

Mount St Joseph Catholic School




A Community of Learners, Believers and Friends

Year 8 Spring Term Newsletter | 2018—2019

Tuesday 23rd April — All students return to school

Year 8 have had an exciting term, with many opportunities to consider and reflect on their future, both academically and in the world of work. Options' Assemblies from a range of departments have been delivered to support them in choosing the most appropriate option choices for year nine. This was followed by an informative day, facilitated by 'Barclays Life Skills', where students' understanding on how they can apply their individual skills when choosing their future careers was further enhanced and developed. Students thoroughly enjoyed the day and some seem to have already chosen their future vocations! Attendance and punctuality are both still improving and all forms have had the chance to present to their peers in a year group assembly. As the leader of this year group, I am proud to say that as we move into the final term, year 8 are maturing and developing into well rounded members of our community. *Mr A Counce*

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.

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 **8E** with the most reward points!

8J	10198
8O	11476
8S	9816
8E	19366
8P	18295
8H	13151

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 WHITAKER 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.

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.

Year 8 Careers Day 14th February 2019

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

Year 8 students took part in Barclays Life Skills / Transformation Trust workshops throughout the day, focussing on finance, budgeting, self awareness of personal skills and improving confidence.

All the information gathered from the day will be a fantastic foundation to help make decisions about the future.



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.



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Summer Term—Year 8 Key Dates

Tuesday 23rd April —All students return to school

Thursday 25th April 2019 – Year 8 HPV injections

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

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