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As we approach the end of our summer term I would encourage you all to visit our website at

www.stjulies.org.uk to see for yourself the outstanding range of achievements and extra-curricular activities enjoyed by students of all ages.

Even this week we have had the Performing Arts Showcase, a visit to Chester Zoo, the Big Bang Science Fair, the Choir performance at Bishop Eton, the Marie Curie fundraising event and, my favourite of all, the visit to the Royal Society Summer Science Exhibition when I accompanied 20 Year 10 students on a sightseeing tour of London followed by a number of Science seminars.

We look forward to the new academic year with great excitement as we welcome our new students. We are oversubscribed for September 2014 due to our high academic standards and excellent pastoral care that we provide. We are excited to welcome a new and dynamic staff team including 8 new teachers and our new School Chaplain, Mr Mike Anderson, who will be bringing a wealth of expertise with him. Mr Anderson is a renowned song writer and has written Hymns including 'Sing it in the Valleys' as well as the 'Clapping Gloria'.

We continue to work with the City Council to support the Mayor's vision to build 12 new schools, build 5000 new homes and create 20,000 jobs. We await the latest proposal for a new school for St. Julie's in Woolton.

If you wish to see for yourself why St Julie's Catholic High School is so successful please join us at our next Open Evening on Thursday 25 September 2014 from 3.30 pm to 6.00 pm. Wishing you all a peaceful, enjoyable and safe summer.

"I thoroughly enjoyed this visit and I am very impressed!" "Lovely staff and lovely girls. A credit to the school." "Really pleased with our first look at St Julie's." "Staff very friendly, informative and helpful."



Sisters of Notre Dame Focus On Literacy Development

We have been delighted to welcome Sisters Helena, Jo and Megan to school every Thursday afternoon. They have been



working with some of our Year 7 students on a paired reading programme.

In order to support students with their literacy skills, we run a range of personalised programmes. Mrs Grisenthwaite in Student Support coordinates our paired reading

programme. This takes place throughout the year with a team of trained Sixth Form students who work with pupils in Year 7.

All of the Sisters have a background in education and our students have benefited enormously from their patience and understanding as they have worked through the one-to-one reading programme.

As one of the many Notre Dame schools around the globe our continued involvement with the Sisters is a reflection of our heritage, stretching back over 160 years in Liverpool. Both the staff and student mottos are from the words of our foundress, St. Julie Billiart, and her teachings and values continue to influence us in the patience and kindness we show to our students and the relevance of the curriculum that we teach to encourage all to 'Serve the good God well with much liberty of Spirit'.

We are always delighted to be able to open our doors to people who are interested in St. Julie's, and visitors to our recent Open Evening had plenty to see and do!

All departments were represented as visitors got the chance to explore some mysteries of science, participate in a living story, unravel complicated number problems, enjoy some dance and song performances, swing in the gym, build a pizza and much, much more.

We had standing room only for the Headteachers presentation and lots of questions from our interested guests.

We hope that all of our visitors enjoyed the evening as much as we did. If you missed out, don't worry - we've another open event on 25th September and you are always welcome to contact the school for a personal guided tour. Some comments from visitors can be read on the margins of this newsletter.

Olivia Named Physicist of the Year!

St. Julie's have been celebrating Liverpool Physics Week

with a number of different events including visits, workshops and practical activities. The highlight of our celebration has been the success of Year 13 student Olivia Kingston in being named Ogden Trust Physicist of the Year for 2013/14.

Olivia was presented with the award at a ceremony at the University of Liverpool and thoroughly deserves the award thanks to her hard work, determination, application and talent shown for Physics at A level.



Welcome to Our New Year 7 Pupils

Although we've had the pleasure of meeting briefly our new Year 7 students earlier this year, Induction Day remains a highlight of our school year!

Students spent the day meeting staff and fellow students and getting a chance to understand how St. Julie's is organised.

As well as some fun icebreaking activities, students have enjoyed Science, Design and Technology,

Music and Drama lessons and community singing with Vocal Director, Mrs. Newton.

Hopefully the tour of the building wasn't too confusing, but help was always at hand with our team of Year 8 student guides.

We hope that all of our new students have enjoyed their day with us, and we're looking forward to working together with them in September!



Volunteer Students Head To Peru



We'll be wishing 'buen viaje' to a team of seven students from Year 11 and 12 as they head off to the high Andes of Southern Peru for the summer!

The month long trip will allow the team to work on important projects to improve the standard of living for rural communities and to participate in ongoing conservation initiatives protecting sensitive ecological areas.

The trip will also include a trek to the iconic UNESCO World Heritage Site of Machu Picchu.

Science Students Visit Royal Society



A group of Year 10 Triple Science students recently enjoyed a visit to the Royal Society's Summer Exhibition in London.

In the morning the group took in the sights of Trafalgar Square including some rather interesting statuary under a sunny sky. They then moved on to the Houses of Parliament, Whitehall and

managed to catch the changing of the guard at Buckingham Palace and a picnic on the front lawn.

After that, they moved in to the exhibition to explore the plethora of different stalls, displays and activities around a broad range of science themes, from Higgs-Boson particles and growing teeth from stem cells to ant farming.

Proud parents and staff joined together with students as they donned their celebration robes and stoles and gathered together in the hall for our Year 11 celebration. Our event started with song and dance from our talented students in Years 8 and 9. We then heard inspiring words from our special guest, Anne Salisbury, Associate Lawyer of Aaron and Partners and former St. Julie's pupil from 1991-98.

Year 11 then took to the stage for the



St. Julie's Celebrates With Year 11

Time for tea?



We've had a Blooming Great Tea Party to help raise funds for Marie Curie Cancer Care!

The event was organised by our Year 12 Students as part of the work that they all undertake in their studies for RE and the Christian Action Programme.

Our guests at tea included students from right through the year groups, who as well as choosing from a bewildering array of cakes and tasty treats got to try some fun activities too.

Dates for your diary...

**A-Level Results
14.08.2014**

**GCSE Results
21.08.2014**

**Term Starts
01.09.2014**

**Open Evening
25.09.2014**