



Thursday 21 May 2020

Dear Parent/Carers,

Re: Remote learning, response to parent survey and key dates

I hope you and your family are safe and well. Last week we published a parental survey regarding home learning and resources. We received many positive responses and some suggestions on how to continue to support students at home during these unprecedented times.

Parent and student voice are very important to us and we want to continue to develop the systems we have in place as we all adapt to new ways of working. In response to the surveys, please find attached a calendar of events, activities and key information for half-term 6 and summer bridging work. The VLE has been restructured for some departments and formatted on a week-by-week basis to support home learning activities.

Students can also access pre-recorded videos via Educake, GCSEPod, MathsWatch, Oak National Academy and Pearson. Alongside this, staff will release 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.

End of Year Assessments

End of year assessments will be published for all students. Assessments will be made available on the VLE. Students will be expected to complete one formal assessment per subject from Monday 8 June to Friday 19 June (x1 per day, approximately 1-2 hours). Assessments can be submitted via the VLE or email. Each curriculum area will provide information regarding summer assessments and deadlines. Students will receive formal feedback on their HT6 assessments.

End of Year Statutory Academic Reports

All students will receive a statutory end of year academic report. The reports will provide an academic comment only, except for Year 10 students who will also receive their mock grade. We understand that many students have been working from home and regularly submitting work during the school closure and this work will be commended within their academic report. Current operational grades will not be published due to school closures on 20 March. Baseline assessments will take place in September to identify current student progress.

Curriculum

Departments will adapt their curriculum maps during half-term 6 and the autumn term to account for any gaps in student's knowledge and to support continuity of learning. All students will receive summer bridging work. This will be marked by an assigned teacher in September and will support baseline assessments and preparation for transition programmes from Year 6, Year 8 and Year 11. Further guidance will be sent out regarding baseline assessments due to take place in September. This will help teachers to identify individual strengths and any gaps in knowledge and understanding.

Year 11 and 13

The first stage of the estimated grading process has been completed. This has involved a robust and rigorous process involving various stages of moderation and standardisation. Due to the confidentiality of this process staff will not be able to discuss any grading with parents/carers and/or other external providers, under any circumstances. Any discussions relating to the new grading system may result in an allegation of malpractice and this is something we must avoid in order to maintain the integrity of the system.

Safeguarding

Staff continue to work tirelessly during this time to support families. Even though this has meant a change to our typical working environment we have ensured that families continue to receive e-vouchers and access to support from other external providers. Families can also access a range of very useful resources to support their daughter such as, Kooth which provides counselling and well-being support for young people. The Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health has also released resources to support healthy minds and advice on how to relieve anxiety and stress levels during these difficult times. The Safeguarding Team can also be contacted via email safeguarding@stjulies.org.uk.

Learning Support

Our students who have an additional learning need have been signposted to bespoke resources. These students are reminded that they can access a wide variety of support both through the Learning Support Team at school and also from the SENISS Team on their helpline: 07591837693. The team wish to take this opportunity to remind all students that it is OK to be finding things tough right now and are very proud of each and everyone of you.

As stated in previous correspondence, ideally your daughter should be spending a period of time each day completing the educational tasks that have been assigned. The majority of students have been accessing the VLE, other online resources and engaging well given the current circumstances. **The home learning timetable provided should only be used as a recommended guide.** We understand completely the pressures families are under and we do not want to add any additional stress or worry. The whole purpose of the work provided by staff is to ensure that students keep focused and engaged in their learning.

Thank you for your continued support during these difficult times. We will continue to provide updates and plans for how and when school will reopen. Please be assured that we want school to reopen as soon as possible. However, it is essential that this happens in a safe, secure and controlled way such that all staff, students and parents have every confidence in the process of reopening the school following a global pandemic. The school website is updated on a daily basis and provides a range of new resources for students to access www.stjulies.org.uk. If you require any further information, support or guidance please do not hesitate to contact school via the direct emails available in the school e-bulletin.

Please take care and stay safe,

Yours faithfully,

Mrs K McCourt
Deputy Headteacher



St. Julie's Catholic High School

Academic Calendar 2019-20 (1st June to 17th July 2020)

Please see below amended deadlines and key information for half-term 6. More detailed guidance will be provided via the VLE regarding daily tasks, weekly assignments, formal assessments and summer bridging work. All students can access pre-recorded lessons and short podcasts via Educake, GCSEPod, MathsWatch and the Oak National Academy. Most online platforms will provide instant feedback to support learning. Students will also be able to access pre-recorded short video clips to explain new topics and/or understand key concepts within units of work.

Further guidance will be released regarding school reopening for identified families, critical and key workers. Year 10 and 12 students will receive further updates regarding face-to-face meetings before the end of the summer term.

Year 13 Virtual Celebration will take place from 3.15pm on Friday 22 May. This will be a pre-recorded service www.stjulies.org.uk. This important service will celebrate seven years of student life at St. Julie's.

