

Year 11 Mock Exam Timetable
w/c: 21st November 2016

	AM	PM
21/11/16	English Language Paper 1	RE Unit 3
22/11/16	Maths Paper 1 non-calculator	Core & Separate Science Biology
23/11/16	English Language Paper 2 & Law Unit 2	Core & Separate Science Chemistry
24/11/16	French Listening & French Reading	Core & Separate Science Physics
25/11/16	Maths Paper 2 Calculator & Geography Paper 1	Law Paper 1

Full details are available on the school website.

Year 9 Ski Course - 2018

A recent parental survey was taken which gave parents three options for the 2018 Ski Course. In reply we had over 70 responses and a staggering 91% came back choosing a Boston/New York trip at a cost of £1300.



The trip will be launched next week with priority for Year 9 pupils. If parents have any queries they can contact Mr M Woods at school: mwoods@st-josephs.bolton.sch.uk

ATTENDANCE MATTERS - The whole school attendance for the week commencing 7th November was **94%**. Congratulations to **Year 8** and **Miss Dougan** for achieving the highest attendance percentage out of all year groups and congratulation again goes to **'Devereux'** for achieving the highest house attendance for the third week running, **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	90	98.6	90.7	91	98.5	93.3		93.6
8	91.7	94.1	94.8	98.3	96.2	94		94.8
9	93.1	95.4	95.8	88.8	89.7	92.7		92.5
10	100	99.6	96.4	90	94.4	92.6	89.2	94.6
11	93	99	93.2	97	92.4	98.5	88	94.4
Family Average	93.5	97.3	94.1	93.0	94.2	94.2	88.6	

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



St Joseph's News

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Regular Information from the St Joseph's Community

Our theme this week is...

Hope (Advent)

'Twas the Beginning of Advent

Our theme this week is Hope as we look forward to the Season of Advent starting this Sunday.

*'Twas the beginning of Advent and all through the Church
Our hope was all dying – we'd given up on the search.
It wasn't so much that Christ wasn't invited,
But after 2000 plus years, we were no longer excited.*

*Oh, we knew what was coming – no doubt about that.
And that was the trouble – it was all "old hat".
November brought the first of an unending series of pains
With carefully orchestrated, advertising campaigns.*

*There were gadgets and dolls and all sorts of toys.
Enough to impress the most devout girls and boys.
Unfortunately, it seemed, no one was completely exempt
From this seasonal virus that did all of us tempt.*

*A baby, it seems, once had been born
In the mid-east somewhere, on that first Holy day morn
But what does that mean for folks like us,
Who've lost ourselves in all of this fuss?*

*Can we re-learn the art of wondering and waiting?
Of hoping and praying, and anticipating?
Can we let go of all the things and the stuff?
Can we open our hands and our hearts long enough?
Can we open our eyes and open our ears?
Can we find Him again after all of these years;
Will this year be different from all the rest?
Will we be able to offer Him all of our best?*



Up & Coming Events:

Year 11 Mock Exams
All Week

24th November

- 5:30pm Ski Course Meeting

25th November

- Own Clothes Day - £1 donation to Christmas Fair

#Family Selfie

Please, don't forget to send in your family selfies before the end of November - the more we receive the better!

All selfies will be printed in black and white and displayed as part of our Carol Service only.

Email photos to:
chaplaincy@st-josephs.bolton.sch.uk

St Joseph's
Catholic High School,
Horwich

Tuesday 13th December
at 7pm

All welcome

Please contact the
School reception:
01204 697456

Parish & Family
Carol Service



REVIVE

REVIVE is a charity based in Salford and Manchester whose purpose is to provide emergency food and clothing to refugees arriving in our country. St Joseph's hold a twice yearly collection for food and we ask the pupils and staff to contribute what they can over two terms.

Recently, Mr McVey took our latest collection of goodies over to the Manchester depot. They were absolutely delighted to receive our donation. Thank you to all who donated.

Cymraeg

UCAS
Progress

www.ucasprogress.com

Please make sure you apply for colleges/sixth forms using the online application site.



A troupe of 70 pupils and staff members travelled to The Lowry Theatre on Wednesday night to enjoy an incredibly entertaining performance of Blood Brothers.

The pupils were absolutely fantastic and the evening was enjoyed by all. Thank you to staff and pupils; it was a privilege sharing this musical evening with you all.



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

Next week students are asked to bring in non-alcoholic bottles for the Bottle Tombola. Donations of alcoholic drinks are welcomed but parents/guardians are asked to drop these off at the School Reception. Students can still bring in chocolates, toiletries, groceries as well (all donations will be gratefully received).

On **Friday 18th November** all students were given two books of 5 tickets for the Grand Raffle to take home and sell. More tickets are available from the school office should anybody require them, there are prizes for the students and forms who sell the most tickets. Money and ticket stubs should be returned to school by **Friday 9th December**.

We will be holding a 'non-uniform day' on **Friday 25th November** when students can 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: as always, 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.

Golden Whisk Competition

Exciting Mellors Catering News...

Alison, one of our brilliant catering ladies, has entered Mellors Golden Whisk Competition. This is our inter-unit cookery competition.

Her entry dish, **Luscious Lemon Cake**, has been shortlisted onto the finalist list. Alison has the chance to go through to the final and present her dish to the Senior Mellors team panel judges. There will be one finalist from the West side of the catering operation and one finalist from the East side of the operation.

We're all rooting for Alison and St Joseph's, we'll keep you posted - please, everyone wish her lots of luck ☺

