



News

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A message from Miss Kennedy

Year 11 Results 2018

At St Joseph's we do whatever we can to ensure our students feel challenged and supported to achieve.

This summer we have delivered very good results – our best ever! This is a testament to the shared commitment of our students, their families and their teachers.

Ten subjects delivered top Grade 9s which is a great achievement for our subject leaders who worked so hard to establish the new GCSEs.

Our overall progress in school has moved forward once again and we are really pleased that St Joseph's has a three-year trend of improvement.

We believe that when the Government release the GCSE national scores, we will be above national averages for the progress of all students whatever their ability.

We believe every student counts and this is why all our scores are improving. Good luck to all of our Class of 2018 with their next steps.

Welcome to Year 7

I am very pleased to say what a great start Year 7 have made to their life at St Joseph's. They also look very smart in our new uniform. Well done to parents for preparing your sons and daughters for their new school. I look forward to learning all their names.

Miss Kennedy, Headteacher

Open Evening

Our Annual Open Evening is taking place on Thursday 20th September from 6pm. Guided tours from Years 10 and 11 will take place.

Top Ten Achievement Points

Place	Name	Year	Pts	Place	Name	Year	Pts
1	Will Pears	8	21	6	Brandan Winder	8	16
2	Kacper Wychowaniec	8	17	7	Harry Nixon	8	15
3	James Norman	8	17	8	Luke Goldwater	8	15
4	Anya Studholm	8	17	9	Olivia Bigrigg	7	15
5	Faith Askew	8	17	10	Lexie McDonald	7	15

Attendance

We would like our students to attend school every day, so that they maximise their learning and progress.

However, we do appreciate that there are occasions when absence is unavoidable. In many cases this will be unplanned e.g. a child is ill. Where this is the case then parents must phone school before 9.00am and explain the reason for absence. If this doesn't happen then school will contact you to seek the reason for absence. In other cases,

the absence will be planned, e.g. medical appointments, in which case parents should inform the school ahead of the absence to REQUEST time off. This can be done by completing an absence form – available on our website or from the pastoral office and returned to the Head of Year, along with their appointment card. We will contact parents if we need to query the appointment. Students should attend school prior to their appointment if it is after 10.00am and must sign out at the pastoral office. Following the appointment, they should return to school as soon as possible.

Punctuality

All students should arrive in school before 8.47am and be in their tutor rooms by 8.50am at the latest. If students arrive after this time, then they must enter the building by the double doors at the front of school, where they will be signed in and given a break time detention. Students who arrive after 9.10am will enter by reception and given a late slip. They must take this to the pastoral office to be registered and will be given a one-hour detention on Friday night.

If students fail to follow this procedure, then they may be deemed as 'missing' and so parents will receive a phone call from school as such.

Medical

Please be aware that our policy and procedures for 'supporting pupils with medical conditions' has been updated – a full copy of this can be found on our website. In summary, we are updating all of our Individual Healthcare Plans (IHCP) and so if your child has a medical condition which has been newly diagnosed or has recently changed, then please contact Paula.Reynolds@sjchs.uk and we will arrange a meeting to discuss your child's medical support needs.

We have also reviewed the procedure for administering medication and where this is required then we must have written consent from parents. The relevant forms and further information is available on the school website or from the office.

Uniform

We are delighted at how smart most of our students look in their school uniform on their return to St Joseph's. We will speak to parents individually where queries remain about what is and isn't acceptable, but it is important that we maintain our high standards throughout the year. Therefore, if your child experiences any difficulties in adhering to our uniform rules, then please ensure that they bring a note to their form tutor, so that we can support them in meeting our expectations.

Reducing our plastic waste

To continue our efforts to reduce our plastic waste, we have removed the single use water cups from the dining room. Students can either use their own water bottle or purchase a school water bottle from the dining room for £1.50.

Events this month

Monday 17th September	Wordsworth Trust Poetry Day with Year 11
Wednesday 19th September	'Feel the Hate' Theatre Performance for Year 9
Thursday 20th September	Open Evening
Saturday 22 September	Netball Tournament at West Lakes
Monday 24th September	Feast of St Padre Pio celebrated in school
Monday 24th September	Year 11 Pathways Assembly
Thursday 27 September	McMillan Coffee Morning

Please refer to our website for regular updates.