

Year 10 Exam Timetable – Week 1

	1 915-10.05	2 10.05-10.55	3 11.15-12.05	4 12.05-12.55	5 1.50-2.40	6 2.40-3.30
Monday 27th March	Science + (Sep Science) Biology 1 hr (1 hr 15 mins) / Full Year		R.E. Judaism 50 mins / Full Year			
Tuesday 28th March	English 1 hr 45 mins / Full Year				French Listening & Reading (not in the hall) 1 hr 30 mins 25 pupils	
Wednesday 29th March	Maths 1 hr 30 mins / Full Year					GCSE P.E. Written Paper One 45 mins / 25 pupils plus Drama 10A in class
Thursday 30th March	Science + (Sep Science) Chemistry 1 hr (1 hr 15 mins) / Full Year					
Friday 31st March	Geography 1 hr 30 mins / 74 pupils		R.E. Philosophy & Ethics 30 mins / Full Year			GCSE P.E. Written Paper Two 45 mins / 25 pupils



ATTENDANCE MATTERS - The whole school attendance for the week commencing 13th March was **93.4%**. Congratulations to **Year 11 Miss Walsh** for achieving the highest attendance percentage out of all year groups and congratulations goes to this weeks' winner, **'Devereux'**, for achieving the highest house attendance, 3 out of the 5 houses achieving this. Also, **'a big well done'** this week goes to **11 Devereux** for the highest form attendance...**100%**! All year groups need to take special note of the attendance summary as research shows low attendance can lead to a drop in GCSE grade. **As we experience colder/wetter/windy weather, can pupils please bring coats to school to avoid getting ill and therefore not attending. Managers of Learning can always send children home if they are too ill to be in school.**

Year	Bernadette	Devereux	King	Kolbe	Romero	Teresa	Vincent	Yr.Average
7	90.0	98.7	92.3	94.6	87.9	90.0		92.2
8	96.0	87.0	93.5	99.3	94.8	91.7		93.7
9	88.5	96.4	96.7	89.2	90.5	96.9		93.0
10	89.2	98.5	95.0	87.7	96.4	88.3	95.4	92.9
11	93.5	100	93.5	94.8	94.8	96.9	91.0	94.9
Family Average	91.4	96.1	94.2	93.1	92.8	92.7	93.2	

Attendance	95%	90%	85%	80%
Number of days lost learning in an academic year	9.5	19	28.5	38
Number of lessons lost learning for a 6 period day	57	114	171	228

Is 95% attendance good? This means that your child has still missed nearly 10 school days in one year. Over five years that would be nearly 50 days, this is almost a school term. Research suggests that '17 missed school days a year equals a drop in a grade in GCSE achievement' - DfE



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Regular Information from the St Joseph's Community

Our theme this week is...

FORGIVENESS

Forgiveness

Open our eyes, Lord, especially if they are half shut because we are tired of looking, or half open because we fear to see too much, or bleared with tears because of yesterday and today and tomorrow are filled with the same pain, or contracted because we only look at what we want to see.

Open our eyes, Lord, to gently scan the life we lead, the home we have, the world we live in, and so to find among the things that hold us back and greyness in our lives, signs of hope we can fasten on and encourage.

Lord, give us a bigger vision of what you can do, even in hopeless situations or when all seems lost.

A reading from Luke's Gospel, 1:76-79

And you, my child, will be called a prophet of the Most High; for you will go ahead of the Lord to prepare the way for him, to give his people the knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins, because of the tender mercy of our God, by which the rising sun will come to us from heaven to shine on those living in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the path of peace.

We pray: *Loving Father, you have so much love for us that sometimes we fail to see it. You tell us through your holy words that you love us so much that no matter what we do, nothing can separate us from that love you have for us. We choose to turn from you at times and make mistakes; we fall and don't always do things that please you. Right now I place into your hands the things that I'd like to be forgiven for.*

O God, because you are so good, I am very sorry that I have sinned against you, but with the help of your grace I will not sin again. Amen.

We travel through Lent as forgiven people, lifting our faces towards the light. Let us walk together in hope and faith.



Up & Coming Events:

Reconciliation Services in RE.

Year 10 Exams Week 1

28th March

- SVP Prayers, Cakes & Coffee, 1 pm, St Anthony's

29th March

- GCSE PE moderation

30th March

- GCSE Art Exam

30th March

- GCSE Art Exam

- MFL Spelling Bee Final

31st March

- GCSE Art Exam

Journey to Sanctuary

Last week in school, we hosted a special exhibition from Lee House Exhibitions called 'Journey to Sanctuary'. It is a sensory walk through a series of 8 small rooms telling the story of a refugee's journey using visuals, projectors and lights as well as headsets that talk the pupils through what is happening.

The story starts off with them at home, then war breaking out and fleeing to a refugee camp. They then encounter people smugglers and pay someone to get them to safety. Travelling in the back of a truck in total darkness they then find themselves at immigration, prison and eventually adjusting to life in a strange country without their family.

Pupils went through the exhibition in small groups during RE lessons then were invited to write a message of hope for refugees on the postcards provided by CAFOD.

The feedback from pupils has been amazing with many commenting on how moving and sad the story was. For some, it is the first time they have thought about the story behind the newspaper headlines and we hope it has stimulated a sense of empathy and has deepened pupils' understanding of the real plight of refugees across the world.



Cakes and Classics

The Cakes and Classics book club met on Thursday to discuss *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen. It was great to discuss the text and enjoy some lovely homemade cakes (especially Leah's marvellous creations - Jaffa Cake cupcakes!).

The next book that we will be discussing is 'Alice's Adventures in Wonderland' by Lewis Carroll.

If anyone is interested in joining the book club (and also sampling some of the finest baking at St. Josephs!) please see Miss Prunty in Room 27 for more details.



Boys' Football Result

On Friday 10th March our Year 7 Boys' Football Team played St James' in the first round of the town cup. Sadly we didn't get the result we wanted but the lads were great and narrowly lost in a very close and muddy cup tie! Massive thanks to Mr McVey for refereeing and for Mrs Horridge coming down to watch in some very fashionable wellies!

Result: St Joseph's 2 - St James' 3

Players of the match were **Bobby Brownlee** and **Liam Shirley** (7 Devereux)



Girls' Football Result

Latest Year 7 & 8 Girls' Football Team results:

15/03/2017

St Joseph's 8 – ESSA Academy 0

Player of the match - Annabel Edge (7 Bernadette)

22/03/2017

St Joseph's 4 – ESSA Academy 1

