our students who have applied for work experience placements with Jaguar Land Rover for February 2014 half-term. This is a fantastic opportunity and will further strengthen our partnership with one of our key local employers.

We should shortly be confirming the visit to St Julie's of Baroness Newlove as part of the Peers in School programme. Baroness Newlove became a member of the House of Lords after receiving a peerage for her tireless work on community reform, in response to the tragic murder of her husband Garry in 2007.



Achievements Shine at Annual Prizegiving

Our school community gathered together on 19th September with staff, students - past and present, parents, carers and special guests for our annual Awards Ceremony!

We were delighted to share our celebration with members of our Governing Body and with several of the Sisters of Notre Dame.

Our speakers during the evening included Sr. Margaret Walsh, our Chair of Governors, Kate Saunders, our Head Girl, Mr Alderman and our special guest speaker for the evening, Mrs. Clare Molyneux. Clare is a former pupil of Notre Dame

Everton Valley, who went on to build an entrepreneurial career including property development, theatrical production and much more. She gave a hugely inspirational speech that held wisdom for every student in the room.

The school choir entertained us with a rendition of 'I dreamed a dream' from Les Miserables, before the presentation of awards.

As always, it was wonderful to see so many of our former students reunited at the celebration, and we offer our thanks to them, many of whom had travelled significant distances to return from university, as well as all of the parents and relatives who were able to attend at the new, earlier start time.

The annual Liverpool Santa Dash will take place on Sunday 1st December and once again St Julie's look set to be out in force as we try to smash the world record (currently held by Las Vegas) of 10,000 Santas completing a 5k run.

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.



Taking Action!

Year 12 students have now signed up for their Christian Action placements, to start 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.

Students Selected for Holocaust Education Trust Visit

In September, Mr Marks and Mr Willis invited students to submit expressions of interest to take part in a day visit to the Auschwitz Concentration Camp in Poland. 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 Dominique Daly and Nicola Ruddick would represent the school. Both 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 two more St Julie's students following in Dom and Nicola's footsteps next year.