

Mount St. Joseph

"A community of Learners, Believers and Friends"

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Dear parents and carers

I hope you are keeping well. Please could I take this opportunity to thank all parents and carers for your support this half term. It has been an exciting and productive half term with lots of events and activities for all year groups. I hope you have enjoyed reading all about the events in our biweekly newsletter that we send out to our MSJ community.

This week we have hosted our careers week for all students in Yr 7-11. There has been lots of career sessions, visitors, workshops, fayres and our year 10 have been out on work experience placements. You will be able to read all about our MSJ careers week in this week's newsletter.

We also say goodbye last week to a member of our administration team: Mrs Trimble, who has taken early retirement after being part of our MSJ community for over 24 years. We thank Mrs Trimble for her hard work, support, and the dedication that she has shown our students and staff at MSJ. We wish her the very best of luck in her retirement.

Attendance to school is very important and we are working hard with parents and carers to improve attendance. As you will be aware, the government are driving attendance across all schools in the country. As part of this strategy if a student's attendance drops less than 90%, we will email home their current attendance regularly throughout the year.

Requests for holidays during term time cannot be approved and should unauthorised attendance be taken, parents and carers will receive a warning letter and fined by the local authority. We also ask that students attend medical appointments outside school hours where possible. If you need to report your child absent you can email our attendance team; attendance@msj.bolton.sch.uk

Next half term

We have lots of events next half term leading up to the Easter break for parents and carers, including:

- **Year 9 Options Evening: Thursday 14th March 2024 (4.30pm)**
- **MSJam concert: Wednesday 20th March 2024 (6pm)**
- **Year 11 consultation evening:** (the last meeting before the GCSE exams)
Wednesday 27th March 2024 (4.30pm)



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- **Year 7 parents' evening: Thursday 25th April 2024 (4.30pm)**

Please continue to follow us on Twitter **@MSJBolton** and look at our website for further information [Mount St Joseph - Home \(msj.bolton.sch.uk\)](http://msj.bolton.sch.uk) We also post information for over the half term break with useful contacts and help lines and places that students able to eat for free over the holidays.

Finally, I would like to wish all our students, staff, parents and carers a relaxing half term, we will look forward to seeing our students back in school on Monday 26th February at 8.20am for a 8.30am start.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A Devany

Headteacher