



St. Julie's Catholic High School

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"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



Tuesday 1st September 2026

Dear Parent/Carers,

Re: Academic Year 2026-27

As we begin the new academic year of 2026/27, I would like to extend a warm welcome to you all. I would also like to express my sincere thanks to all parents and carers for preparing your daughter for this new school year. Setting high standards and expectations regarding uniform, presentation, and behaviour helps students develop the skills needed for the wider world, equipping them with essential future employability skills. We have a busy and exciting year ahead, filled with many enriching activities and opportunities to look forward to over the next twelve months.

Summer Updates

Firstly, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all Year 11 and Year 13 students on their fantastic GCSE and A Level results. Most Year 13 students have successfully secured their first-choice or insurance offer at various universities across the country, alongside excellent placements at colleges, degree apprenticeships, and other training providers. Very large numbers of Year 11 students will be returning to our Sixth Form, and we wish them all the very best as they embark on this next chapter of their educational journey.

All students will return to St. Julie's on Wednesday, 2nd September. Tuesday 1st 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	Sixth Form Common room

Students will receive a copy of their timetable, attend a Notre Dame welcome assembly, and start lessons from 11:00am. All parents will receive a curriculum, PSHE, and assessment booklet. This will provide parents with information regarding curriculum coverage, knowledge development, and the key topics taught in the PSHE/RSE curriculum.

MCAS

If you haven't already downloaded the MCAS (My Child At School) app, we strongly encourage you to do so. This tool offers valuable information regarding your daughter's attendance, progress, behaviour, achievements, and includes a direct messaging feature for communicating with the school. The [link to the web portal is here](#), and the page includes links for mobile phone app stores.

Outstanding Academic Achievements

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.

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. We remain heavily oversubscribed for the sixth year in a row receiving over 500 applications for 180 places, with a large waiting list.

We remain committed to maintaining the highest standards so that our students continue to thrive as confident, independent, and remarkable young women.

Strategic aims 2026-29

Our vision for the school will focus on three key areas:

1. Catholic Leadership, Formation and Service: Catholic girls' schools foster an environment where girls develop self-confidence, leadership skills, and the belief that they can be leaders, a service to society and innovators.
2. Equity, Inclusion and Social Justice in Education by identifying students' talents and enabling them to flourish. This could be through the arts, STEM, sports, academia, or other creative subjects. This will ensure every student attends well, achieves highly and accesses the full life of the school, regardless of background or need.
3. Academic excellence for all: Catholic girls' schools provide an empowering environment where young women can focus on their academic growth and confidently explore diverse fields of study. Resulting in consistently high academic outcomes, deep learning and independence through excellent curriculum design and pedagogy.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership as we work together to ensure your daughter has a successful and fulfilling school year.

Yours faithfully,



Mrs K McCourt
Headteacher