

Mount St. Joseph

"A community of Learners, Believers and Friends"

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Dear Parents / Carers

Re: Summer Term

Today marks the start of the summer term here at Mount St Joseph. I hope you have all enjoyed the Easter break despite the difficult circumstances surrounding the coronavirus lockdown. Unfortunately, I am still unable to confirm when the school will re-open fully.

Currently in school we continue to provide support for parents whose work is critical to the coronavirus response. We have also donated all of our safety goggles to Bolton and Wigan NHS Trusts to support them in their efforts. We are also in the process of contacting all parents and careers to see if you require support with home learning arrangements.

Home learning

Thank you to all those families and students who have shared their work through Twitter, it has been lovely to see the fantastic art work, poetry and culinary skills you have developed over this short period. Each week we also have 'Fantastic Friday', this is a chance to showcase what your child has been working on over the week on Twitter – please send this to headteacher@msj.bolton.sch.uk by Friday at 3pm each week. Keep up to good work!

The teaching staff will continue to add work to Show My Homework each day, please support your children with this and encourage them to maintain a routine to complete daily tasks set. Should you require any further information about Show My Homework, please email homestudy@msj.bolton.sch.uk. It is important that students have access to this to enable them to complete homework each day.

If your child requires additional resources please log onto the school website at www.msj.bolton.sch.uk where numerous additional resources can be found. We have also encouraged students to join the MSJ Bolton Twitter community and get involved in a variety of activities being carried out online.

Free School Meals

If your child is entitled to free school meals, you will receive an additional email later today in relation to this. The Department for Education will be providing weekly shopping vouchers moving forward.



Year 11

Below is a link to the guidance published by Ofqual in relation to the next steps in relation to GCSEs this year, please read through this guidance and reassure your child that the teaching staff are working hard to ensure all students receive the grades they deserve:

<http://www.msj.bolton.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=2053&type=pdf>

We will also be working with local college providers to discuss transition work which will prepare year 11 for college later on this year. More information about this will follow.

Government Advice

Please ensure you keep up to date with the government's advice throughout the Easter break – this can be found at www.gov.uk/coronavirus Current advice is to continue to stay at home until further notice, only go outside for food, health reasons or work (but only if you cannot work from home). If you go outside, stay 2 metres away from other people at all times and wash your hands as soon as you get home.

Thank you again for all your support over this time. If you require any support or advice, please do not hesitate to contact me at headteacher@msj.bolton.sch.uk or on the school phone. Please keep in touch with each other and stay safe.

Yours sincerely

Mrs A Devany

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