

Mount St. Joseph

"A community of Learners, Believers and Friends"

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Dear year 6 students and parents and carers,

It was fantastic to see most of you on the transition days last week, and I wanted to congratulate you all on how mature and respectful you all were. It was lovely to see how hard working you are, and also some of the projects that you created over the two days. I am really looking forward to seeing you as a year 7 student and I know that the staff at school are also really excited. I know you will bring energy and enthusiasm to our school community of learners, believers and friends.

As your Head of Year in September; I will be making sure your move from your current school to Mount St Joseph is as smooth as possible. It is my job to work with all of the staff here at school to make sure you enjoy your move to secondary school. I expect that you will be feeling both excited and nervous about the upcoming change. That is absolutely normal and to be expected as you prepare to move schools. Many students feel this way every year, but once they join us, they quickly settle and start to think of MSJ as a second home. I hope you are starting to become excited by the many opportunities that await you, from our sports teams and creative art clubs, to poetry slams and student council.

We have three core values that we believe are key to our success. You will often hear us refer to them as our 3 R's values. These stand for Respect, Responsibility and Resilience. We do all we can to demonstrate these values in all that we do in our daily lives, and we expect you to aim to do the same.

The school joined the St Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Academy Trust in December and you will often hear the school refer to the Trust. The Trust support the school in many ways and are developing the opportunities available to our students. It has been an exciting period for our school, we hope our partnership continues to strengthen and our new families will see the benefits the Trust brings.

New start of term: September 2025

All students will return to school on **Wednesday 3rd September**. Please ensure your child arrives at 8.25am to start their first lesson of the day at 8.30am. Students continue to be encouraged to enter the back of the school building from the Minerva Road entrance adjacent to the bus turnaround, this has worked extremely well this year and has helped reduce traffic coming into Greenland Road. Staff will be there to assist all students on the first day of term.

Please could parents and carers continue to support keeping the students safe by not entering Greenland Road at the start and the end of the school day when students are entering or leaving school. Please note the school vehicles gates will be closed at the start and end of the school day.



We have also attached a supplementary letter regarding standards at Mount St Joseph, this includes attendance, punctuality, uniform, equipment, mobile phones and electronic devices and social media. Please take time to read this information and share this with your child.

I hope you are as excited about joining us as we are. We are really looking forward to seeing you again! If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to let me know rforsythe@msj.stoccat.org.uk

Enjoy your last few days at primary and enjoy a relaxing summer break.

Kind regards

Mrs Forsythe

Head of Year 7