

**Headteacher's Message**

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Welcome to a new Academic Year and the start of new opportunities. We have got the new year off to a great start with many activities aimed at encouraging our students' spiritual development. These have been led by our new Chaplain, demonstrating the tremendous impact the chaplaincy role can have on the spirituality of our young people.

Looking back on the summer, students performed exceptionally well in their exams. In year 11, 92% of students achieved A\*-C in a Language of their choice, an incredible achievement even for a Specialist Language College. The Government benchmark for schools is now a minimum of 5 A\*-C GCSE with English and Maths, and 7 out of every 10 girls exceeded this expectation. We received special praise from the Principal Officer for Education for our "contribution to the success of Liverpool's young people" by "ensuring that our 'school has exceeded the top quartile forecast'". No surprise then that our intake into Sixth Form rose by nearly 40%. As this newsletter goes to print we welcome 300 pupils from Years 1-5 in Bishop Eton for two weeks. We were very sorry to hear of the disruption caused by the recent fire and have successfully accommodated all the pupils at our school. We have very much enjoyed having the children and the experience has served to strengthen and broaden the community spirit and collegiality in our pastoral area.



**Bishop Eton Pupils at St. Julie's**

**Lord Mayor's Service**

On October 6th, St. Julie's was represented by 30 of our Year 8 students at the annual Lord Mayor's Service at Liverpool Cathedral.

The service included dance, drama and choral performances from schools throughout the Liverpool area, as well as a giant puppet procession!

Each participant also wrote the name of somebody who inspired them, and how they themselves can make a difference in the world, on each side of a cut out palm print which were then assembled to form a giant 'tree of hope'.



**Archbishop Kelly Celebrates Mass at St. Julie's**

**All Year 7 pupils and their families were delighted to welcome Archbishop Patrick Kelly to our school to celebrate our Year 7 Welcome Mass with us on Thursday 29 September**

It was a very enjoyable and spiritually uplifting celebration attended by the whole year, families and friends of our pupils and a large number of staff and governors. The Liturgy of the Word and the reflections were led by our pupils and staff. Parents contributed to the Offertory Procession and Year 7 pupils served on the altar. The Year 7 music ensemble played for us throughout and the Year 7 vocal group sang parts of the Liturgy. The Mass ended with the final hymn animated by over twenty performers in a coordinated

words and actions sequence, all arranged in a few short days.

During the celebration, Archbishop Patrick Kelly reminded us of our individual call to be 'little less than angels'; to know that we can make a difference in the lives of others and to realise that we have angels watching over us and helping us to do good and make the right decisions in every step of our journey in school and in life.

We thank all who have helped to make this celebration special, with particular thanks to Archbishop Patrick Kelly, and to all who came to witness the year 7 school journey begin and support school in making our mission statement real.



**School Chaplain**

**Katy Martin**

Having been appointed School Chaplain at St Julie's last March but not being able to commence until September it is great to finally be here and get stuck in. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time here so far, especially getting to know all the pupils and staff. Everyone has been incredibly friendly and welcoming to me and as far as new jobs go this comes at the top and I'm already feeling settled.

I have been asked many times by the girls here 'what is a school chaplain?' Each child and staff member who comes here is unique and will need something different from me and the chaplaincy. I look forward to starting new things and developing those things which I've already been involved in, some of which are shown on this page.



**International Day of Peace**

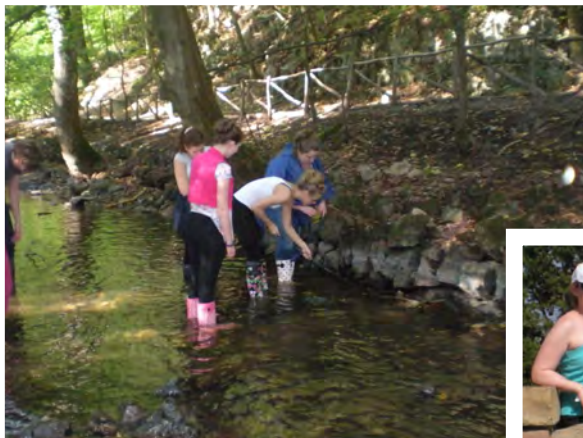
**On the 21st September staff and students of St. Julie's marked the International Day of Peace with a period of reflective activities led by our Chaplain.**

Every member of St. Julie's was given the chance to join millions around the globe in an act of peace. We all lit candles and posted messages of peace on our 'peace walls', whilst the Chapel Conference Room became a peaceful chamber of reflection for the day.



**This year has been a busy one for our globetrotting Geography students!**

Summer saw 44 GCSE students make a fabulous field trip to the USA, touring San Francisco, Alcatraz Island, Death Valley, Las Vegas, the Grand Canyon and Los Angeles!



A little closer to home, year 10 and 12 got their feet wet analysing the River Alyn in North Wales, and taking every measurement you can think of and more.



## Barnstorming Start to St. Julie's Sporting Year

**The 2011/12 Academic Year has seen a blistering start for all of our sporting teams!**

On the netball courts Year 7 scored a 3-1 victory and Year 8 a thumping 8-1 victory against Calderstones. In cross country our students have notched up league race wins for Years 7, 8 and 9, as well as individual race wins for Bethany Strange, Catherine Walker and Rebecca Donohue.

Things are just as bright on the football pitch with our Girls Everton Academy team putting 12 goals past St. John Bosco without conceding any, and the under 13 team scoring an astonishing 15-0 victory over Savio.

Keep checking the website for more results as we're convinced that the best is yet to come!



## Dance Company Hits The Road!

**Throughout this term our KS4 and KS5 dance companies have been on tour visiting some of our local Primary Schools!**

Pupils get to watch a performance by the dance companies and then participate in a dance workshop.

Our students are delighted to be given the chance to take the show on the road, declaring: *"We're really excited and can't wait to show the younger kids what moves we've got!"*

