

# Mount St. Joseph

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are now two weeks into the final full term of your child's secondary education, an important period as they prepare for their GCSE examinations. I am writing to emphasise how much the coming weeks will matter for our Year 11 students.

There are 48 school days remaining in this final full term. Each of these days matters. Every lesson provides valuable learning, focused revision, expert guidance from teachers, and opportunities for students to strengthen their confidence and exam skills.

Our Year 11 students have already shown remarkable commitment and resilience. From their first days in Reception, they have been building towards this moment, step by step, year by year. The effort they have invested over their entire school journey deserves to be honoured with a strong, consistent finish.

## **A message for our Year 11 students:**

This is your final full term before exams begin, and it is your chance to bring everything together. Every lesson you attend adds to your confidence, your knowledge, and your belief in what you can achieve. You have already done the hard work to get here, now is the time to stay focused, keep turning up, and give yourself the best possible opportunity to succeed. Every day in school is a step closer to your goals. After the February half term, you will sit your second set of Year 11 mock exams. It is very important that you attend school every day, so you are fully prepared and give yourself the best chance to do well. Colleges and apprenticeship providers will ask for your mock exam results as well as your attendance percentage, so good attendance really matters.

## **Attendance during this final term is crucial:**

We ask for your continued support in ensuring that your child attends school every day and arrives on time, unless they are genuinely unwell. This consistent routine can make a real and lasting difference to outcomes.

Please do take the time to share this letter with your child. Let them know how proud you are of what they have already achieved and encourage them to see these final weeks as their opportunity to bring everything together and show what they can do.

At school, we are fully committed to supporting every student academically and emotionally throughout this crucial period. With strong attendance, positive habits, and encouragement from both home and school, our Year 11 students are well placed to succeed.



Thank you for your continued support and partnership as we work together to help our students, your children, finish this final term with confidence and pride.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Draper  
Deputy Headteacher