



# Mount St Joseph Catholic School

*A Community of Learners, Believers and Friends*

## Year 9 Summer Term Newsletter | 2018—2019

Firstly, I would like to thank all of the students in year 9 for a very successful and fruitful 2018/19 academic year. This year has been about choices, understanding the world of work and most of all growth.

Arriving in September from year 8, the transition from Key stage 3 to Key stage 4 has not been easy. Students have started preparation for their final GCSE examinations throughout this year. The year group now leaves to join year 10 and continue their GCSE journey.

A highlight for me this year was careers day, where students had an opportunity to discuss their future employment plans with delegates from a range of different careers and education paths. Students also chose their options for GCSE, the subjects they enjoy the most and wish to carry on studying until the end of their time at Mount St Joseph.

Looking to the future our year group now needs to take that step up to GCSE, ready for their exams and eventually higher education or the world of work.

I am happy to announce that I will continue with the Year 9s into Year 10 as their head of year. I feel we have created strong bonds and a relationship that is positive and professional. The form tutors along with Miss Gettins, Mrs Evans and I will be here to guide and support all members of the year group. Next year, students can expect an increase in work load, with the extra exam work that will need to be completed. Students can expect complete support and help from all avenues from teaching staff to pastoral care officers. Year 10 will also bring work experience, where students will gain a taste of working life. There will be multiple trips to see the various local colleges and what they have to offer. We will also be starting our applications for life after year 11, whether that be to college, an apprenticeship or employment.

I want to give each and every student in year 9 a huge well done. Have a restful and enjoyable summer, see you in September.

*Mr Sanders—Head of Year 9*

### 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
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### Attendance figures

Congratulations to form **9O** with the highest attendance this term!

9J	9O	9S	9E	9P	9H
94.1%	96%	93.2%	89.6%	94.7%	91.7%

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### Rewards

#### results

Congratulations to form **9J** with the most reward points this term!

9J	6847
9O	3234
9S	2785
9E	2377
9P	3769
9H	2264

Congratulations to form **9J** with the most reward points this year!

9J	33269
9O	18179
9S	16362
9E	13266
9P	18682
9H	21474

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## Duke of Edinburgh Award

This academic year, 60 year 9 students began their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze award. This involved completing volunteering work, sporting challenges and skills based activities.

All of the students have helped the community, while improving their physical fitness and mental wellbeing. The Duke of Edinburgh award is a internationally recognised qualification that helps young people get into the community and enjoying the outdoors.

I am thrilled to announce that 24 of these students have now successfully completed their award after a very enjoyable expedition. The students walked through countryside for two days, whilst camping and cooking food for themselves.

I hope that the rest of the 60 students can complete their award in the next academic year. Well done to everyone who has taken part so far!

## 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, Tug of War and a Battle Royale.

Congratulations to **Mandela!**



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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](http://www.msj.bolton.sch.uk)



## 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.



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.**

## Autumn Term—Year 10 Key Dates

Wednesday 4th September 2019 —All students return to school

Wednesday 11th September 2019—'Blood Brothers' trip to Liverpool Empire

Friday 18th October 2019—Last day of Half Term

Monday 28th October 2019—All students return to school

Friday 20th December—School closes for Christmas break