

# Mount St. Joseph

"A community of Learners, Believers and Friends"

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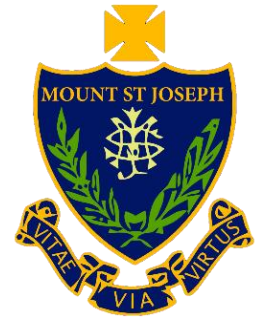
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Dear parents & carers,

## Re: GCSE examinations

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. Some of our students have already started to complete their practical GCSE exams in art, photography and music. We know that this can be an anxious and a stressful time for our Year 11s and we will support them in school as much as we can over the next eight weeks as we know you will at home.

We hope that you found the Year 11 consultation evenings in December and before the Easter break 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.

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 - [Examinations - Mount St Joseph Catholic School](#); we have also provided all students, parents and carers with a personalised exam timetable with the dates and times on for each student. This is also available on the Arbor app.

For information on GCSE grading, please refer to the Ofqual website, using this link: [Ofqual student guide to exams and assessments in 2026 - GOV.UK](#)

## Year 11 intervention and revision

As the GCSE exams start, Year 11 students will continue to attend school every day and remain in lessons with their subject teachers, who will prepare them for their exams, provide them with revision activities and exam techniques. Due to the successful completion of some courses, there will be some times 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 an exam 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:**

<https://forms.office.com/e/jTqtT9yUan>



Students must attend all sessions where their attendance is requested. Failure to do so will result in an absence mark and will put their prom invitation at risk.

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 2026 examination series is the **24<sup>th</sup> June 2026**.

This means that all Year 11 must be available to sit exams from the start of the exams in May until **24<sup>th</sup> June 2026**. 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 20<sup>th</sup> August 2026**. Students will be able to collect their results between 9.00 am and 11.00 am on this day.

### Leavers' mass:

We wrote to you before Easter, regarding the celebrations for the class of 2026. 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 22nd May at 11am- 12.30pm-please click the link below to complete the form if you would like to attend the mass.

[Year 11 leavers mass- May 22nd 2026](#)

Please continue to check the school website along with emails and Arbor notifications for further information to support Year 11.

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Miss Dale [FDale@msj.stoccat.org.uk](mailto:FDale@msj.stoccat.org.uk) or Mrs Clarke [KClarke@msj.stoccat.org.uk](mailto:KClarke@msj.stoccat.org.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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