



# Mount St Joseph Catholic School

Year 7 Spring Term Newsletter | 2018—2019

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Year 7 have had an extremely successful term. The pupils started the term with new timetables after the Autumn term assessments. I am proud of how the pupils have engaged and embraced their new teachers and classmates. We also had an extremely successful Careers Day, whereby a major company, Grant Thornton, came into school to work with our pupils delivering a 'Dragons Den' themed challenge. Each house had a winning business concept, were given a small 'start up' costs loan and the challenge of running their business for a week in school. I am pleased to report that 'Groovie Smoothies', 'Smart Supplies' and 'Shot, Shots and More Shots' all managed to break even and make a profit! Each business is currently choosing which charity to donate their profit to. The whole process took invaluable team work, planning and creative marketing to ensure their success; all pupils and staff involved should be congratulated. Overall, Year 7 have had a happy and productive term, which I am sure will continue and we look forward to the Parents' Evening on the 1<sup>st</sup> May 2019.

*Miss C Snape*

## 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

## 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 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

The year group with the most reward points is...  
**Year 7 with 124893!**

7J	29135
7O	19831
7S	19126
7E	19050
7P	25596
7H	12155

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)

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE  
LUKE WHITTAKER MEMORIAL TRUST



Thank you to all our students, parents and staff who attended this year's MSJ Jam—your support is most appreciated; all funds raised will be donated to the Luke Memorial Trust.



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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, 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.

## Year 7 Careers Day 14th February 2019

Our annual Careers and Aspirations Day took place on Thursday 14th February 2019

Year 7's took part in a day long Enterprise Challenge Programme run by Grant Thornton, a local accountancy firm.

Students had a fantastic day developing new business ideas, and the visitors from Grant Thornton said there were definitely some budding Richard Branson's in the year group, and were amazed at the business ideas they had come up with.

## SCHOOL UNIFORM

It is the policy of Mount St Joseph that all pupils wear full school uniform every day and bring all essential equipment to school eg bag, pen, pencil, ruler etc.

MSJ embroidered or badged items of uniform can be purchased from Whittakers Schoolwear, Deansgate, Bolton and Ziggys Schoolwear, Brackley Street, Farnworth. Pale blue shirts and black school trousers are available at retail outlets. and supermarkets.



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.

### Summer Term—Year 7 Key Dates

**Tuesday 23rd April —All students return to school**

Tuesday 30th April 2019—Year 7 & Year 8 UK Maths challenge

Wednesday 1st May—Year 7 Parents' Evening

Monday 6th May 2019—Bank holiday, school closed

Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May 2019 — Half term holiday

Tuesday 25th June 2019—Town Championships Athletics Competition, Leigh Sports Village

Thursday 18th July 2019 – Rewards Trip day

Friday 19th July 2019 – End of Summer term