



# Mount St Joseph Catholic School

*A Community of Learners, Believers and Friends*

Weekly Newsletter: Thursday 7th May 2020

Dear Mount St Joseph community,

I hope you continue to be safe and well. This week's newsletter has been sent a day early due to the Bank Holiday to mark the 75th anniversary of VE day. If we were in school this week, there would have been lots of celebrations in our community leading up to Friday. This week staff have been setting mini competitions for our students to complete at home in celebration of VE Day 75. I have included some more information below, alongside some photographs of excellent work that has been produced.

I would also like to, once again, thank you for your continued support at this time. We are extremely proud of our staff and students and all the fantastic work being produced at home and in school. Staff continue to work in school on a rota and are also working from home. If you require any further support or information, please contact the school office Monday– Friday between 8am-4pm.

Have a relaxing bank holiday weekend.

Take care and stay safe,  
**Mrs Devany**

## VE Day Celebrations

As you will be aware, Friday 8th May marks the 75th anniversary of VE day. This day is a national bank holiday and we are continuing to celebrate it with our school community. Throughout the week staff have been uploading activities to Twitter pages and Show my Homework—please ensure you get involved in our celebrations!



## MSJam

In last week's newsletter I informed you that this year's MSJam would not be taking place, but a virtual concert would be showcased! Mr Sanders and the Creative Arts department are continuing to work on this and a streaming link will be live over the coming weeks—I will keep you updated when this will be. It is very exciting!

Please email Mr Sanders if you would like to join or for more information:  
[sandersd@msj.bolton.sch.uk](mailto:sandersd@msj.bolton.sch.uk)



## Home Learning—Show my Homework and Twitter

The level of engagement from students with their home learning continues to be extremely high. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our students for their amazing commitment to their education at this time. We are continuing to receive outstanding work from students every day!

Please continue to check Show my Homework and Twitter pages as staff continue to add work on a regular basis. If there are any problems, please email your class teacher—all emails addresses are on Show my Homework. If your child is having difficulties accessing Show my Homework please email [homestudy@msj.bolton.sch.uk](mailto:homestudy@msj.bolton.sch.uk)



## Year 11

### Leavers' Hoodies

We have extended the deadline for the year 11 leavers' hoodies. Hoodies can still be ordered via Parent-Mail or through emailing Mrs Smith ([smithm@msj.bolton.sch.uk](mailto:smithm@msj.bolton.sch.uk)) with the size (S,M,L,XL) and the writing that is required on the back.

### Study Skills Programme

I previously informed you that there would be a Study Skills programme available for year 11 students. I am pleased to announce that this is now available on Show my Homework and the school website for Year 11 students. It is a fantastic transition booklet to support with studying at college.



### Year 10 - Go Further Mentoring

We have been notified of a fantastic scheme available for year 10 students. The Go Further Mentoring, set up by Greater Manchester Higher is an online mentoring project designed to help Year 10 students find out about options available to them after school. It is run by current university level students (called Student Ambassadors) with the help of local Colleges and Universities. Students will

be matched to a Student Ambassador through the online Brightside portal for a 6 week project where you can find out lots of information and ideas to help you make decisions about the future. To sign up for this scheme please click [here](#). The deadline for signing up is **Friday 22nd May**.

## Fantastic Friday

The winners of this week's Fantastic Friday have not yet been drawn. We are expecting some amazing work to be shared with us for the VE Day celebrations up until tomorrow! I will announce the winners on Twitter and share their names in next week's newsletter!



The winner of our in school Fantastic Friday is Samuel in Year 7—well done Samuel!