



Mount St Joseph Catholic School

A Community of Learners, Believers and Friends

Weekly Newsletter: Friday 19th June 2020

Dear Mount St Joseph community,

I hope you and your families are keeping safe and well. You may be aware that our former headteacher, Sister Barbara OBE sadly passed away last week. Sister Barbara will be remembered within our community as a strong, kind hearted, generous and determined lady who worked tirelessly to campaign and support the disadvantaged and vulnerable.

Sister Barbara was the Headteacher at Mount St Joseph for 23 years from 1973-1996, the longest serving Head of our school. She was instrumental in creating the inclusive ethos within our community that we continue to emulate each day with our students and staff. Our thoughts and prayers are with Sister Barbara and her family and friends.

Our virtual MSJam last Friday was a huge success, we have a lot of talented staff and students in our MSJ community! I would like to thank everyone in our community who participated in the concert, those who watched the concert and those who made a donation to the NHS. We raised our target of £1,000- thank you for your support and generosity. I would like to say a special thank you to Mr Sanders for organising and hosting our wonderful concert!

This week we welcomed back some of our Year 10 students into school, it was wonderful to see them again! The year 10s worked extremely hard in their English, maths and science sessions. Thank you to all our Year 10s students for their positive attitude to learning and the maturity they displayed whilst in school. We look forward to seeing you again next week at the same entrance, at the same time.

Have a lovely weekend,
Take care and stay safe,
Mrs Devany

Year 6 Transition Update



Check out the Y6 Transition page on our website. You'll find lots of new information, including a link to a fantastic **virtual tour** and **letters from current year 7 students** and a **welcome from our amazing Head Girl, Aimen**.

Go Josephine!

MSJ's amazing Josephine in Y7 is raising money for Macmillan Cancer Support in memory of her uncle who sadly passed away after a battle with cancer.



She has decided to 'Brave the Shave' which means that in 21 days she is going to be shaving her head in support of, and solidarity with anyone affected by cancer. As I'm sure you will all agree this is an extremely brave thing for anyone to do. If you would like to donate you can use the link below, and you can also find it on our school website and Twitter pages.

Josephine originally aimed to raise £200 but has already more than doubled that and the page has only been active for around 48 hours. Anything you can give at this time would be greatly appreciated.

Josephine and her family have asked us to say a huge thank you in advance for your generosity and support.

Refugee Week

Design Your Own T-Shirt competition. Details on Twitter #MSJCommunity



Home Learning Update

We have completed our first successful week with our Year 10 students. These sessions should really help our students continue to work independently from home over the next week before they come back in to school.

Years 7-9 have now completed their first two weeks using the new timetables. New two week timetables will be sent out to all students. Students need to make sure they are logging on daily to complete their sessions.

Look out for the fantastic recorded lessons too!



Prefect Applications Update

Today is the last day to submit your applications for senior prefect roles. Remember, there is no longer a requirement to submit a video.



Prayer for Sister Barbara

Dear Lord,

We learnt the very sad news this week of the death of Sister Barbara, MSJ's longest serving headteacher. While this is a time to mourn and pray for her soul, let us also rejoice in the life she led and the many lives she changed through her commitment to helping the vulnerable and weak. Let us use her life as an example of how we can live our own lives to help others, regardless of race or creed, and in so doing make the world a better place.

St Joseph - Pray for us



Fantastic Friday



This week's Fantastic Friday winners are:

- Amy in year 8 for designing a fantastic mobile phone holder
- Maryam in year 7 for her amazing artwork
- The in-school winners are Hana A and Taylor R in Year 7 for their help with Y6 transition

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

Y7: Amber C for dedication and hard work

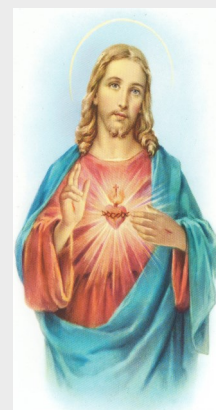
Y8: Ellegra B for her amazing drama work

Y9: Callum G for producing fantastic work

Y10: Mahnoor M for producing pages and pages

Chaplaincy

Today is the solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The sacred heart is a symbol of Catholicism which represents the love that Christ has for all humans. The flames represent the eternal love of Christ and the everlasting love that God has for all mankind.



Thank You Mr Heaton ...

...for painting this amazing mural at the foot of the maths stairs.



Virtual Assemblies

The wellbeing theme for this week has been "self-motivation", and you will have seen and heard your heads of year delivering this assembly over Show My Homework. Next week's theme is "staying safe for summer". Look out for this assembly on SMH!

Well done ...

... to everyone who took part in **MSJam** and thank you all for watching. You can still donate, it's not too late

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