

Mount St Joseph Catholic School

A Community of Learners, Believers and Friends

Year 10 Summer Term Newsletter | 2018—2019

Firstly, I would like to thank all of the students in year 10 for a very successful and fruitful 2018/19 academic year. It has been an incredibly busy term and if we thought Year 10 went by quickly, I can assure you that Year 11 will fly!

We have attended college taster days to provide the students with an insight into college life and the feedback we have received about our students has been fantastic!

I would also like to congratulate our Year 10 students on their hard work, dedication and conduct during the Year 10 exams. It has been a pleasure to see the young people in this year group develop into the students who are now ready to enter Year 11, with the skills ready to succeed in their GCSEs. I am delighted to be Head of Year 11 in September, to support them through their final year; I am so proud of what they have achieved in Year 10 and I am excited to see what lies ahead of us next year. The form tutors along with Miss Gettins, Mrs Evans and I will be here to guide and support all members of the year group. We all look forward to working with students and parents as a collaborative team to ensure the best outcomes for each individual.

Year 10, have a very safe and relaxing holiday, ready for the year ahead. Embrace the challenge and work hard to achieve your potential and we will support you in this. The last few months are about taking full advantage of everything that is on offer and getting the best grades possible.

Mrs Smith—Head of Year 10

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 **10E** with the highest attendance this term!

10J	10O	10S	10E	10P	10H
88.6%	91.2%	88.7%	94.1%	92.6%	93%

Congratulations to form **10P** with the highest attendance this year!

10J	10O	10S	10E	10P	10H
90.7%	91.8%	91.7%	93.6%	93.7%	93.6%

Rewards results

Congratulations to form **10O** with the most reward points this term!

10J	6114
10O	7935
10S	3757
10E	4326
10P	3776
10H	5741

Congratulations to form **10O** with the most reward points this year!

10J	22283
10O	23138
10S	18156
10E	16627
10P	15232
10H	20338

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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College Taster Days

Throughout July, year 10's have taken part in various college taster days. Taster days are a fantastic opportunity to sample college life and take part in lessons and workshops including subjects like forensic science, animal management and plumbing.

The taster days provide the students with a feel for college and the facilities available so they can make informed decisions next year when they begin the college application process in year 11.

Uni4u

A number of year 10's were fortunate enough to be selected to participate in the 'uni4u' events held at local universities during June and July.


There was a huge range of different courses on offer, including some residential courses staying in University accommodation.

The students were a credit to themselves, their families and the school, and it has given them a fantastic insight into university life.

One student said the experience had 'renewed her focus on her studies' as year 10's go into their final year at MSJ.

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

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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.

Autumn Term —Year 11 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

Friday 20th December 2019—School closes for Christmas break