

# Mount St. Joseph

"A community of Learners, Believers and Friends"

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Dear parent, carer and Year 6 student,

## Information update for Year 7 – September 2021

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter carefully; we are looking forward to welcoming you to our MSJ community in September 2021. Unfortunately, there have been some changes to our planned transition days over the next month however we have organised an alternative event which will help all students settle into school ready for the start of their secondary school phase.

We are unable to meet face to face this term due to the current COVID restrictions regarding mixing class bubbles. Please be assured we have looked at all options for this to happen but keeping students safe and allowing them the opportunity to celebrate the end of term at their primary school is our main concern at this time. Nonetheless, we remain committed to making the process ahead as welcoming as possible, and to ensure that both the students and parents of our 2021 intake are provided with all the information they will need via email, the school website and video links. In September, year 7 will start school on **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September at 8.30am-2.50pm** and the rest of the school will return the following day. This will give all new year 7 students the opportunity to tour the school site, get to know their year group, meet new friends and meet their teachers.

At our **virtual welcome event** on **Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2021 at 6pm**, I will take the opportunity to introduce myself, and give you some information about the year team and other members of staff so that you can get to know some friendly faces, familiarise yourself with the applications we use as a school, and begin to understand how our community operates. This will be by a virtual webinar session and any questions you may have following the presentation will be answered live during this session. To attend this session please use the following link: [New year 7 welcome event - 29th June at 6pm](#)

I am pleased to inform you of the following:

Your form will be:	Example
Your form tutor will be:	Example
Your house will be:	Example

Membership of a house is like belonging to a community within a community, and students often tell us that it helps with the sometimes-daunting idea of moving into a bigger educational setting by providing a point of contact with other staff and students. You can read more about our house system on our website.

The role of the form tutor is invaluable, they will be your first point of contact in school and they will see you for 30 minutes at the start of everyday to prepare you for the day ahead. Your form tutor will get to know you very well over the next five years and will work with every student to

guide you in the best possible way throughout your time here. Now you know which form group you are in and who your form tutor will be, we would like to invite you to write to your form tutor to tell them a bit about yourself and any concerns or questions you have about starting school. Please send this to (use email address provided in your letter) or post to the address above. I have attached an example below which you may wish to use as a template.

In previous correspondence, we encouraged all parents and carers to complete a data sheet. This is extremely important as it gives all parents and carers to provide school with the most up to date information. If you are yet to complete this, please use the following link and submit as soon as possible: [Mount St Joseph - Data Collection Sheet \(msj.bolton.sch.uk\)](https://msj.bolton.sch.uk)

Our school website is regularly updated and information for new year 7 students can be found under the 'Transition' tab or by using the following link: [Mount St Joseph - Transition \(msj.bolton.sch.uk\)](https://msj.bolton.sch.uk). You may also find it helpful to follow us on Twitter at [@MSJBolton](https://twitter.com/MSJBolton) / [Twitter](https://twitter.com/MSJBolton) where our community regularly post updates about events happening in school. I would invite you to read through this information and, if you have any questions, email them to me at [caunce@msj.bolton.sch.uk](mailto:caunce@msj.bolton.sch.uk) and I will reply as quickly as possible.

Yours sincerely

Mr A Counce  
Head of Key Stage and Transition

**Examples of information to send your form tutor:**

- My Name is ...
- The primary school I attended is ...
- My favourite thing in the whole world is ...
- I live with ...
- I am very proud of the fact this year I managed to / learn to ...
- I enjoy ...
- I don't enjoy ...
- I am a little worried about ...
- I can't wait to ...
- I would like to get involved with ...

If you have any pictures, please feel free to include them!