

## **Welcome to St Julie's Catholic High School**

### **“Serve the Good God Well with Much Liberty of Spirit”**

Dear Applicant

Thank you for your interest in the post of Deputy Headteacher of St Julie's Catholic High School. I would like to highlight what makes our community special and how proud we are of our unique school.

St Julie's is a popular oversubscribed 11-18 girls' school with a mixed Sixth Form in Woolton Village, South Liverpool. We are an inclusive school welcoming students of all faiths or none and celebrate diversity as central to our core purpose.

GCSE and Sixth Form results demonstrate good progress in line with national and strong KS5 results. We benefit from state of the art buildings and an inspiring learning environment which we moved to in 2017.

Our Trustees are the Sisters of Notre Dame and we are part of the Archdiocese of Liverpool family of schools as well as the wider family of Liverpool schools. The Archdiocesan strategy to develop Catholic Multi Academy Trusts, so that every school has a named CMAT to join at the appropriate time, is an ongoing development as part of the changing educational landscape in Liverpool and throughout the Archdiocese.

We aim to be a Catholic learning community through our mission statement:

- which respects and embraces the diversity of all God's people
- where opportunities allow for all individuals to discover their potential and to develop and share their unique talents
- where friendship and enjoyment are experienced by all and a welcome is offered to those who visit
- which provides all with a safe and secure environment
- where faith, prayer and reflection are visible in word and in action
- which takes good care of God's world and all who inhabit it, especially the poor and disadvantaged
- where fairness, care and compassion are central to life

The Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur were founded in 1809 by St Julie Billiart. St. Julie's predominating trait in the spiritual order was her ardent charity, springing from a lively, devout faith. Her whole soul was echoed in the simple formula which was continually on her lips and pen: “Qu'il est bon, le bon Dieu” (How good God is). She possessed all the qualities of a perfect superior, and inspired her subjects with filial confidence and tender affection. Julie is known as the smiling saint.

At St Julie's following in the footsteps of our founder Julie Billiart our community is one of fairness, care and compassion and everything we do reflects these values. Her teachings are at the core of our catholic school and focus our moral purpose.

St Julie lived in very challenging times- through wars, revolution and poor health as well as a constant battle with the authorities to establish the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur. She said *"Never let the peace of your heart be disturbed by anything in the world."* She also said that *"we must have hearts as wide as the world."*

Our values of faith, truth, joy, love, justice and hope mean we seek to encourage all members of our community to serve with much liberty of spirit. Our young people prove their commitment to these values in their school and daily life. We pride ourselves on the support we provide for some of our more vulnerable pupils who live their lives in challenging circumstances.

We encourage our students to aspire to be successful in whichever field or interest they choose, whether that be in sport, academic and creative achievements, or selflessly helping others. We try to create the opportunities and nurturing environment for their success.

In May 2023 OFSTED stated that

*"Students including Sixth Form are proud to be part of this caring and close-knit school community"*

*"A typical view that students shared with inspectors was that – everyone is welcome here, you can be yourself"*

In February 2024 the Catholic Schools Inspectorate stated:

*'A strong sense of welcome, purpose and aspiration from all in St. Julie's.'*

*'Students truly understand and embrace the charism and mission of St. Julie's. They speak with pride about how they live out the Notre Dame values in their daily lives. Students feel valued, supported, safe, happy and confident.'*

*'Staff are exemplary role models for students; they demonstrate warm, professional relationships with their colleagues and loving and respectful relationships with the students.'*

*'Leaders and governors can articulate the school's mission and are strong guardians of the Notre Dame values in the school. They are models of Catholic leadership.'*

**We want our Deputy Headteacher to:**

- be a committed catholic with a clear vision and strong commitment to catholic education who will lead and cherish the catholic ethos of our school.
- make a real and noticeable difference both to individual students and the wider school community.

- continue our journey in school improvement through, evidence, research, and innovation.
- work collaboratively to secure improvements in an exciting, supportive and stimulating workplace.
- be passionate about and inspiring in the role of Deputy Headteacher, whilst challenging our students to significantly advance their learning.
- be relentless in the pursuit of progress for each and every one of our students so they can achieve the outcomes they deserve, and grow into young adults that positively contribute to their community.
- instil pride in the work our students do and encourage their individuality and personal qualities.
- be resilient, dynamic and passionate about tackling disadvantage and improving students' life chances.

**We can offer you in return:**

- a rewarding learning environment due to our vibrant and talented students, who are proud of their school, have a real thirst for learning, and engage in the various opportunities offered to them.
- a highly professional, enthusiastic and dedicated staff who ensure St Julie's is a welcoming, caring and supportive environment in which to learn and work.
- supportive parents who choose St Julie's because of the quality of education we offer.
- the opportunity to work in a school rated good by OFSTED and which aspires to be outstanding.
- a supportive and dedicated Governing Body with extensive experience in education and business.

We look forward to receiving your application and hopefully meeting you soon.

Yours sincerely

**Mrs Kate McCourt**

**Headteacher**

***“Let us help each other with all our hearts and with all prayers”***

**St Julie Billiard**