

Mount St. Joseph

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Dear Year 10,

Re: End of Year 10 and starting your final year

I hope you and your families are keeping well. I appreciate how difficult the current situation has been for everyone. I would firstly like to take this opportunity to congratulate each and every one of you for navigating your way through this very difficult period. Thank you for your courage, patience and huge effort in completing work and attending school.

This year has definitely been surreal. We started the year discussing work experience and the transition to year 11 and we completed our work experience, many of us getting part time jobs or given options post school. Unfortunately, our year was cut short due to the effects of the virus.

As a year group you have worked exceptionally hard this year, you should be proud of yourselves for all you have achieved both inside the classroom and out. Many of you have taken part in sporting events, concerts, student leadership programmes, before and after school clubs, looked after younger years amongst many other things. Mrs Evans and I are extremely proud of every single one of you. As a year group you look out for each other, you are polite and courteous towards students and staff, while tackling every challenge that comes your way with enthusiasm and pride.

It has been an absolute pleasure working as your head of year over the last two years. I started my journey here at Mount St Joseph alongside you all. The year you joined in year 7 was also my first year here too. I feel we have grown together as a year group and worked collaboratively, developing some long lasting and strong relationships.

Mrs Evans will continue to support you as your pastoral care officer, unfortunately, our time together - as a year group and head of year at least - has to come to an end. I'll look back on the two years leading your year group with admiration and pride. I have loved seeing you all every week, waking you up with some very loud assemblies, providing updates in form time in the morning and working with you during drop down days.

There have definitely been ups and downs, but I hope you have enjoyed it as much as I have. My door is always open for any of you should you need it, however it is with a heavy heart that I must now hand over to Mrs Smith who will be diligently leading you throughout year 11. Mrs Smith has a lot of experience leading year 11, you are in great hands as you enter the final leg. Remember to run your best race – you are now most definitely at the 'business end' of your school career. Take care, work hard and have fun!

Mr Sanders
Head of Year 10

Mrs Evans
Pastoral Care Officer



Dear Year 10

I am absolutely delighted to introduce myself as Head of Year 11. Year 10 went by much quicker than anyone expected and I can assure you that Year 11 will fly!

The year ahead will probably be the most important of your academic career so far, and I feel so privileged to be supporting you at this crucial time to achieve your very best. I know you have an extremely supportive environment in school enabling you to thrive and achieve your full potential. It is however vital that we don't underestimate the hard work needed to be successful and that all parties work collectively to support you along the way.

The form tutors along with Mrs Evans and I will be here to guide and support all members of the year group. As you are aware, I work very closely with Mr Sanders and this will continue. We are looking forward to working with students and parents as a collaborative team to ensure the best outcomes for each individual.

The high standards of behaviour and conduct, expected from all students at MSJ, continue in Year 11. Your behaviour and attitudes should reflect the importance of this academic year and should include outstanding attendance and punctuality, engagement in lessons, enthusiasm for learning and a keenness to improve. You will also require some resilience – lessons will be challenging and will push you to reach your full potential. You will make mistakes; it's learning from these mistakes which will help you achieve your full potential. You will be expected to attend all Extended School Day sessions as it will be compulsory, and we thank your parents/carers for their support and encouragement with this.

Once your exams are completed, we can celebrate together with a prom. As a school, we would like every Year 11 student to attend, however you must meet our expectations. These include; attendance & punctuality, excellent behaviour, wearing the correct uniform, outstanding attitude to learning and attendance to Extended School Day.

Year 10, have a very safe and relaxing holiday, ready for the year ahead. Embrace the challenge and work hard to achieve your potential and we will support you in this. The last few months are about taking full advantage of everything that is on offer and getting the best grades possible.

Mrs Smith
Head of Year 11