

YEAR 11 RESPECT DAY

The aim and purpose of the Respect Day is to allow pupils the opportunity to reflect upon how they can show respect for themselves and for others in all areas of life. They will undertake sessions focusing on issues such as 'Self Esteem/Body Image', 'Healthy Lifestyles' 'Healthy Diet', 'Relationships' & 'Drugs & Alcohol Misuse'. These activities will be based in a variety of curriculum areas and St Joseph's staff throughout the day. The day will begin with a community assembly and conclude with a short liturgy reflecting on the theme of 'Knowing Your Value'. Pupils will also be given the opportunity to complete an evaluation in order to reflect upon their learning and experiences.

As pupils were unable to have their own clothes day a few weeks ago because of their mock exams, pupils will be allowed to **attend in their own clothes**. Pupils who choose to attend in their own clothes **are asked to bring in £1**. Regulations regarding own clothes are the same as usual: no make-up, false tan, earrings, piercings or jewellery to be worn; no leggings UNLESS a long shirt, cardigan or jumper is mid-thigh length; no strappy vests, low tops, backless or 'cut out' T-shirts to be worn; no 'midriffs' showing; no shorts of any kind; no hats to be worn in school - if worn on the yard the face must be clearly visible; no hair colourings, extreme hairstyles or hair gel to be worn; no onesies; BOYS - no low slung trousers.

We will expect the **highest standards of behaviour** from all pupils. All pupils will also need to bring their **full PE Kit**.

We thank you in advance for your continued support of our school's expectations and the opportunities that we aim to offer our pupils in order to fulfil our School's Mission Statement. We do hope your child is excited by the prospect of this day which we hope will be an enriching and rewarding experience for them.



ATTENDANCE MATTERS - The whole school attendance for the week commencing 21st November was **95.0%**. Congratulations to **Year 11** and **Miss Walsh** for achieving the highest attendance percentage out of all year groups and congratulation goes to '**Bernadette**' for achieving the highest house attendance. Also, a big 'well done' to 7 Romero for the highest attendance this week. **As we move into 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	96.6	97.3	96.9	99.0	99.2	90.7		96.6
8	98.0	97.8	96.3	91.0	96.2	91.0		95.0
9	98.1	98.2	90.4	86.3	90.7	99.0		93.7
10	96.0	91.9	96.8	90.4	95.6	92.2	83.8	92.3
11	98.3	99.0	91.6	98.7	98.1	98.5	95.2	97.0
Family Average	97.4	96.8	94.4	93.0	95.9	94.2	89.5	

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...

Joy (Advent)

Peace and Advent Light

"The people walking in darkness have seen a great light on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned", Isaiah 9:2

Advent is always a season of light and dark. As it begins the days get shorter, less and less daylight till the shortest day itself. Then as the feast approaches, slowly the light increases again as we make our way to spring.

Our homes are often decorated with lights as a sign and symbol of God's light coming into the world.
How will you shine this season?

The dark days can sometimes be dark times for us. The lack of sunlight affects us all in different ways. The Catholic tradition teaches us about the on-going battle between darkness and light in our lives and in the world at large. We are encouraged to pray for protection and to invoke the angels care as our guardians.

So this week, let us pray this traditional childhood prayer of peace and comfort:

*Angel of God, my guardian dear,
to whom God's love commits me here,
ever this day, be at my side,
to light and guard, rule and guide. Amen.*



Up & Coming Events:

5th December

- PSA Christmas Fair Meeting, 6-7pm

7th December

- Year 11 Respect Day
- Year 11 Own Clothes Day - £1 payment for the Christmas Fair
- Year 8 Parents' Evening

8th December

- Salford 100 Life Saving Championship

9th December

- Year 9 Interim Reports Home

Sport News

Basketball



St Joseph's Year 7 Basket Ball Team played their first match against Canon Slade on Monday night.

They performed very well against a much more experienced team. We Lost 53 - 19 but the lads learnt a great deal and thoroughly enjoyed the game.

Hockey

Our Year 8 girls won their section on Thursday night to go through to the semi-finals in which they beat Turton High School 1 - 0 with a last second goal from **Nuala Bleackley**.

They then, unfortunately, lost out to a strong Thornleigh A team side 0 - 2.

All girls were a credit to the school and played with true Joey spirit!



Well done to everybody who took part.

Blue or Pink Day

As part of the Diocesan charity, Caritas, the St Joseph's Youth SVP has held a Blue or Pink Day to support the Bolton Mother and Baby Unit.

Caritas runs two residential homes in Blackburn and Bolton providing young mothers and their children with a family atmosphere within a nurturing, safe, secure and supportive environment.

Pupils in Years 7, 8 and 9 were involved in wearing a Blue or Pink accessory on Wednesday 30th November for a donation to support this charity. £250 was raised, under a match-funding programme, meaning the Mother and Baby Unit will receive £500 in total.



FAMILY SELFIE!!

Thank you to all those who have already sent their selfie, if you haven't yet sent one, please email a family selfie to chaplaincy@st-josephs.bolton.sch.uk by the end of this week for our Family Carol Service on Tuesday 13th December .

Many thanks, Hannah (School Chaplain)
and Mrs Tillotson (Art Teacher)

**BUT FIRST,
LET ME TAKE A
#SELFIE**



Thanks again for your continued support so far with items already donated.

Next week is the final week for collecting items for the fair. Students are asked to bring in chocolate for the Chocolate Tombola Stall. Students can still bring in groceries, toiletries and bottles as well (all donations will be gratefully received).

On **Wednesday 7th December there will be a 'non-uniform' day for Year 11.** Students are asked to pay £1 to wear their own clothes. Money collected will be used to purchase items for the Christmas Fair. Normal own clothes day rules apply: no make-up, false tan, earrings, piercings or jewellery to be worn; no leggings UNLESS a long shirt, cardigan or jumper is mid-thigh length; no strappy vests, low tops, backless or 'cut out' T-shirts to be worn; no 'midriffs' showing; no shorts of any kind; no hats to be worn in school - if worn on the yard the face must be clearly visible; no hair colourings, extreme hairstyles or hair gel to be worn; no onesies; BOYS - no low slung trousers. .

Grand Raffle - we still have tickets available for anyone wishing to purchase additional books of raffle tickets. Prizes include iPad Mini, 43" TV, overnight stay at the Lancashire Manor Hotel, pair of classic Ugg boots, plus many more.

There will be prizes for the students and forms who sell the most tickets. 7Kolbe are still in the lead having sold the most tickets so far. Money and ticket stubs should be returned to school by Friday 9th December.

The next meeting of the **PSA Christmas Fair working party** will be at 6.00pm on Monday 5th December in school, all welcome. If you are able to attend, please come along on the night.

Clothes Show 2016

Students from Years 9 and 10, along with three members of staff will be travelling down to the NEC, Birmingham to attend the 'The Clothes Show' which takes place this Friday.

The one stop destination for all things fashion & beauty, where the line-up of brands, fashion experts, catwalks & live performances are more unique than ever before.

Adding to the experience, pupils can take a seat at one of the in-show catwalks; the Discovered Catwalk & the Style Studio, to get your fix of the hottest new trends, interviews with leading fashion designers & industry experts and see hair & make up demonstrations.

It really is the perfect day out.

