

Mount St. Joseph

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Dear parents & carers,

Re: GCSE examinations

As we approach the end of term for the Easter break, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our students, parents and carers for your continued support over this term. It has been especially good to see you at our consultation evenings to discuss your child's progress and the support we can all give them. Thank you to those parents and carers who attended the Eggs' 'am ready' event last night, we hope you found the information and resources useful to support your child. If you were unable to attend, you will find all the resources on our website under the Year 11 section.

At present our Year 11 students are working incredibly hard both in school and at home to prepare for their final GCSE examinations; the first of which is on the 1st May (although some practical exams will take place before this), the last exam being on the 18th June. Please note that all students must be available for exams until the contingency date of 25th June 2025 under exam regulations set out by Ofqual (the exams regulator).

We have already sent out the examination dates, please click the link for a reminder of the full GCSE timetable: [Year 11 GCSE Exam Timetable - Mount St Joseph Catholic School](#)

Yesterday all students received a copy of their personalised timetable. This timetable is also available to parents on the Arbor app. Please note that some students will sit practical examinations such as art, photography and music in the first week back after the Easter break.

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. School has formally entered all students into their relevant exams and with the correct exam board. It is important to note that school has to pay for every exam your child sits. With this in mind it is imperative that you discuss with your child the importance of attending every exam, on time and also their conduct whilst in exams. Any student who misses an exam or is removed from an exam due to their conduct, will be required to pay for that examination. To help with any questions around exams our students, parents and carers may have Ofqual have produced a student guide which is full of vital information.

The link to this is here: [What you need to know before your exams - GOV.UK](#)



Year 11 revision classes:

Please ensure that your child is creating a revision timetable and using the revision material that staff have provided over the Easter holidays in preparation for the examinations. There are also numerous revision classes to attend over the Easter break with their teachers to support the Year 11s. Notifications and reminders are sent out to invite students to the revision sessions below:

Saturday 5 th April	10am-12.30pm	Enterprise revision
Monday 7 th and 8 th April	10am-2pm	French and Spanish
Wednesday 9 th April	12pm-2pm	Health and social
Friday 11 th April	10am-3pm	Design and technology
Wednesday 16 th April	9am-12pm	Art and music
Thursday 17 th April	10am-1pm	History
Saturday 26 th April	10am-12pm	Maths

Please note that there will be more revision sessions at weekends and during May half term.

Leavers' celebrations

We would like to invite our parents and carers to join our leavers' mass **on Friday 23rd May 2025** at 11am- 12.30pm to celebrate our Year 11s five years at MSJ. We will send a further letter following the Easter break for parents and carers to confirm if they wish to attend. We have also have ordered celebratory leavers' hoodies and we will hold the 'Leavers Prom' on **Friday 11th July 2025** at The Bolton Stadium hotel, Horwich, Bolton. We have sent invites out to our Year 11 students who are eligible to attend the Prom.

Following the Easter break, we will send parents and carers a further letter to outline the revision timetable that all Year 11 students will follow in school from Wednesday 30th April 2025 in preparation for the first written GCSE exam on May 1st.

Please continue to check the school website along with emails and Arbor notifications for further information to support Year 11- [Year 11 - Mount St Joseph Catholic School](#)

If you have any questions please email the Head of Year 11 Miss Snape: CSnape@msj.STOCCAT.org.uk

The heads of year will also be sending you their year group newsletters to celebrate our students' successes over the last term and inform parents and carers of some of the many fantastic events that have been happening in our MSJ community.

We hope that you and your family have a safe, enjoyable and peaceful Easter. We look forward to welcoming our students back **on Tuesday 22nd April at 8.20am** via the Year 11 entrance.

Yours sincerely

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