

Mount St Joseph Catholic School

A Community of Learners, Believers and Friends

Year 8 Summer Term Newsletter | 2018—2019




Firstly, I would like to thank all of the students in year 8 for a very successful and fruitful 2018/19 academic year. Year 8 have had a very productive academic year at Mount St Joseph. Punctuality and attendance has improved over the year which I am happy to say that this has led to an increase in attainment too! As a year group we have made many positive steps this year and have had the opportunity to think about our future, selecting options to study, in Year 9 from humanities and creative arts.

From September 2019, Mrs Morris will be the head of year 9 and will continue with this year group on the next phase of their journey at Mount St Joseph. The form tutors along with Mrs Wolstencroft will be here to guide and support all members of the year group

As we move into Year 9 and start the process of study towards GCSE examinations, I would like to wish all of our community a restful and enjoyable summer break and look forward to the start of a new academic year.

Mr Counce—Head of Year 8

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

Attendance figures

Congratulations to form **8H** with the highest attendance this term!

| 8J | 8O | 8S | 8E | 8P | 8H |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 93.7% | 91.9% | 93.5% | 94.3% | 95.2% | 95.3% |

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Rewards results

Congratulations to form **8E** with the most reward points this term!

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| 8J | 4042 |
| 8O | 4797 |
| 8S | 5775 |
| 8E | 6219 |
| 8P | 4322 |
| 8H | 4624 |

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| 8J | 14484 |
| 8O | 16548 |
| 8S | 15903 |
| 8E | 26036 |
| 8P | 23033 |
| 8H | 18835 |

National Sports Week 2019

From the 24th to the 28th June 2019, the whole school competed against each other in a series of sporting events to be crowned the best house! These events included the Tough Mudder, Mini Mudder, inflatable assault course,



852



830



798

MBDA Careers Trip

On Tuesday 2nd July 2019, 15 Year 8 pupils visited MBDA Bolton to see a real workplace in action and gain information about a career in engineering and routes into employment.

The students sat through a presentation before doing a tour of the site and seeing work being carried out on defence missiles; they then finished the day off with a Q&A session before heading back to school.



MSJ embroidered or badged items of uniform can be purchased from Whittakers Schoolwear in Bolton and Ziggys Schoolwear in Farnworth. All other non-badged items are available in various high street stores including Asda, Tesco, etc.

All uniform guidelines are available on the school website www.msj.bolton.sch.uk

Autumn Term —Year 9 Key Dates

Wednesday 4th September 2019 —All students return to school

Friday 18th October 2019—Last day of Half Term

Monday 28th October 2019—All students return to school

Wednesday 30th October 2019—Year 9 Parents' Evening

Friday 20th December 2019—School closes for Christmas break

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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.



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.

From September 2019, the school will no longer accept any cash payments for trips. All trips must be paid for via ParentMail.