

Mount St Joseph Catholic School

A Community of Learners, Believers and Friends

Year 9 Autumn Term Newsletter | 2018—2019

It has been a fantastic and productive start to the year as our year group begin key stage 4 and their GCSE journey. We have had a fulfilling first term as students begin to study exam content. During this term we had a very successful parents' evening and I would like to take this opportunity to thank parents, students and staff for their time and cooperation. Looking forward into the new year, students will have some key dates to look focus on. Most notably, their option selections and Careers Day. I would like to thank all the students in year 9 for their hard work so far this term; I hope you have an enjoyable Christmas and a happy New Year!

Mr Sanders—Head of Year 9

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.



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

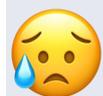
School Attendance Matters



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

Rewards results

Congratulations to form 9J with the most reward points!

9J	13416
9O	7486
9S	8096
9E	5821
9P	7460
9H	8799

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!**



Duke of Edinburgh Award

Year 9 have the opportunity this year to begin the Duke of Edinburgh Award and we encourage students to sign up for this worthwhile opportunity, if they haven't already.

The Duke of Edinburgh Charity has inspired and transformed the lives of millions of young people from all walks of life. From volunteering to physical activities, life skills to expeditions, achieving a DofE Award is a passport to a brighter future, valued by employers and universities.

The Duke of Edinburgh Award is available to all year 9 and 10 students at Mount St Joseph. Once you have signed up, and paid the £30, you will receive an online account and a welcome pack with thousands of ideas for what to do for each of the sections. This is something that students can take ownership of and really make a difference in their local community.

Former students at Mount St Joseph have spoken really highly of the award and most of those who have completed bronze award

have gone on to start their silver award too.

This is an exciting opportunity to either develop skills you already know and love, or to start something completely new.



Spring Term—Year 9 Key Dates

- Monday 7th January 2019—All students return to school
- Monday 11th—Friday 15th February 2019—Careers Week
- Tuesday 12th February—Trip to Manchester University (selected pupils)
- Thursday 14th February—Options Evening for parents of Year 9
- 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

National Centre of Motorsport Engineering Workshop

The University of Bolton has been staging a number of events for young people in Bolton to celebrate the Year of Engineering to encourage more pupils to think about a career in that field.

On Thursday 11th October, a group of year 9 students were invited to the first event. They saw wheels being changed and the complex engineering in high performance cars. They also took part in a number of challenges organised by the university and MBDA.



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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.