

Mount St. Joseph

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Dear parents and carers

Year 11 GCSE examinations 2023

As you are aware, we are fast approaching the GCSE examinations for Year 11 students. In this letter we have provided information and key dates for the last few months of Year 11's time in our MSJ community. We know that this can be an anxious and stressful time for our Year 11s and we will support them in school as much as we can over the next eleven weeks, as we know you will at home.

We hope that you found the three Year 11 consultation evenings in September, December, February and March beneficial in supporting your child with revision and well-being. However, if you do have any concerns or any questions, please do not hesitate to contact school.

We have spoken with all of our Year 11 students about their upcoming external examinations, including logistics and regulations. We are aiming to reassure and inform our students as much as possible.

We have also emailed previously a link to the student guide that explains everything they need to know regarding their exams. This includes how they can ensure they comply with the extensive regulations. Please do spend some time reading this document as it should be able to answer many of the questions you may have too. [Ofqual Student Guide 2024 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)

Please could we ask that parents and carers also emphasise the importance of attending all the exams that they have been entered for and ensure that they arrive on time. Students, parents and carers have already been sent the exam timetable [Mount St Joseph - Summer 2024 Exam Timetable \(msj.bolton.sch.uk\)](http://msj.bolton.sch.uk); we will also provide a personalised exam timetable with the dates and times on for each student.

Year 11 intervention and revision

As the GCSE exams start, Year 11 students will begin in school intervention and revision with their subject teachers, in order to prepare them effectively for each exam. This means that they will follow a new timetable which will be given to them in assembly every Monday for the week ahead.

Due to the successful completion of some courses, there will be sometimes when some students may be required to study independently, meaning that they may be asked to attend school after the normal school start time of 8.30am or they may be required to leave school before 3.00pm. This may also be the case if the intervention or exam that is taking place is for a subject the student does not study. We have also been mindful to ensure that there are well-being slots for students to ensure that they do not

become overwhelmed with their studies. If you wish your child to attend school at the normal times each day until the final exam and not leave to work at home, please click this link below:

[Link for your child to remain in school](#)

Each week students will be provided with a revision timetable for that week. Students must attend all these sessions where their attendance is requested. Failure to do so will result in an absence mark and will put their prom invitation at risk. Students will also be provided with their individual exam timetables and a copy will be sent home for parents and carers.

Once the examination season is completed, some students will be required to attend school to complete unfinished pieces of coursework. Students will need to ensure they complete this work to officially complete Year 11. Please note that the date that has been set aside as the contingency day, should sustained national or local disruption arise during the June 2024 examination series, is **Wednesday, 26th June 2024**. This means that all Year 11 must be available to sit exams from the start of the exams in May until Wednesday 26th June 2024. Once students have finished all exams and courses they will be marked as officially completing Year 11 and therefore will not attend school.

Results Day:

Please note results day is **Thursday, 22nd August 2024**. Students will be able to collect their results between 9.00 am and 11.00 am on this day.

Leavers' mass and Leavers' Prom

We wrote to you earlier in the year, regarding the celebrations for the class of 2024. We would like to recognise and celebrate all the hard work and dedication the students have shown over the five years at Mount St Joseph, in particular over this final academic year and the formal examinations. We would like to invite our parents and carers to our leavers' mass on Friday, 24th May at 11am- 12.30pm-please click the link to complete the form if you would like to attend the mass: [Class of 2024 Leavers' Mass](#)

We will also have ordered celebratory leavers' hoodies and we will hold the 'Leavers Prom' on **Friday, 5th July 2024** at The Bolton Stadium hotel, Horwich, Bolton. We have sent invites out to our Year 11 students who are eligible to attend the Prom.

Please continue to check the school website along with emails and SIMS notifications for further information to support Year 11 - [Year 11 webpage link](#)

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact school at **reception@msj.bolton.sch.uk** or **Mr Drummond-drummond@msj.bolton.sch.uk**

We wish our Year 11 the very best of luck in their forthcoming examinations. We are sure with all the support provided at home and the excellent teaching and interventions that are put in place in school, each student will achieve their potential.

Yours sincerely

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