

## St. Julie's: a place of service, success and celebration



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I would like to welcome you to our Spring Term Newsletter. Students have been working very hard all year to make excellent progress across the curriculum.

You must visit our website ([www.stjulies.org](http://www.stjulies.org)) to fully appreciate the significant range of opportunities that our students engage in on a week by week basis.

I am truly inspired by the dedication of the students to their studies and the commitment of the staff who give so much time to ensure these opportunities take place. We ensure that students are given a great breadth of opportunities, as evidenced by the recent New York trip where students, studying GCSE and A Level Dance and Performing Arts, toured this world famous City and were coached by the world's leading Dance specialists. It is no wonder that the Performing Arts is a great strength of our school, helping to build confidence and resilience in all of our young people. Added to this are the wonderful celebrations co-ordinated by our Chaplain, Mr Anderson. During Lent students have attended a range of moving Easter assemblies, led by Mr Anderson and his Chaplaincy Team of talented singers and musicians. There really is no better place than a Catholic learning community for your daughter to truly experience life in all its fullness.

Can I wish you all a very peaceful Easter, and spring break when it comes.

We look forward to supporting all of our students through their summer examinations.



## A Sixth Form That Achieves!

At St. Julie's we're immensely proud of our successful Sixth Form college, and with just cause. We're significantly above national performance in most subjects, sitting in the **top 20%** in the North West and the **top 25%** nationally in academic progress.

More importantly, we're tightly focussed on getting our students to

where they want to go, which is how we've managed to get 80.3% of our last cohort into Higher Education, with **over 25%** taking up places at prestigious Russell Group Universities.

Our mission statement drives us to create opportunities for all individuals to discover their

potential and that's why **100%** of our students who are eligible for pupil premium and those with additional needs have made it to their first choice of university.

If you're choosing a Sixth Form College then remember that your best choice is right here in Woolton Village!



## Excelling at English

### The Right Advice for the Best Choices

Students achieve best in courses that they enjoy, that are well suited to their talents and abilities and from which they can see clear benefits to their career aspirations. This makes choosing the right courses and pathways critical, and to make those tough decisions better informed and easier to understand we've invested in providing first rate information, advice and guidance.

Our careers advisor, Mrs Mannings, is available by appointment to any student throughout the year. She's also working hard to ensure that at critical times in the school year, such as choosing options, every student in the relevant age group receives an interview to discuss their plans.

The best measure of how successful our advice and guidance can often be to look at the number of students who leave St. Julie's without entering into employment, education or training. **We're proud to say that that number is 0%.**

The rewards of an engaging curriculum and innovative teaching are clear to see with results in English Language and English Literature performing **significantly above national average** for the last three years.

We're looking forward to another fantastic summer after last year's amazing results of 92% of candidates gaining an A\* to C grade in English Literature, with 36.9% of candidates gaining an A or A\* grade.

A love of literature is instilled through all year groups with regular library lessons for lower school classes. Just take a look at some of the work produced for a recent homework about Harper Lee's *Maycomb*.

# Making Numeracy Count!

We've long known that numeracy is a vital skill that impacts on many aspects of our lives, and that's why we strive to ensure that lessons right across the curriculum present and develop opportunities for exploring maths.

St. Julie's is a member of the pilot scheme for the 'Liverpool Counts' numeracy initiative, and we're supporting this with a range of exciting new strategies.

We've introduced 'Rainbow Maths' with a specific view to sharpening mental arithmetic for our Key Stage 3 students. Alongside this we're running regular 'Numeracy Ninja' problems delivered by form tutors in morning registration. These activities involve short but very intense problems in a strictly controlled time limit.

The number confidence instilled in students right across the curriculum means that Maths lessons can be more challenging and rewarding. With the depth available in the Dynamic Learning curriculum and the associated on line activities and support we can stretch our brightest students and support our least confident learners to ensure that every student can realise their full potential.

We're growing our maths community beyond our school as well! We're doing some fantastic work in collaboration with our primary schools to ensure a seamless continuity of Maths teaching, and we're also enjoying the support of a major Corporation with our strategic partnership with banking giant Lloyds.



## Champion Athletes!

Our Year 7 and 8 Sports Hall Athletics Teams have shown that the future is bright for our students to emulate the success of St. Julie's alumni like Katarina Johnson-Thompson.

Both teams represented Liverpool in the Merseyside Championships in Widnes recently, with Year 7 having a fantastic competition and beating the next nearest of the other 13 schools by a massive 13 points!

The teams don't play to win ruthlessly though. We're very proud to say that the team also collected the 'Spirit of the Games' award.

We've also had some great results on the football pitch, with our Year 8 Football Team (right) topping the league at the LSSP Year 8 Football tournament with five wins against Liverpool schools!

From the world of running we were hugely honoured to be presented with a Team England running vest, identical to that which was worn by Year 10 student Faye Ireland when she represented England in a four nations tournament held in Scotland. There were 8 runners from each of the four nations and Faye finished ninth out of the 32 best runners across the UK. We wish her, and all our incredible athletes, the very best of success for the forthcoming summer events.



## Science That Engages

Our already rich science curriculum gained some extra depth this term as we celebrated British Science Week across the whole school.

The week brought some fascinating

experiments and presentations as students explored the miracles of miniature life with Zoolab, the huge swatches of Antarctic Tundra with a polar scientist and the incomprehensible vastness of space with a visiting planetarium.

Throughout the week we were also receiving daily updates from our team in the field at the National Big



Bang Fair, where our Sixth Form engineering team were vying for a national prize for their disaster relief bridge project. We were thrilled to hear that the team won the sponsors' special award for 'Inspired Work', awarded by aerospace giant BAE systems.

Congratulations to Sally and Courtney for their fantastic achievement at this national event.

## On The TV...

Have you been watching the hard hitting BBC drama 'Thirteen'? Did you know that despite it being produced in Bristol, both of the Moxham sisters are played by former students of St. Julie's? Both Jodie Comer and Kathryn Rose Morley studied Drama in the Performing Arts department here!