

Mount St Joseph Catholic School

A Community of Learners, Believers and Friends

Weekly Newsletter: Friday 24th April 2020

Dear Parents/ Carers,

As we are all continuing to adapt to new ways of working, I would like to take the opportunity to thank you for all your support and say what a fantastic job you are all doing supporting your child's wellbeing and learning whilst schools are closed.

It's definitely been a strange and challenging time, so it is understandable if you or your child feel anxious and frustrated at the moment. We're here for you every step of the way as we figure this all out together.

Remember, if you have any concerns about helping your child learn or you need any other support from the school, please do not hesitate to contact us. We are available in school Monday to Friday, from 8am to 4pm. You can also contact class teachers—all of the email addresses have been added to Show my Homework and are on the school website. If your child has any issues accessing Show my Homework, please email: homestudy@msj.bolton.sch.uk and we can resolve the issues.

We really miss having our pupils in school, the building is very quiet without them and all our staff. However, we must continue to follow the government's guidance to keep everyone in our community safe. Teachers are continuing to add work to Show my Homework and the department twitter feeds are updated daily.

Over the past two weeks, we have also made contact with all parents/ carers to check how our students are progressing at home.

Whilst we can't say yet when we will be able to open the school fully, rest assured that we'll continue doing everything we can to ensure the pupils continue to learn and the school stays connected.

Show my Homework

Teachers are continuing to upload work to Show my Homework for students to complete. We know that this is an unusual way of working for students, but if all students can spend a couple of hours working per day this will really help! If you have any problems accessing Show my Homework please email homestudy@msj.bolton.sch.uk



Twitter



We have been gaining lots of new followers on our school Twitter page and each department now have their own page! Make sure you follow the school account @MSJBolton and submit your work for Fantastic Friday! Every Friday we celebrate our student successes and all the amazing work they have been producing over the week. You will also be able to find the department accounts from the main school page.

Additional Work

There has been lots of work set on Show my Homework for students to complete, but if students require additional work there are lots of activities and resources online. The websites we would recommend:


<https://www.thenational.academy/>
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>


The maths department have also been adding lots of resources on the school website, including GCSE lessons for parents and carers:

<http://www.msj.bolton.sch.uk/page/?title=Numeracy&pid=191>

Year 11

We understand that this has been a difficult time for our Year 11 students. We continue to keep Year 11 students up to date with any further government advice and guidance from Ofqual. We sent a letter to Year 11 before Easter to outline the arrangements for GCSEs this year. This letter is also on our school website. We are continuing to work with colleges to ensure the transition period is as smooth as possible. We have also been making contact with our Year 11 students to provide advice and support on the steps they need to take prior to starting college. If any Year 11 students have any questions, they can contact school to discuss their concerns with a member of staff.

 @MSJBolton

 @MountStJosephBolton



Show My Homework

For Teachers, Students and Parents

Free School Meals

Any parents whose children are in receipt of Free School Meals should now have received a 16 digit code via email. The emails have been sent from a company called Edenred. You are required to visit their website to exchange the code for a gift voucher that can be used in a number of Supermarkets.

We have sent letters to all parents who should have received an email. Please contact the school if you have any questions or queries about free school meals.

Year 7—September 2020

Over the past week we have made contact with all of the student who have been allocated a place to join us at MSJ in September 2020. We are looking forward to having a new year group join our community and we want to ensure the transition period is as easy as possible. We are continuing to work with local primary schools to ensure we are here to support the new members of our community!



STAY AT HOME 

PROTECT THE NHS

 **save lives**

- Only go outside for food, health reasons or work (where this absolutely cannot be done from home)
- Stay 2 metres (6ft) away from other people
- Wash your hands as soon as you get home