




Mount St Joseph Catholic School

Year 10 Spring Term Newsletter 2018—2019

Tuesday 23rd April — All students return to school

We are now over half way through Year 10 and, so far, what a fantastic year it has been! Miss Gettins and I are extremely proud! The students completed a very successful week of work experience; they were a real credit to the school. The application process for becoming a prefect has now commenced and we are currently receiving a high volume of applications – it is a process I feel privileged to be involved with. As a prefect, students are expected to be a role model to other students, promoting high standards and expectations. In June, they will start preparation for their GCSE exams by undertaking internal exams; these replicate exactly GCSE's and provide an excellent example of what the real exams would be like. We are also beginning to look at careers and future destinations, with visits to colleges; providing them with a better understanding of what is available and what college life is really like. Above all, we encourage the students to try their best each day, build positive relationships with teachers and peers, and, most importantly, to make progress and enjoy their learning! Thank you for your continued support; your contribution is invaluable. *Mrs M Smith*

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
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 100 with the most reward points!

10J	14739
10O	15052
10S	14018
10E	12191
10P	10839
10H	14231

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.



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 Parent-Mail, please contact the school.

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 10 Work Experience Week 11th—15th February 2019

Year 10's completed a week of work experience at various different placements.

The students were a credit to themselves, their parents/carers and the school. Some of the fantastic feedback received from employers is below:

She has been enthusiastic and diligent about completing work. Time management, attendance and punctuality have been superb.

She was professional and approachable and willing to do any task she was given.

Outstanding! Very Polite, efficient and picked up tasks quickly.



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.

Summer Term—Year 10 Key Dates

Tuesday 23rd April —All students return to school

Monday 6th May 2019—Bank holiday, school closed

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

Monday 17th to Friday 20th June—Year 10 Exams

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

Monday 1st July—Runshaw College Taster Trip (1/2 year group only)

Thursday 4th July - Bolton 6th Form College Taster Trip (1/2 year group only)

Friday 5th July—Salford City College Taster Trip

Thursday 11th July - Thornleigh 6th Form College Taster trip (1/2 year group only)

Thursday 11th July - Awards Evening

Monday 15th July - Bolton College Taster Trip

Thursday 18th July - Rewards Trip day

Friday 19th July 2019 - End of Summer term