

3rd July 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Year 10 September 2020

I hope you and your family are safe and well. I am writing to inform you about the plans for September. Following the national school closures on Monday 23 March we had to adapt very quickly to new ways of working. Over the last few months we have developed remote learning systems to support your daughter's education at home. May I take this opportunity to thank you for the wonderful work you have completed with your daughter during these very difficult times. We are aware that many families have faced great difficulties and trauma over the last few months and we will continue to support families moving forward.

Well-being and Support

Over the last few months school has been extremely busy ensuring that social distancing and hygiene measures are in place for all students and staff. Alongside this, we have continued to maintain a thriving community which is reflected in the weekly newsletters www.stjulies.org.uk. This captures a snapshot of the work which has taken place over the last few months to engage students in remote learning as well as take part in a range of activities.

From September we want to reassure you that your daughter's well-being is of the utmost importance to us. It is essential that as a Catholic community your daughter has the opportunity to reflect on the last few months and for staff to support your daughter's individual needs. We fully appreciate that during this global pandemic, families may have faced great adversity and trauma. Through our transition programme we will ensure that each student can share their experiences and have access to appropriate support, if required. We will focus on the importance of kindness, friendship, respect and resilience.

Remote Learning

Your daughter can continue to access pre-recorded videos via Educake, GCSEPod, MathsWatch, Oak National Academy and Pearson. Alongside this, staff have released some pre-recorded videos to support new topics or to explain key concepts.

Whilst the interactive features of the VLE offer a better experience we appreciate that online home learning may not always be possible. If you are having technical difficulties with access please email passwords@stjulies.org.uk, but for those who are completely unable to access digital resources we ask parents to contact school reception@stjulies.org.uk and request paper copies of work which will then be posted home.

All summer bridging work can be accessed via the VLE. The deadline for your daughter to complete and return this will be Friday 4 September. An assigned teacher will mark this work and provide feedback.

A copy of your daughter's end of year report will be published home in July. This will include academic information from September 2019 to March 2020. Students will also be commended on any work completed during national school closures.

Curriculum

Over the last few months, our curriculum teams have reviewed and adjusted curriculum maps in preparation for the start of the new academic year. This will give students the opportunity to review, retrieve, reconnect and understand aspects of their Key Stage 4 curriculum and how this links with new topics. These adjustments will ensure that any gaps in knowledge and understanding are addressed quickly to support progress in the classroom. Baseline assessments will take place during September in most subject areas. Students are not required to revise for these tests but they will provide an overview for staff to identify your daughter's strengths and areas for development.

A full curriculum overview for each department can be accessed via the school website www.stjulies.org.uk. This includes key information for each department which also includes prior knowledge and how we build on skills from Year 9 and enhance during Year 10. A copy of the curriculum booklet for 2020/21 can also be viewed via the website.

Assessment

To support your daughter's progress at St. Julie's, she will be provided with a GCSE flightpath target from the start of Year 10 to the end of Year 11. Please refer to the Assessment section of the school website for further information.

Extra-curricular

From September, your daughter will receive an extra-curricular timetable for all curriculum areas. Extra-curricular clubs are available at lunchtimes and after-school. Approximately over 500 students take part in extra-curricular activities each week. We actively encourage students to take part in extra-curricular activities because it develops many skills in young people such as: leadership; teamwork; resilience; dedication; commitment and communication skills.

Other key information

Information regarding school uniform, behaviour for learning and general school rules can be accessed via the school website.

Chaplaincy website

We actively encourage families to access the Chaplaincy website which features a Thought for the Day – every day - as well as topical weekly resources and other information about our school ethos <http://chaplaincy.stjulies.org.uk/>

Key contacts

We understand that you may have additional questions in preparation for the start of term, please use the contact details below if you require any further information.

Mrs Navarro – Progress Leader jnavarro@stjulies.org.uk

Miss Gawley – Head of Lower School lgawley@stjulies.org.uk

Mr Willis – Deputy Headteacher KS4/5 cpwillis@stjulies.org.uk

Mrs McCourt – Deputy Headteacher KS3/4 kmccourt@stjulies.org.uk

INSET day – Tuesday 1 September

Year 7 Induction Day – Wednesday 2 September

Year 10 return to school – Thursday 3 September from 8:30am

From Thursday 3 September, we will hit the ground running with full academic lessons starting from 9:50am. Alongside this, students will be supported by our pastoral teams and PSHE programme.

All calendar dates and weekly updates will be published via the school website www.stjulies.org.uk. To support the first month of school, please see below a copy of the academic calendar. The academic calendar for 2020/21 will be published on the school website.

Advent Term – September		
Date	Day	Events
31/08/2020	Monday	
01/09/2020	Tuesday	INSET Day 1
02/09/2020	Wednesday	Year 7 – Induction Day: First Day at St. Julie’s Catholic High School – well-being, teamwork and orientation activities
03/09/2020	Thursday	All students return to school Year 13 Mock exam re-sits begin 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 students return
04/09/2020	Friday	Summer Bridging work deadline
05/09/2020	Saturday	
06/09/2020	Sunday	
07/09/2020	Monday	Baseline assessments begin – Year 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 School photographs
08/09/2020	Tuesday	International Literacy Day
09/09/2020	Wednesday	
10/09/2020	Thursday	Year 7 SEN Welcome Event
11/09/2020	Friday	
12/09/2020	Saturday	
13/09/2020	Sunday	
14/09/2020	Monday	Year 7 GL Assessments, reading, spelling and CAT4 Year 11 Revision Programme starts Year 9 Lucid testing and Year 12 Access Arrangements Year 8 – 13 Target setting letters published
15/09/2020	Tuesday	International Day of Democracy
16/09/2020	Wednesday	National Teaching Assistants Day
17/09/2020	Thursday	Year 4, 5 and 6 Open Evening – 3.30-6.00pm
18/09/2020	Friday	
19/09/2020	Saturday	
20/09/2020	Sunday	
21/09/2020	Monday	International Day of Peace
22/09/2020	Tuesday	Staff training from 3.30pm
23/09/2020	Wednesday	
24/09/2020	Thursday	Year 11 Prefects Inauguration Ceremony 6pm
25/09/2020	Friday	
26/09/2020	Saturday	
27/09/2020	Sunday	
28/09/2020	Monday	Year 7 Targets and Setting letters published to parents Sixth Form Attitude to Learning survey
29/09/2020	Tuesday	ADHD Awareness Month

		PSHE lesson 1 – Period 1 Year 9 SEN Parent event
30/09/2020	Wednesday	

We look forward to welcoming your daughter back to St. Julie's in September. Once we receive further guidance from the government regarding social distancing measures for September, I will communicate this information with you. **Public Health England and the DfE will release additional guidance regarding the wider reopening of schools. We will notify you of any amendments or changes as soon as we receive this information.** In the meantime, I hope you and your family take time to rest and enjoy the summer holidays. Please do not hesitate to contact school if you require any further information.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs K McCourt
Deputy Headteacher