

## LUNCH MONEY CHEQUES

Due to the introduction of our new catering providers, Mellors, please ensure that all lunch money cheques are now made payable to:

### Mellors Catering Services

Thank you



# St Joseph's News

Roman Catholic High School  
& Sports College

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Regular Information from the St Joseph's Community

## PSA

Due to unforeseen circumstances the PSA meeting scheduled for Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September had to be postponed and will now take place on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, the meeting will start at 7.00 pm.

All parents are automatic members of the PSA and new faces are always more than welcome. If you are able to attend, please come along on Monday.

rewarding events parents  
community  
staff pupils ideas



Our theme this week is...

HARVEST



### Up & Coming Events:

- 3<sup>rd</sup> October**  
- PSA Meeting, 7 pm  
School Hall
- 4<sup>th</sup> October**  
- Open Day and Evening
- 6<sup>th</sup> October**  
- Year 10 Theatre Production – Chelsea's Choice
- 7<sup>th</sup> October**  
- Harvest Fast Day

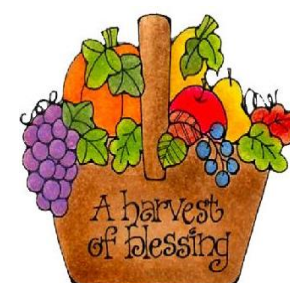
When God created the universe, he made a garden for us, "The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and care for it." (Genesis chapter 2: verse 15).

Gardening can be like farming in miniature. Farmers grow fruit and vegetables in large quantities for our tables and kitchens. Gardeners grow not just beautiful flowers, but fruit and vegetables too, only usually in smaller quantities! Autumn is a favourite time for gardeners because they're able to harvest the fruit and vegetables that they've been patiently tending for many months. They've waited for exactly the right time to dig up or cut down their crops.

Every gardener knows that patience is very important. Harvesting too soon would mean that the crops were not fully grown or properly ripened, but harvesting too late would result in them going rotten and being wasted.

Sometimes it's important for us to be patient and wait for the right time for things to happen. The Jews have been waiting centuries for God to send another saviour like their greatest king, King David. Christians believe that God has already sent him, Jesus of Nazareth, except God thinks in bigger ways than humans. He sent his Son to save *all* humanity, not just the Jews, and to save us from our own misdeeds not just warring neighbours, and so make us fit for *his* perfect kingdom - eternity - not just an earthly kingdom!

Being patient is a challenge, but like slow growing fruit and vegetables, growing in patience helps us grow in wisdom and maturity and helps make us fit for heaven.



**ATTENDANCE MATTERS** - The whole school attendance for last week was **95.7%**. Congratulations to **Year 7** and **Mrs Horridge** for achieving the highest attendance percentage out of the all year groups. Congratulations to **7 Teresa, Mr Calderbank and Mrs Horridge** achieving an outstanding 100% attendance! Congratulations 'Kolbe' for achieving the highest house attendance.

Year	Bernadette	Devereux	King	Kolbe	Romero	Teresa	Vincent	Yr.Average
7	91.3	98.3	97.9	99.7	97.2	100		97.4
8	98.0	91.6	95.9	98.7	91.3	92.3		94.6
9	95.2	90.1	96.5	99.1	96.7	97.7		95.8
10	95.2	93.1	95.0	91.7	98.8	96.1	96.4	95.1
11	93.5	92.4	98.4	96.2	97.6	96.9	93.3	95.4
Family Average	94.6	93.1	96.7	97.0	96.3	96.6	94.8	

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



## Open Day and Open Evening - Tuesday 4th October

This is an invitation for children and parents to come and see what a fantastic Catholic School St Joseph's is.

The school will be open to visitors from 10:00am until 2:30pm when you will have the opportunity to experience life at St Joseph's in action. Guided tours will last approximately 45 minutes. There is no need to make an appointment, but a call or email to the school in advance would assist with our scheduling for the day.



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The school will also be open to visitors from 5:00pm - 7:30pm when there will be opportunity for you to visit all departments across the school and for your sons and daughters to take part in many activities. The Headteacher's formal presentation and talk will take place in the School Hall and pupils, teachers, Heads of Department and Senior Leadership Team will be available to answer any questions you may have about any aspect of school life at St Joseph's.



## Information, Advice & Guidance Evening (Careers)



St Joseph's annual IAG (Careers evening) was on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2016. The annual Information Advice & Guidance Evening (Careers) marks the beginning for our Year 11s post 16 journey. Pupils greatly appreciated the evening which was attended by more than 20 local employers and organisations. Students and their parents were able to seek out advice from local companies, armed forces and training providers about options post 16 now that all teenagers must stay in education or training until they reach 18.

St Joseph's is indebted to everyone for taking the time to come and offer pupils information, advice and guidance throughout the evening.



### YEAR 11 Mock Interviews

Year 11 Mock Interviews takes place over **three evenings** in **October (Monday 17<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>)**. Mock interviews are an essential element in developing the skills and qualities needed by young people for their career planning and management. A mock interview can provide a realistic experience for the pupil: learning about the importance of interviews, etiquette, and also learning the basic steps and techniques for preparing and having a successful interview.

Students have to produce three pieces of paperwork:

- ✓ CV
- ✓ Cover letter
- ✓ Application form



These need to be in to Mrs Hancock by Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October at the latest

### YEAR 10 Work Experience – 26<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017

**Launch date for Work Experience will be towards the end of October**

Work experience provides many benefits, giving pupils the skills and experience that will help them to stand out to potential employers as well as helping them to choose the right sector to work in. The benefits of work experience for pupils can be substantial. Research carried out by the Education and Employers Taskforce charity found that those who did work placements while at school earned an average of £900 a year more by their early twenties than those who did not. A good placement makes young people more realistic and able to make informed career choices. It helps the young person develop the skills employers are looking for and the benefits are not limited to one industry. It helps pupils to prepare for getting up every day, going into work, and doing the routine elements of work. There is also the more immediate impact on the pupils, one that is often visible in the immediate aftermath of pupils' work experience. They come back into school focused and become noticeably more mature.

Schools or work experience organisers will normally visit the workplace before the placement, checking the environment is suitable, that the tasks the young people will be required to do are reasonable, that Health & Safety regulations are followed and that employers' insurance is adequate. Employees do not generally need to be checked for any criminal records.



### Football Results

This week saw Year 7, 8, 9 & 10 boy's football teams play Little Lever High School, results as follows:

<b>Year 7</b> St Joseph's <b>3</b> - Little Lever <b>0</b>	<b>Year 8</b> St Joseph's <b>3</b> - Little Lever <b>1</b>
<b>Year 9</b> St Joseph's <b>3</b> - Little Lever <b>10</b>	<b>Year 10</b> St Joseph's <b>3</b> - Little Lever <b>3</b>



### Girls Hockey

This week the girls' hockey teams played St James' High School, results as follows:

**Year 7**  
St Joseph's **4** - St James' **2**

**Year 8**  
St Joseph's **2** - St James' **5**

**Years 10/11**  
St Joseph's **2** - St James' **4**

All girls played extremely well. Their next match is against Canon Slade, results to follow.