

# Mount St. Joseph

*"A community of Learners, Believers and Friends"*

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Hello Year 7

## Re: End of your first year

I hope you are all keeping safe and well. What a year it has been! From your transition days last July, we are now one year on and I cannot believe how the time has flown. We have had many things to celebrate together and as I have always said, "what a year group you are!" You have all made your own perfect little contributions to the start of your school life in the community of MSJ and you have shown yourself to be perfect examples of the motto of our school, as true 'learners, believers and friends'.

Mrs Bond and I are proud to say that this year has been a fantastic one, albeit a strange one, in the life of school. The pandemic has resulted in some very strange and challenging times, but you have really stepped up to the mark, showing courage and resilience. The work that you, as a year group, have produced whilst at home or in school has been absolutely amazing. You have overcome some fears such as starting at a new school, presenting in-front of your peers, meeting new friends and teachers and you have all been a credit to both me and the school.

Your form tutors have been instrumental in settling you into school life and I know that they are immensely proud of all you have achieved this year both inside and out of the classroom. Some of you have had the chance to support whole school events such as Open Evening and been able to speak to parents about your experience at MSJ and most of you have met people from the world of work outside our setting. Every one of you has been a credit to our community.

I understand as head of transition and year 7 that the change from primary school to secondary school is a challenging one, but you have showed an incredible ability to adapt, learn and embrace this next chapter in your life. From the first meeting with you as a year group I had a good feeling about you all. You did not let me down and I can safely say that you are a great group of people and you show fantastic resilience when faced with change, and this will stand you in good stead for the rest of your lives.

Next year may be a little different to what has become your new normal but we are all looking forward to seeing you again in year 8. I will no longer be your head of year unfortunately, but I know that your new head of year Mr Sanders will be as proud of you next year as I have been this year.

Never stop reaching for your dreams and remember that each and every one of you plays your part in the great team you have created here at MSJ. Be proud and stay safe.

Mr Counce  
Head of Year 7

Mrs Bond  
Pastoral Care Officer

