

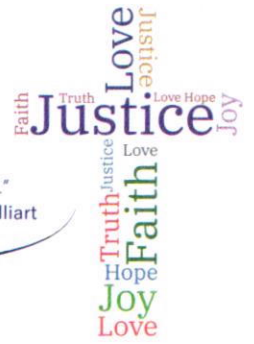


St. Julie's Catholic High School

Headteacher Mrs Kate McCourt, BSc.(Hons), NPQH

"We must have courage in the century we live in. Great souls are needed, souls having the interest of God at heart."

St. Julie Billiart



July 2024

Dear Parent/Carers,

As we approach the end of the academic year 2023-24, I would like to take this opportunity to thank parents and carers for your continued support. Strong partnerships between home and school are vital to ensure that your daughter flourishes as she progresses to a new year group, moves on to university, or enters the world of work. Each day, we encourage all students to demonstrate the Notre Dame values of our foundress, Julie Billiart. Through the key principles of love, hope, joy, justice, faith, and truth, this is how we encourage all students to live their lives.

This has been an exceptionally busy but productive year with much to celebrate. From sporting excellence to academic achievements, we have so much to be grateful for. Our weekly newsletters are packed full of students' accomplishments over the last twelve months. This includes work with external projects to tackle violence against women, debating societies, top-level sporting achievements, numerous school trips, adventures abroad, and academic excellence as students progress to higher education at Russell Group universities.

As we move into the new academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff who are moving to new schools, promoted posts, or retiring. Miss Davies (Teacher of Psychology), Miss Frear (Teacher of RE), Mrs. Wilson (Teacher of Mathematics), and Mrs. Mason (Teacher of RE) are among those leaving. We wish them the very best of luck in their next steps and new adventures. Mr. Willis (Deputy Headteacher) also leaves after 19 years of service to the school. He has led with great courage, determination, and tenacity during his time at St. Julie's. His dedication to families, staff, and students reflects the outstanding Catholic leader he is, and I know he will continue to excel in his new school.

From September 2024, we will welcome Miss Burke (Teacher of Mathematics), Mrs. Walker (Curriculum Leader of English), Mr. Aspinall (Teacher of Spanish), Miss Brown (Teacher of RE), Miss Badenhop (Teacher of RE), and Miss Wallis (Teacher of RE). Dr McGinn will step up to the position of Deputy Headteacher (acting) and Mrs Gee to Assistant Headteacher (acting).

Students will finish school at 1.15 pm on Thursday 18th July. Summer bridging work will be set for students to complete over the summer holidays. A full copy of the academic calendar for 2024-25 can be accessed via the school website www.stjulies.org.uk or the MCAS (My Child At School) app.

A Level results day will take place on Thursday, 15th August, followed by GCSE results day on Thursday, 22nd August. A separate letter has been posted home regarding the plans for both days.

All students will return to St. Julie's on Tuesday, 3rd September. Monday, 2nd September, will be an INSET Day for all staff.

Year group	Time to report to school	Venue
7	8.30am	Dining room
8	9:30am	Chapel
9	10:30am	Chapel
10	10:30am	Dorothy Stang Theatre
11	9:30am	Dorothy Stang Theatre
Sixth Form	9:30am	Dining room

Students will receive a copy of their timetable, attend a Notre Dame welcome assembly, and start lessons from 11 a.m. All parents will receive a curriculum, PSHE, and assessment booklet in September. This will provide parents with information regarding curriculum coverage, knowledge development, and the key topics taught in the PSHE/RSE curriculum.

In September, all students will receive a copy of the extra-curricular and enrichment timetable.

This is a vital part of school life at St. Julie's Catholic High School. We encourage as many students as possible to get involved in clubs that run during morning, lunch, and after-school sessions.

Key Pastoral Contacts:

Role	Teacher	Contact details
Year 7 Progress Leader	Mrs Navarro (Mon, Wed, Thurs) & Mr Mottram (Tues, Fri)	jnavarro@stjulies.org.uk mmottram@stjulies.org.uk
Year 8 Progress Leader/Senior Progress Leader	Miss Corrigan	ccorrigan@stjulies.org.uk
Year 9 Progress Leader	Ms V Homer	vhomer@stjulies.org.uk
Year 10 Progress Leader	Mrs K Monks & Miss Gore (Fri only)	kmonks@stjulies.org.uk bgore@stjulies.org.uk
Year 11 Progress Leader	Miss E Murphy	emurphy@stjulies.org.uk
Sixth Form Progress Leader	Mrs R Lyons	rlyons@stjulies.org.uk

Attendance:

The attendance target for all students is 100%. Extensive research has shown a direct correlation between attendance and academic attainment. Analysis of the performance of St Julie's students at GCSE demonstrates a very clear link between attendance and academic success. Students who are never or rarely absent from school significantly outperform those who are frequently late. Students with 98% attendance typically achieve twice as many Grades 9-5 and Grades 9-7 as students with below 90% attendance.

Punctuality

We expect students to be on time for school and lessons every day. The school day begins at 08:45, and students arriving after this time will receive a late mark. School opens for all students at 8:00am, with hot or cold breakfast available in the dining room.