



Sixth Form Newsletter

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New Young Lord Mayors for Liverpool



We wish to congratulate two Year 12 students who have successfully been elected as Young Lord Mayor of Liverpool. Kate McCormack and Jessica Lunt are part of The School's Parliament which enables young people to meet and discuss current affairs about local and global issues at Liverpool Town Hall. Thirty-eight students were nominated for the role of Young Lord Major and both students really impressed representatives from the Council and other students with their speech and views on the needs of young people in today's society.

Kate will take on the role as Young Lord Mayor during December and Jessica will take up the post in February 2012. Good luck to both students who are to be congratulated on their achievements for such a privileged role.



Celebrating Success: Prize Night 2011

We celebrated our great achievements of the last exam season in our formal annual prize giving ceremony, with certificates presented by our Guest of Honour, Mrs Bernadette Brown (pictured above). The Sports Hall at St. Julie's was transformed into a formal presentation hall for the annual school Prize Giving ceremony. Certificates were presented by our Guest of Honour, Independent Chair of the Liverpool Children's Safeguarding Board and former student Bernadette Brown.

Amongst our special awards this year, we were delighted to present a new category of award for consistent academic excellence to our former Year 11 students who gained 6 or more A* grades at GCSE. The evening featured some beautiful choral recitals from our singing group. We would like to take the opportunity to thank all of the parents and relatives who were able to attend for this very special evening.

Sixth Form increases by 33%

We are delighted to report an incredible 33% increase of students into our Sixth Form since September.

A large majority of Year 11 students chose to continue their education at St. Julie's Sixth Form as well as a high number of external applicants. This is reflected by the high standards of teaching and learning which students receive as well as the refurbishment of the Sixth Form which saw the installation of state-of-the-art facilities.

We are very proud that our Sixth Form has a number of courses which achieve in the top 25% and 35% of Sixth Forms across the country (according to ALPs performance data). We look forward to the continued growth of our Sixth Form and all current Year 11 students will be supported through the course of the year which they will be provided with up-to-date information about Sixth Form courses and the application process for our Sixth Form as well as have the opportunity to experience taster lessons, Open Days and Student Focus groups with former students and current Sixth Form Councillors.



Other News...

Christian Action and Enrichment

The programme of activities will begin from November which will provide all students with the opportunity to take part in a number of activities which range from the Primary School volunteer programme to First Aid. Some of the activities on offer will enable students to gain a qualification and enhance their CV or personal statement in preparation for employment or university.

Arts Award

We are delighted with the success of our recent Arts Award course which will be recognised in the TES and identifies the high standards of teaching for this course at St. Julie's.

The Further Maths Network

Eight students from Year 12 have qualified to study Further Maths in partnership with The University of Liverpool. This invaluable opportunity will enable students to achieve a 5th AS Level qualification as well as attend The University of Liverpool each Tuesday evening to experience lessons led by university lecturers as well as additional tuition at St. Julie's. The course enables students to learn through a range of technologies such as virtual classroom teaching, online resources as well as email and text support from their lecturer. Students have thoroughly enjoyed the experience of university life and look forward to achieving their qualification at the end of the year.

PSHE Day

Students experienced a whole range of activities during the recent PSHE Day. All students had the opportunity to meet with their Form Tutor for an individual tutorial meeting to complete their Individual Learning Plan and focus on their target grades for the year. Some of the workshops included Laughter Therapy to support students' health and well being as well as a Drugs awareness talk. Year 13 students focused on preparing their personal statements for UCAS as well as receiving advice and guidance towards CV writing, career pathways and interview technique.



Celebrity Visit For Sixth Form Film Club

Sixth form Filmclub members were inspired by a visit from local, BAFTA-nominated, filmmaker Martin Wallace. The group, who are currently launching their own Filmclub, were offered a valuable insight into the challenges of filmmaking.

As well as showing the students extracts from some of his productions, including the trailer for his forthcoming feature, Nowhere Fast, Martin answered questions on a range of subjects and gave valuable advice to those considering careers in the media.

He also spoke of the value of mixed programming: "When I was growing up, there were only three or four television channels. So after watching, say, This Is Your Life, there'd be a weird German film or a documentary that you'd end up seeing because we didn't have hundreds of alternatives to choose from. This was very powerful because it pushed you to see things that you might not bother with otherwise, but could have a profound impact on your life."



A number of Year 12 students will have the opportunity to develop their enterprise skills by working with the prestigious accountancy firm KPMG.

Representatives from KPMG recently visited our students to discuss the opportunity to develop a business with an initial contribution of £100 from the company. The Dragon's Den type programme will see young entrepreneurs trying to make the most profit out of their unique business design project. All profits will be distributed to the Sixth Form charities. **Good luck to all St. Julie's entrepreneurs taking part in the project.**



Peers in Schools programme

St. Julie's Sixth Form students will have the opportunity to meet with a Lord, through the Peers in Schools programme, to discuss current affairs and issues which matter to them.

The focus will be on citizenship and the challenges faced by young people. Students will experience a one-hour presentation and then will have the opportunity to ask questions about key issues which affect them.

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