

Mount St Joseph Catholic School

A Community of Learners, Believers and Friends




Year 9 Spring Term Newsletter | 2018—2019

Tuesday 23rd April — All students return to school

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the students in Year 9 for their engagement and continued hard work. This term has been a very eventful and exciting one. After the Christmas break, Year 9 students embarked upon Careers' Week and were given the opportunity to visit Manchester University to discuss the many options for when they leave MSJ. We also took part in a Careers Fair; delegates from different industries, businesses and public services took the opportunity to talk about their jobs and the paths that led them there. Recently, Year 9 chose their options and I would like to personally thank everyone who attended our Options' Evening. Feedback reflects the success of the event and states how informative students found it. Now we have reached the point in the school calendar when it is time to begin preparations for GCSE and Year 10. Thank you again for all your dedication and hard work this term.

Mr D Sanders

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 9J with the most reward points!

9J	25834
9O	14497
9S	13398
9E	10574
9P	14174
9H	17598

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.

Year 9 Careers Day 14th February 2019

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

This gave year 9 pupils the chance to observe, discuss and investigate a wide variety of different career paths that they had shown an interest in.

The list of careers was as extensive as ever with over 50 delegates from local businesses and organisations sharing their enthusiasm and passion for their own career paths and sharing this information with small groups of pupils who listened with intent and fantastic manners. The pupils had chance to ask questions and speak about the pathways to success with each career professional they visited.



Summer Term—Year 9 Key Dates

Tuesday 23rd April —All students return to school

Monday 6th May 2019—Bank holiday, school closed

Tuesday 7th to Friday 10th May 2019—Year 9 Exams

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

Wednesday 19th June 2019 – Town Championships
Athletics Competition, Leigh Sports Village

Thursday 18th July - Rewards Trip day

Friday 19th July 2019 - End of Summer term



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.

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.



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