

# Mount St. Joseph

"A community of Learners, Believers and Friends"

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Dear parent and carer,

## Careers Week: Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2021

I hope you and your families are keeping well. As you are aware, every year Mount St Joseph hosts a careers week for all our Year 7-11 students in the last week of the February half term. Although our community cannot be in school altogether and we are unable to invite guest speakers into school, we still think it is vital for our students to learn about the different careers and the skills required for their future.

Our very first virtual Careers week will run from **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February**), this also includes a 'Careers and Aspirations Day' on **Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> February**, where students will participate in career-based lessons and activities, rather than their normal curriculum timetable they have been following whilst working at home.

Evidence shows that young people do start to develop their aspirations and ideas about careers long before they are ready to join the labour market therefore, it is important that we provide our students the opportunity to consider their futures and the skills, qualities and qualifications they may need to develop whilst at school in order to follow their dreams.

The careers week will focus on broadening horizons and raising aspirations, giving our students a wide range of experiences of the world including the world of work. We want to show our students the vast range of possibilities open to them and helping to keep their options open for as long as possible.

For students in Year 7-8, there is a range of attributes, skills, and behaviours that can be encouraged at this early stage of a child's secondary education that will leave them in the best possible position as they begin their transitions to GCSEs and to future life.

For Year 9-11 students, the aim of the week is to give our students the opportunity to consider their career pathway carefully and with as much high-quality information, advice and guidance as possible. There is greater emphasis on understanding the importance of and acquiring key employability skills, and an in-depth look at the labour market and possible career pathways.



The Careers and Aspirations Day for Year 9-11 will include a careers fair which consists of a wide selection of short videos (4 - 7 minutes long) covering many different careers and education pathways that students will view from home via links accessed through Microsoft One Drive. We have a host of different local employers and education providers sharing their experiences. This will be an opportunity for students to understand the qualifications required, salary, responsibilities and duties of specific careers.

Careers Education forms an integral part of your child's education in ensuring they are ready for their life after school and the world of work. The careers week plan is detailed on the following page. We would really appreciate it if all our parents and carers could support and encourage their child to participate in the careers week activities and events.

If you require any further details, please do not hesitate to contact school via the following careers email address [richardss@msj.bolton.sch.uk](mailto:richardss@msj.bolton.sch.uk) or telephone 01204 391800.

Kind Regards,

Mr G Munro  
Assistant Head Teacher

Please note Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February is completely dedicated to the 'Careers and Aspirations' day. There will not be any subject specific lessons on this day. Lessons will run as per your child's normal timetable for the rest of the week – except for the times listed below.

Staff will be speaking to students over the course of next week to ensure that they are aware of the events on careers week and how to access the resources.

	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> February <b>CAREERS &amp; ASPIRATIONS DAY</b>	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> February
YEAR 7	8.30 - 8.40 am Year 7 Assembly Careers and planning your future with ACA.		P1 8.55 – 9.35 am Strength & Self Esteem – GM Higher Go to webinar	8.30 am Assembly - outline of the day Careers & Your Future Transition Points in Your Life Personal Qualities & Skills Finding Careers Information Career Management Character Traits & Skills	Careers assembly follow up with ACA
YEAR 8	8.30 - 8.40 am Year 8 Assembly Careers and planning your future with DSA.		P1 8.55 – 9.35 am Strength & Self Esteem – GM Higher Go to webinar	8.30 am Assembly – outline of the day Building Confidence & Resilience Self Confidence Communicating Digitally Exploring Personal Strengths Journey to Your Career Understanding Behaviour for Work	Careers assembly follow up with ACA
YEAR 9	8.30 - 8.40 am Year 9 Assembly Careers and planning your future with CSN.	P1 8.45 -9.30 am Spotlight on Medicine (how to save a life) Go to webinar Higher Education Uncovered 9.45-10.20am– GM Higher Go to webinar	P1 8.45 – 9.35 am Medical Mavericks Human Guinea Pig Show. - Vimeo Budgeting Skills. GM Higher 9.45 -10.20 am Go to webinar	8.30 am Assembly – outline of the day Exploring My Educational Pathway My Personality, My Career Careers Fair	
YEAR 10	8.30 - 8.40 am Year 10 Assembly Careers and planning your future with GMO.	P1 8.45 -9.30 am Spotlight on Medicine (how to save a life). Go to webinar	P1 8.45 – 9.35 am Medical Mavericks Human Guinea Pig Show. 8.45 - 9.35am Vimeo	8.30 am Assembly – outline of the day P1 8.45 - 9.35 am Interview Skills Go to webinar P2 9.45 - 10.30 am Budgeting Skills Go to webinar Careers Fair Employability Skills	
YEAR 11	8.30 - 8.40 am Year 11 Assembly Careers and planning your future with MSM.	P1 8.45 -9.30 Spotlight on Medicine (how to save a life) Go to webinar link to follow		8.30 am Assembly – outline of the day P1 8.45 - 9.35 am Interview Skills Go to webinar P2 9.45 - 10.30 am Budgeting Skills Go to webinar Careers Fair Employability Skills Employer Research	