



Mount St Joseph Catholic School

A Community of Learners, Believers and Friends

Year 8 Autumn Term Newsletter | 2018—2019

Year 8 have had a great start to this academic year. So far this year, we have seen some fantastic steps being made with attendance and punctuality improving dramatically. This has led to an improvement in overall attainment throughout all subjects. Year 8 have showed how they can positively influence others in school, by acting as role models to our new Year 7 pupils, given up time to assist them in settling in to their new school environment. I would like to wish all of our community a peaceful and restful Christmas.

Mr Counce—Head of Year 8

School Attendance Matters

 100% - Present for all lessons, activities and social time!

 95% - Missing 2 weeks of important education!

 Under 92% - missing more than 3 weeks of education—likely to have a detrimental effect of achievement and life chances

Premium Banking

This academic year MSJ have started using a new reward system called 'Premium Banking'. The table below shows how students can earn reward points around school. Students can 'bank' their points in multiples of 50 and spend them, or they can save them to use at the end of the year.



Rewards results

Congratulations to form **8P** with the most reward points!

8J	5145
8O	5062
8S	5653
8E	8859
8P	9044
8H	6331

Reason	Credit
Use Word of the Week	2
Homework completed on time	2
Positive engagement in learning	2
Positive contribution to the lesson	2
Reading aloud in class	2
Presenting in class	5
Academic progress	5
ESD Year 11 attendance	5
Correct equipment	5
Representing the school	10
Positive community spirit	5
Full and correct uniform	5
Punctuality 100% (full week)	5
Attendance 100% (full week)	5
Exceptional award	20

50 Points	100 points	150 Points	200 Points
Toast Waffles Biscuits	Water Radnor Fizz Radnor Fruits Juice Burst Cakes	Pizza slice Bacon barm Chips	Curry/Pasta pot Chicken Joe Baguette
500 points	1000 points	3000 points	4000 Points
'On the High Street' vouchers £5	'On the High Street' vouchers £10	End of year trip	Prom ticket (Year 11 can bank extra points from ESD)

Macmillan Coffee Morning

A massive thank you to all the students and staff who took part in this year's Macmillan Coffee Morning! We managed to raise a total of **£463.52!**



Year 8 Contributions to School

Year 8 pupils have been involved in a variety of extra-curricular activities since September including; netball, football, cross country, badminton, drama, art, maths, technology, homework and board games clubs. This gives our pupils time both during and after school to express their talents and enjoyment of activities they really enjoy.

This time allows friendships and relationships to improve as well as giving our pupils the time to relax and unwind leading to a more positive mind-set.

It is great to see the positive improvements in individuals as they take part in clubs they love .



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Christmas Celebrations

During the last week of term there are many events planned in school. We have celebration assemblies, a whole school themed event, presentation of prizes for attendance, punctuality and Premium Banking points. We have our triple points extravaganza for the final week of term, where pupils will earn triple Premium Banking points for attendance, punctuality and uniform. All these points can be 'cashed in' for the prizes overleaf, so earn, earn, earn and spend, spend, spend!!!

Spring Term—Year 8 Key Dates

Monday 7th January 2019—All students return to school

Monday 11th—Friday 15th February 2019—Careers Week and Option assemblies

Monday 18th—Friday 22nd February 2019—Half Term

Monday 25th February 2019—All students return to school

Wednesday 3rd April 2019—MSJ Jam

Friday 5th April 2019—Last day of Spring Term

Year 8 assemblies

This academic year, Year 8 have had an assembly each week in the Gymnasium to discuss relevant topics in our society. During this time we have covered many topics including, school standards and how this helps us in later life. Teamwork and its benefits, both inside and outside the classroom, resilience and how trying new things leads to a more positive learning experience. We have also explored our community and wider society and safety around fire and fireworks. All these topics help pupils in Year 8 to understand their roles in society and how they can contribute to each others' happiness in their own way as part of a community.

Forms 8J and 8O have delivered their form assemblies on virtues and morals respectively; this has allowed our pupils the chance to take part in public speaking and develop confidence, whilst also presenting to their peers.



Show My Homework

For Teachers, Students and Parents

Show My Homework is a simple online homework calendar that allows students and parents to access homework information and attachments and see deadlines.

All homework set by teachers will be displayed online using Show My Homework making it a personalised experience to help students stay organised and show parents what work their child has been set.



ParentMail

The school uses a cashless system for the catering service to improve on the existing high quality of the school meal and dining experience for the students.

For your convenience and to assist us in administration of the service, the meals should be paid online using Parent Mail.

Online payments can be made using Parent Mail once registration has been completed.

If you have not registered with ParentMail, please contact the school.