

YEAR 7 WELCOME DAY

All our Year 7 pupils will be participating in their Year 7 Welcome Day on 20th September. This will be a whole day off timetable where pupils are given the opportunity to do learn more about "Becoming a Joey". We are really looking forward to this day and getting to know more about the pupils that have joined us in Year 7 through a range of different activities.



Following the Year 7 Welcome Day, we would like to invite parents/carers to our Year 7 Mass of Welcome where all pupils will contribute towards the celebration of the Mass. This is a lovely way to end the day for the pupils and come together as a community to welcome our Year 7 to St. Joseph's.

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.

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.



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Our theme this week is...

Sacrifice



Up & Coming Events:

20th September

- Reward Trip to Blackpool, Years 8 – 11
- Year 7 Mass of Welcome, 7:30pm

Sacrifices - It's the little BIG things that count.

We all make sacrifices every day. We have had a fantastic summer of sport this year and I invite you to ponder for a moment the sacrifices that Team GB athletes competing in this year's Olympics and Paralympics have made through their life. Perhaps family gatherings they have missed due to a rigorous training schedule, no 'Cheeky Nandos' with friends, less time with loved ones, continuous physical and mental energies, early mornings and constant dedication to ensure they are as prepared as they can be in order to represent Great Britain on a global stage. A huge honour but one that came with huge sacrifices.

However, sacrifices aren't always about bettering our own lives or perusing our dreams.

This week's Gospel is from Luke (16:19-31). It's a difficult message to hear but it is a parable many people think about in terms of serving the poor. In this passage, we hear about Lazarus, the man who spent much of his life hungry and poor and living in stark contrast to a rich man nearby. Eventually, Lazarus was taken into Abraham's arms by the angels whilst the rich man was sent to Hades, a place of pain and torment.



The rich man called out asking Lazarus to help him but Abraham said, 'My child, remember when you lived? You had all the good things in life, but all the bad things happened to Lazarus. Now Lazarus is comforted here, and you are suffering.' As Lazarus got no help from the rich man during his life on earth, the rich man received nothing now.

Think about these people, who might Lazarus represent in our world today? People who are left out, the poor, those struggling, people in our communities who feel outcast and isolated. Perhaps the sick, elderly or lonely. In our world today, Lazarus could be a refugee or the homeless. Maybe someone in school who is a little bit different or unique.

Your challenge this week is to pray for these people and perhaps make a special effort to not be like the rich man but to help those people around us, in whatever way we can. Making little sacrifices that make a big difference to someone else such as giving our time, giving money to charity or offering our prayers for those in need.

Football Results

On Thursday 15th September, 44 students represented St Joseph's for their first time in the annual 'Season Opener' against Bolton School. Several members of staff went along to cheer the teams on and reported they all played magnificently, showing true team spirit.

The results were as follows:

- A St Joseph's 1 - Bolton School 4**
- B St Joseph's 7 - Bolton School 2**
- C St Joseph's 0 - Bolton School 4**
- D St Joseph's 3 - Bolton School 2**

Well done to all who took part! We look forward to a successful season ahead.

Reminder: Football practice takes place for Year 11 on Tuesday, Year 7 on Wednesday, Year 8 on Thursday and Year 9/10 on Friday. All practices take place weekly, in the Dome, from 1:10-1:35pm.



Information Advice & Guidance Evening Year 11

Thursday 29th September 2016



All students in Year 11 are invited to attend an Information Advice & Guidance Evening on **Thursday 29th September 2016, 6pm-8pm in the school Hall.**

Representatives from a range of colleges, sixth forms, training and apprenticeships providers and business professions will be present to speak to students, and their parents, on a one-to-one basis and share their knowledge and experience

Students will be able to find out more about a particular career and any qualifications and training required.

The evening will be a good opportunity for students to get ideas about what they can do now to help them stand out from the crowd and maximise their chances in future university or employment applications.



Mock Interviews Evenings Year 11

Monday 17th/Tuesday 18th/Wednesday 19th October 2016

All students in Year 11 will have the opportunity to take part in our annual Mock Interview Scheme on the above dates to help them practice and be prepared for future interviews.

St Joseph's Mock Interview Scheme provides a professional one-on-one opportunity for all Year 11 pupils to practice their interview and resume writing skills with a member of the business community.

In the past we've had over 40 members from the business community help out with Mock Interviews. The mock interview questions are skill/behavioural centred and are general interview type questions. The students are given immediate verbal and written feedback from the business member regarding their interview performance, resume, and their professional dress.

All students are expected to produce three copies of a CV, cover letter and application form, students will be helped with this process in tutorial, home and through careers department,

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



Notice!!!

connexions

office has now moved next door to the school's LRC.

Mrs K Garner from the Connexions Careers Service will be in every Monday and Tuesday

Sample Questions could be:

What are your strengths?

What are your weaknesses?

Where do you see yourself in 10 years?

What type of skills can you offer an employer?

What are some key points on your resume you'd like to share?

What type of classes have you taken that will help you in a career?

List 5 traits you believe a successful employee should have.