

Wednesday 17th December 2025

Dear Parent/Carers,

Celebrating Excellence: Empowering Girls and Young Women in 2025

As we approach the festive season, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our students on a very successful term. This achievement has only been possible through the unwavering support of our parents and carers, dedicated staff, trustees, governors, and the wider community.

Celebrating Our Successes

This term has been filled with remarkable accomplishments across every aspect of school life. Our students captivated audiences with a spectacular Christmas production of *Annie*, showcasing incredible talent and teamwork. Sporting achievements have also shone brightly, with success in the English Schools' Football competition and our netball teams emerging victorious. Academic excellence was evident through outstanding performances in the Physics Olympiad, while spiritual retreats offered meaningful opportunities for reflection and personal growth. Year 8 students also enjoyed a vibrant Spanish theatre performance, enriching their cultural and linguistic learning experience.

We proudly hosted 140 delegates for the bi-annual Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy Conference, welcoming key professionals from across Liverpool to share insights and strengthen partnerships. Our commitment to empowering young women continued as we hosted the Girls Out Loud relay mentoring rally for students, inspiring confidence and ambition.

Faith and community were at the heart of our activities as we took student representatives to the Cathedral for Advent services and hosted a parishioners' party with Fr Stephen, where students sang carols, played bingo, and shared festive treats with our local community. We were also honoured to host a UN Day in partnership with the LFC Foundation, promoting global awareness and unity. Additionally, our collaboration with the Ariel Trust filming crew provided students with valuable media experience, enhancing their creative and technical skills.

Creativity continued to thrive during 'Battle of the Bands', showcasing exceptional musical talent, while mathematical brilliance was celebrated through the Axiom Mathematics Programme and UKMT Awards. Our student leaders, including prefects and members of Junior 1804, have demonstrated outstanding responsibility and service throughout the term, setting an inspiring example for their peers.

We are also delighted to have achieved the National Wellbeing Award and the Leading Parent Partnership Award, affirming our commitment to holistic education and family engagement. In

addition, over thirty enrichment clubs and activities have been offered each week, ensuring that every student has the opportunity to explore their interests and passions.

Outstanding Academic Achievements

We are thrilled to share the latest outcomes from the DfE performance tables and Archdiocese for 2025. Our all-girls' Catholic secondary school has secured its place among the top three highest performing Catholic schools in Liverpool and the top ten across the North-West (including Lancashire, Liverpool, Knowsley, Halton and Sefton) based on Attainment 8 scores. This is a testament to the dedication of our students, staff, trustees, parent/carers, governors and the strength of our community.

Our commitment to equity and inclusion shines through in our performance for disadvantaged students, where we rank as the highest performing Catholic school in Liverpool and third across the North-West for students in receipt of Free School Meals. We are equally proud to be the highest performing Catholic school in Liverpool and second in the North-West for students with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities. These achievements reflect our mission to educate hearts and minds, fostering dignity and ensuring every young woman has the opportunity to thrive.

Empowering the Next Generation

These milestones are more than numbers, they represent lives transformed, futures brightened, and a community united in faith and excellence. Together, we continue to empower girls and young women to lead with confidence, compassion, and courage.

Support

We also appreciate that Christmas can be a very difficult time for parents and children. Our aim is to provide valuable information and resources to help parents and caregivers navigate through any challenges they may face. The Liverpool Parenting newsletter includes a wide range of topics and services that can assist individuals in times of need. Some of the key highlights of this edition include access to a Family Hub and Children Centres, Domestic Abuse support, Education Wonderhub Activities, Foodbanks, Mental Health, Money Management and Financial Help. Our weekly newsletter includes key contact details for families in times of crisis. If you require any support over the Christmas period which is urgent, please contact safeguarding@stjulies.org.uk.

All students will return to school from 8:30am on Tuesday 6th January 2026. Key events throughout the new term can be accessed via the school website or MCAS (My Child At School App). Jan 2026 to Feb 2026 half-term – key dates highlighted below:

Date	Day	Event/activity
05/01/2026	Monday	INSET Day 3 – no students in school
06/01/2026	Tuesday	Notre Dame theme of: Joy Students return to school at 8:30am
08/01/2026	Wednesday	KNOWKnifeCrime presentations to students
09/01/2026	Friday	Scholars Programme begins – The Brilliant Club Weekly Mass – 8:10am in the Chapel
12/01/2026	Monday	Year 13 Mocks begin

16/01/2026	Friday	Weekly Mass – 8:10am in the Chapel
20/01/2026	Tuesday	Year 8 Humanutopia
22/01/2026	Thursday	Year 11 Parents' Evening – 3.45-6.45pm Year 11 MOCK Grades published to parents and students
23/01/2026	Friday	Weekly Mass – 8:10am in the Chapel
30/01/2026	Friday	Weekly Mass – 8:10am in the Chapel
02/02/2026	Monday	Start of Year 11 Interviews for Sixth Form
06/02/2026	Friday	Weekly Mass – 8:10am in the Chapel
09/02/2026	Monday	National Apprenticeship Week
11/02/2026	Wednesday	International day of Women and Girls in Science
12/02/2026	Thursday	Anthony Walker Foundation – TBC
13/02/2026	Friday	Weekly Mass – 8:10am in the Chapel Year 10 and 13 Data Point 2 – posted home to parents Students finish for February half-term at 3.05pm

To close the term, on Friday 19th December, we will gather as a whole school community for a special Christmas Service in the Sports Hall, a moment to reflect on our blessings and celebrate the joy of the season.

We bid a fond farewell to Miss Brown and Mrs Turner. As a school community, we want to thank them for their dedicated years of service at St. Julie's Catholic High School and wish them every success in the future.

Thank you for your continued support. Wishing you and your families a joyful Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Warm regards,

Mrs Kate McCourt
Headteacher