

# Mount St. Joseph

"A community of Learners, Believers and Friends"

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Dear parents and carers

## Re: **New starters – September 2021**

We are delighted your child will be joining Mount St Joseph in September 2021, and we would like to take this opportunity to formally welcome you all to the Mount St Joseph Catholic School community. The next five academic years will form a major chapter in the life of your child and we are fully committed to ensuring that they achieve their full potential while maximising their well-being and life chances.

We are at the start of an exciting journey together, and while this is a very unusual time we will aim to keep you updated as much as possible about your child's transition to high school over the coming weeks. Nevertheless, there is a good deal that all of us can do to prepare the way, both practically and emotionally, to make the transition from primary to secondary school as smooth as possible.

It is extremely important that your child becomes familiar with the staff and school. Over the next few months there will be a number of opportunities for your child to meet with us, both within their own primary school setting, and when we invite them, and you, to join us at Mount St Joseph. To this end, we would like to formally invite you to the following events, bearing in mind that these dates may change in accordance with updates from the government:

- **Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2021 at 6.00pm – Welcome Evening**

During this meeting parents and students will have the opportunity to meet key school staff including form mentors.

- **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> July and Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2021 – Transition Days**

The day starts at **9am** at Mount St Joseph School. Your child should arrive for a 9am start and will be welcomed into school through the student reception entrance. Your child will leave school at **2.35pm**.

The purpose of the transition days is to provide an opportunity for your child to experience school life at Mount St Joseph, meet their new form tutor, make new friends and learn about our core values of *Respect, Responsibility and Resilience*. During the day all the new students will come together as a community and your child will need to wear a plain white t-shirt and school trousers on these visits

Once again, on behalf of the governors, staff and students, may I welcome you to the family of Mount St Joseph, a community of learners, believers and friends. We look



forward to meeting you at the welcome evening in June and working with you and your child in the years to come. We will work tirelessly to help them develop into confident young people equipped with the knowledge and skills to support them to lead happy and fulfilled lives, and to make a positive difference in the wider community.

For more information about the school day, uniform, school meals and general guidance please click on this link to view:

**[New Starter Information Guide](#)**

Finally, we understand that this is also a significant change for you as a family, and would like to extend our support. Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any concerns or questions in the forthcoming months, but in the meantime please visit the school website <https://www.msj.bolton.sch.uk/> and follow us on Twitter @MSJBolton and @CounceMr (MSJ\_Transition) to keep updated about events and life at the school. Please ensure you also regularly check your email as this will be the main way in which we communicate with you.

Should you have any concerns, please contact me, Mr Counce, Head of Transition at [caunce@msj.bolton.sch.uk](mailto:caunce@msj.bolton.sch.uk) and I will be more than happy to address any concerns or questions you have at this time.

Yours sincerely

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