

Mount St Joseph Catholic School

A Community of Learners, Believers and Friends

Weekly Newsletter: Friday 1st May 2020

Dear Mount St Joseph community,

I hope you and your families are all well. Today is the Feast of St Joseph the Worker, let us pray for all those key workers who are on the front line of this crisis and ask St Joseph to guard and protect all our community.

As we approach the end of another week, I would once again like to thank you for your continued support at this time and provide you with an update from our school community. Teachers are continuing to set work on Show My Homework and we are really enjoying seeing all the fantastic work that is being completed at home.

I hope you find the information in this newsletter beneficial; I think it is really important to ensure that we you are updated on a regular basis and that we all feel part of our MSJ community. Staff are operating on a rota in school to support the key workers' children, and other staff are working from home. If you need to contact any of the staff, the email list is available on Show My Homework and on the school website. The pastoral team are also on a rota in school, if you need to speak to any of the pastoral team or the school counsellor, please do not hesitate to contact us.

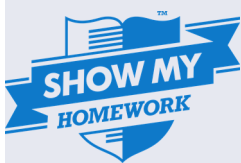
If you require any further support or information, please contact the school office Monday– Friday between 8am-4pm.

Take care and stay safe,

Mrs Devany – Headteacher

Home Learning

Well done to all students for their engagement with the home learning. We have received so much amazing work and once again, there have been lots of entries for our Fantastic Friday competition.



Teachers are continuing to add work to Show My Homework on a regular basis so please ensure your child continues to check this. If your child has any problems completing any of the work or needs to contact their teachers; the email addresses have all been shared with students on

Show my Homework.

If your child is having difficulties accessing Show my Homework please email homestudy@msj.bolton.sch.uk

Twitter

Throughout the week Twitter has become even more popular and we are reaching out to more parents and pupils! This is a fantastic way for you to stay up to date with what is happening in school and for us to celebrate the outstanding work that our community is doing. If you aren't already following us, you can find us at [@MSJBolton](https://twitter.com/MSJBolton)



MSJam

As I am sure you are aware, each year our wonderful Creative Arts department host the MSJam. Unfortunately, this year this is something that we are unable to do. Mr Sanders and the team are now working to showcase a virtual concert! We do not have a confirmed date for this yet, but details will be posted on the school twitter page (@MSJBolton) and the MSJ Music twitter page (@MountstjosephM). Please email Mr Sanders if you would like to join or for more information– sandersd@msj.bolton.sch.uk

All proceeds will go to the NHS.



Contacting Parents and Carers

Over the past few weeks, staff from school have successfully made contact with all parents and carers. We want to keep in contact with members of our community and ensure everyone is safe and well! Over the coming weeks we will continue to make contact via email. Please ensure you continue to check your emails as we will continue to provide any information this way.

Design the School Values Logo—Competition

You may be aware that we are in the process of updating our school values to reflect just three core principles: **Respect, Resilience, and Responsibility**.

We really want these values to be highly visible throughout the school - on walls, stairways, classrooms and assemblies. For this reason they need to be visually attractive and captured in a single logo that can sit alongside our MSJ school badge and the three house badges.

In order to get the best logo for our new values, we are holding a competition for students to submit their designs. The rules are simple - your design must:

1. *Grab attention to promote the three values of Respect, Resilience and Responsibility*
2. *Fit with both the existing school badge, the house badges and our identity as a community of learners, believers and friends*

The winning design(s) may be used in their entirety or we may use parts of several entries and award credit to more than one person. The winners will receive an Amazon voucher and have the pleasure of seeing their designs in use around the school.

It is much preferred that entries are submitted through Show My Homework. However, if this is not possible, submissions may be sent to **Dr Hall—hallj@msj.bolton.sch.uk**

The deadline for entries is **Friday 15th of May 2020**.

Good luck!

Year 11

Leavers' Hoodies

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



Information

We are continuing to receive information from colleges to share with our Year 11 students. Where possible, this is being shared on Twitter but we have also created a new section on our school website '**Year 11—2020**'. Please ensure you continue to check the school website for regular updates regarding transition and resources to support and prepare students for college and apprenticeships. We will also update the website when we receive any further updates from Ofqual.

Fantastic Friday

Each week there are two winners selected on Twitter for Fantastic Friday. The winners of this are students who have worked extremely hard and shared their wonderful work with us. As we have a number of students in school we have now also introduced a Fantastic Friday in school. This week's winners are:

Twitter winners: Maryam-Huda Iin Year 7 and Aman in Year 9

School winner: Colby, Year 7

Well done to our winners and all our students who submitted their work.