**Some events or activities may be subject to change pending further government and LA advice.*

Date	Day	Events
June		
01/06/2020	Monday	Year 6 Transition Programme continues – telephone interviews will take place w/c 25/5/20 Week 1 - daily tasks and weekly assignments will continue to be set by each curriculum area. All resources can be accessed via the VLE and other online platforms. Staff will communicate via the VLE and email. Explanatory notes will be provided for new topics.
02/06/2020	Tuesday	
03/06/2020	Wednesday	Nominations for Stars of Lockdown, commendations and merits
04/06/2020	Thursday	Thursday @ 7 – Mr Anderson and the 1804 Society
05/06/2020	Friday	Year 12 – early deadline UCAS applicants to have informed Mrs Jones via email First Friday Hymns Online Weekly newsletter published Weekly phone calls home continue for targeted students
06/06/2020	Saturday	
07/06/2020	Sunday	
08/06/2020	Monday	Week 2 - daily tasks and weekly assignments will continue to be set by each curriculum area. All resources can be accessed via the VLE and other online platforms. Staff will communicate via the VLE and email. Formal assessments begin for Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12 students. Assessments can be completed over a two-week period. Please refer to the letter and VLE documentation for students to access the

		assessments for their relevant year group and subject. Feedback will be provided.
09/06/2020	Tuesday	KS3 PSHE Passport Activity pack will be published
10/06/2020	Wednesday	Nominations for Stars of Lockdown and commendations
11/06/2020	Thursday	Thursday @ 7 – Mr Anderson and the 1804 Society
12/06/2020	Friday	All Year 12 UCAS applicants to have registered online and assigned themselves to the correct tutor group Weekly newsletter published Weekly phone calls home continue for targeted students
13/06/2020	Saturday	
14/06/2020	Sunday	
15/06/2020	Monday	Week 3 - daily tasks and weekly assignments will continue to be set by each curriculum area. All resources can be accessed via the VLE and other online platforms. Staff will communicate via the VLE and email.
16/06/2020	Tuesday	
17/06/2020	Wednesday	Nominations for Stars of Lockdown and commendations
18/06/2020	Thursday	Thursday @ 7 – Mr Anderson and the 1804 Society
19/06/2020	Friday	All Year 12 UCAS applicants to have completed the ‘Personal Details’ and ‘Additional Information’ sections Weekly newsletter published Weekly phone calls home continue for targeted students
20/06/2020	Saturday	
21/06/2020	Sunday	
22/06/2020	Monday	Week 4 - daily tasks and weekly assignments will continue to be set by each curriculum area. All resources can be accessed via the VLE and other online platforms. Staff will communicate via the VLE and email. UCAS comments – Year 12
23/06/2020	Tuesday	KS3 Intervention packs will be published
24/06/2020	Wednesday	Year 11 Virtual Celebration will take place from 3.15pm. This will be a pre-recorded service www.stjulies.org.uk . This important service will celebrate five years of student life at St. Julie’s. Nominations for Stars of Lockdown and commendations
25/06/2020	Thursday	Thursday @ 7 – Mr Anderson and the 1804 Society Weekly newsletter published Weekly phone calls home continue for targeted students
26/06/2020	Friday	First Friday Hymns Online *INSET DAY 3 – learning and teaching, curriculum and assessment
27/06/2020	Saturday	
28/06/2020	Sunday	
29/06/2020	Monday	*INSET DAY 4 – Consistent Approaches 2020-21, Behaviour for Learning and induction training for new staff
30/06/2020	Tuesday	Week 5 - daily tasks and weekly assignments will continue to be set by each curriculum area. All resources can be accessed via the VLE and other online platforms. Staff will communicate via the VLE and email.
July		

01/07/2020	Wednesday	Nominations for Stars of Lockdown and commendations
02/07/2020	Thursday	Thursday @ 7 – Mr Anderson and the 1804 Society
03/07/2020	Friday	Weekly newsletter published Weekly phone calls home continue for targeted students
04/07/2020	Saturday	
05/07/2020	Sunday	
06/07/2020	Monday	Week 6 - daily tasks and weekly assignments will continue to be set by each curriculum area. All resources can be accessed via the VLE and other online platforms. Staff will communicate via the VLE and email. Year 7, 8, 9, 11, 12 and 13- statutory end of year written academic reports deadline Year 10 – statutory end of year written academic reports and mock grades deadline
07/07/2020	Tuesday	
08/07/2020	Wednesday	Nominations for Stars of Lockdown and commendations Summer bridging work will be published to all year groups. This work will be marked by an assigned teacher and feedback provided in September.
09/07/2020	Thursday	Thursday @ 7 – Mr Anderson and the 1804 Society
10/07/2020	Friday	Weekly newsletter published Weekly phone calls home continue for targeted students
11/07/2020	Saturday	
12/07/2020	Sunday	St. Julie's Birthday (born 1751)
13/07/2020	Monday	Week 7 - daily tasks and weekly assignments will continue to be set by each curriculum area. All resources can be accessed via the VLE and other online platforms. Staff will communicate via the VLE and email. End of year statutory written academic reports will be published home Merit Cup and commendation awards
14/07/2020	Tuesday	
15/07/2020	Wednesday	Nominations for Stars of Lockdown and commendations
16/07/2020	Thursday	Thursday @ 7 – Mr Anderson and the 1804 Society
17/07/2020	Friday	Weekly newsletter published Weekly phone calls home continue for targeted students
18/07/2020	Saturday	
19/07/2020	Sunday	
August		Separate letters will be posted home regarding the plans for Results Days
13/08/2020	Thurs	A Level Results 2020
20/08/2020	Thurs	GCSE Results 2020