

Mount St Joseph Catholic School

A Community of Learners, Believers and Friends

Year 11 Autumn Term Newsletter | 2018—2019

Term one has been extremely busy and productive and it has been a pleasure to support our year 11 students through this important time. The focus this term has been on applying for college or next destinations, developing key revision skills and identifying academic strengths and areas to develop which has culminated in an intense mock examination programme. I have been thrilled with the dedication, persistence and hard work so far. A short break over Christmas is well deserved but it is important that students maintain this momentum and complete a light revision programme over the holidays. I would like to wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas and hope all reap the rewards of their hard work in the New Year.

Mrs Morris—Head of Year 11

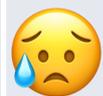
School Attendance Matters



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



Reason	Credit amount
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

Rewards results

Congratulations to form 110 with the most reward points!

11J	6305
11O	10895
11S	9041
11E	7964
11P	6429
11H	6878

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!**



UCAS Progress

UCAS Progress is an online service that allows students to save courses, fill out their profile information, make applications, track the progress of applications and respond to any offers made.

Students should have completed their applications for college, if this has not yet been done, please ensure that this is a priority over the Christmas Break.

Important year for Year 11

This academic year is very important for Year 11s. Their attendance to all lessons, including extended school day is essential this year to ensure they do not miss any information that will be needed for their GCSEs.

Doing extra work at home is an important part of the exam process. Revision is important because it helps you remember facts, figures and topics that you covered earlier in the year or even in year 10. If revision is completed correctly, it can increase your confidence and reduce anxiety, meaning you will be prepared for your exams.

December Exams

At the end of the autumn term, year 11 students sat an exam for each of their subjects. When we return to school in January, they will have a mock results day and they will receive their grades for those exams.



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.



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.

Spring Term—Year 11 Key Dates

Monday 7th January 2019—All students return to school

Friday 18th January—December Exam Results Day

Thursday 24th January 2019—Year 11 Parents' Evening

Friday 25th January 2019—Year 11 Photographs

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

Monday 25th February 2019—All students return to school

Friday 29th March—Monday 1st April 2019—PGL Revision & Recreation Retreat Trip

Wednesday 3rd April 2019—MSJ Jam

Wednesday 3rd April 2019—Parents' Consultation Evening for selected pupils

Friday 5th April 2019—Last day of Spring Term



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