



Mount St Joseph Catholic School

A Community of Learners, Believers and Friends

Weekly Newsletter: Friday 5th June 2020

Dear Mount St Joseph community,
I hope you and your families are keeping safe and well. Our newsletter this week contains lots of information on what's happening in our community; we also have some lovely messages from the pastoral team for each year group. We are really excited about seeing our pupils and staff perform in MSJam on Friday 12th June, we also have some messages for our Year 11 class of 2020- see below for further information.

As you will be aware, Year 10 students have been invited to attend school in small groups starting Monday 15th June 2020. All year 10 parents/ carers have been contacted with the details. We are looking forward to seeing you Year 10!

Have a lovely weekend,
Take care and stay safe,

Mrs Devany

Year 6 Transition

Over the next few days our new year 7 students will be able to access a virtual tour! We will also be inviting parents to a Zoom question & answer session which is aimed to alleviate any concerns they may have over this time!

Today is World Environment Day!

The last twelve months have seen Greta Thunberg named Time Person of the Year, the rise of Extinction Rebellion, and the selection of "Climate Emergency" as the Oxford English Dictionary's Word of the Year. So, for the UN's World Environment Day 2020, the theme is biodiversity. Get involved. Read more here: <https://www.worldenvironmentday.global/about-world-environment-day>

Better still, take part in Mr O'Shea's STEM competition!

All of the instructions and resources you need will be on SMH.

MSJam

Friday 12th June 2020

If you would like to join our Virtual MSJam please donate on our Just-Giving page, you will then receive a link to watch and enjoy our concert from the comfort of your own home! We have raised £420 so far! This will be a fantastic evening on which our students showcase their musical talents!

[Click here to donate!](#)



Home Learning Update

We have created timetables for all pupils learning at home in order to help support pupils and parents by providing some necessary structure to each day. These timetables will start from Monday, 8th June 2020 and pupils and parents will find the relevant tasks for every session on Show My Homework. The timetable covers all subject areas and pupils will be expected to complete four sessions throughout the day. We have time-tabled in some breaks and some well-being sessions for each pupil too. Timetables will be emailed out to parents on Friday, 5th June 2020 and will also be available on Show My Homework. Please check your emails! Excitingly, teachers are also busy recording lessons that will talk pupils through lessons or show pupils what they have to do. These lessons will be available on Show My homework from 15th June 2020. Some staff have been keen to get started on this and you may find some of these recorded lessons are on Show My Homework now. Keep logging into Show My Homework to access the latest lessons and tasks. Don't forget, pupils need to send their work back to their teachers so it can be marked. They can do this by submitting their work on Show My homework or by emailing their work to staff.

Please remember to email homestudy@msj.bolton.sch.uk with any



Year 10 Returning to School

Students and parents will now be aware that we are preparing to welcome year 10 back to school from Monday 15th June, and will have received clear instructions as to how this is going to take place. Please keep a close eye on your emails and keep up to date using the school website and Twitter. @MSJBolton If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact school or email reception@msj.bolton.sch.uk



Fantastic Friday

This weeks Fantastic Friday winners are:

- **Amy in year 8 for completing the first Reading Challenge**
- **Anna in year 9 for completing her knowledge organiser**
- **The in-school winner is Alisha in year 10**

Teachers have also nominated the following to receive this week's Headteacher's Award for fantastic work completed at home:

Y7: Rayyan

Y8: Amy

Y9: Anna and Mitul

Y10: Caitlyn Blears Montgomery



Section	Content
Book Review	Book Title - Boy in the Striped Pajamas Author - John Boyne Genre - Historical Fiction Rating - 5 stars
Plot	The story begins with a young boy, Bruno, who is being sent to a concentration camp. He meets a Jewish boy, Shmuel, and they become friends.
Character	Shmuel - A Jewish boy who is being sent to a concentration camp. He is kind and intelligent. Bruno - A young boy who is being sent to a concentration camp. He is naive and kind.
Food Spoilage	Food spoilage is the process of food becoming inedible or unsafe to eat. It can be caused by bacteria, fungi, or viruses.
Prevention	Food spoilage can be prevented by proper storage, handling, and preparation. This includes washing hands, using clean surfaces, and keeping food at the correct temperature.



Year 10 Prefects

Congratulations to all of our newly appointed prefects. We look forward to providing training and guidance for your new role as soon as this is practical. In the meantime, many of you will be considering your application to become senior prefects. Remember, the deadline for senior prefect applications is June 12th, and interviews will take place over Zoom. Don't forget to send your video!



Messages From Your Heads of Year

Year 7

Mr Caunce: Hello year 7. I have been amazed at some of the work I have seen from you all over the last few weeks. It is lovely to see you all keeping up with your education and taking part in some physical challenges. Keep it up! We are still the best year group in school and I am very proud of you all.

Year 8

Miss Snape: Year 8, I have been watching closely all the wonderful work you have been sending in to your teachers and I am so thrilled that you are all showing such determination and resilience doing your work from home. It makes me incredibly proud that you are maturing into responsible young people ready for all the fantastic opportunities and challenges in year 9. Keep it up!

Year 9

Mrs Morris: Hello year 9, I hope you and your families, are safe and well and furthermore enjoying the lovely weather. Mrs Wolstencroft and I are really missing you all and look forward to us getting back to normality. It has been wonderful seeing all your fantastic work from home displayed on Twitter and ShowMyHomework. Keep this up, as we prepare for the very important GCSE years starting in September. It is vital that you keep your brain engaged and challenged. Take care all, Mrs Morris

Year 10

Mr Sanders: Hello year 10, it seems like forever since we were last together. I hope you are all keeping well, I am certainly missing you all. It's great to see all your work on Twitter/SMH, please keep it up - remember you are now in year 11! If you need anything email me, stay safe and I will look forward to seeing you all again soon!

Year 11

Mrs Smith: A difficult end and I was sad that our time together ended so abruptly but I know you will show great determination towards the next step in your careers. I know this is not the way you would have all liked to end year 11 but you should all be immensely proud of the progress and achievements you have made. Your work ethic has been superb and you will still reap all the rewards in the end. What a fantastic year group you are and I feel so privileged to have been your head of year. When it is safe to do so, we will celebrate your successes and achievements together. You will always be part of the MSJ community and will always remain very special to me. Hope to see you and your families

