

- As an 'Ensemble Member you can attend as many of ensemble groups as you wish every week provided that you are of the appropriate standard. Out teachers will advise you on which groups are suitable for you.
- The annual membership fee is £15 per months, over 9 months, payable by Direct Deb it. You can, if you wish, pay the full annual membership (£135) at the start of the year.
- For those families with more than 1 child involved we have a sibling discount; brothers and sisters pay only £6 per month.
- If you are already paying Bolton Music Service directly for lessons or musical instrument hire, you can add this membership fee (£15 per month) onto your existing Direct Debit.
- If you only attend the beginner/training ensembles there will be no charge. We want as many children as possible to experience the fun of playing in a band, or singing in a choir, at an early age as this encourages them to make good progress.
- Please contact Bolton Music Service on 01204 333533 to become a member.
- We have a number of free places for children on free school meals - please enquire about these bursaries if appropriate.



### PHYSICAL EDUCATION EXTRA-CURRICULAR TIMETABLE

	1:10 – 1:35 pm	3:30
Monday - Sports Hall/Field/Yard	Year 7 Badminton (MBS)	Rugby Fixtures (MBS)
Monday - Dome	Hockey - all years (SW)	Netball - team practice (SW)
Tuesday - Sports Hall/Field/Yard	Netball - all years (KH)	Staff meeting
Tuesday - Dome	Year 11 Football (MBS)	
Wednesday - Sports Hall/Field/Yard	Year 8 Badminton (MBS)	Netball & Football Fixtures
Wednesday - Dome	Year 7 Football (RC)	-
Thursday - Sports Hall/Field/Yard	Gymnastics (BOH)	*Jujitsu/Self-Defence - all years (MBS)
Thursday - Dome	Year 8 Football (RC)	Hockey - all years (BOH)
Friday - Sports Hall/Field/Yard	Dance (BOH)	-
Friday - Dome	Year 9/10 Football (MBS)	-

\*Jujitsu starting 22<sup>nd</sup> September



#### Lunchtime Clubs



There is no requirement to bring kit for lunch clubs. These are open to all pupils in the allocated year group.

You MUST wear appropriate footwear for each club. You will not be allowed to participate in your school shoes.

Have your lunch before attending any clubs. If you require an early lunch, please see a member of the PE department who will give you a pass which must be given to the lunch time supervisor.



### Our theme this week is...

## Education



#### Up & Coming Events:

**13<sup>th</sup> September**  
- Year 11, Richard McCann speech - 2:15, school hall

**14<sup>th</sup> September**  
- Year 8 – 11  
Masses of Welcome

**15<sup>th</sup> September**  
- Year 8 – 11  
Masses of Welcome

### 'All are Welcome'

The theme of the week in school next week is Education as this Sunday is Education Sunday, a day of celebration for all those involved in the world of education. For over a century it has been part of an ecumenical celebration in which the Catholic Church participates and this year, for the first time, it falls at the start of the academic year. Reflecting on this week's readings, the theme for Education Sunday 2016 is "All are welcome".

Education Sunday is an opportunity for schools and parishes to come together to celebrate and give thanks for all the students, teachers, support staff and volunteers who work so hard in and for Catholic schools. It is also a chance for us all to remember that our churches and schools must have open doors to all, and that we must go out of those doors to meet all with Christ's love.

We are not created by God to live in isolation. Through our church and school communities, we share a network of relationships and experiences which find fullest expression in communion - God's gift to all of us. It is vital that we welcome and value every person in our community as part of God's plan for the world. Indeed, in Saint Paul's letter to the Romans, he says "Just as each of our bodies has several parts and each part has a separate function, so all of us, in union with Christ, form one body, and as parts of it we belong to each other."

Saint Paul's message is as relevant to us today as it was to the Romans in the first century. Part of celebrating the many parts of our school community is recognising the gifts and talents we ourselves have been given by God. Our gifts are many and varied. Perhaps you are particularly good at listening to a friend having a hard day, or remembering to say hello to strangers visiting the school.

Education is a crucial point of encounter for all of us, as through learning and praying together, we come to understand and rejoice in the diversity and difference in our schools, and in the world.



## A NEW ACADEMIC YEAR

A warm welcome back to students, staff and parents as we begin 2016-17 together at St Joseph's. We look forward to another wonderful year of learning together, celebrating together and worshipping together as a school community. Congratulations to our Year 11 leavers on their fantastic GCSE results, good luck to our current Year 11 and a very special welcome to our new Year 7 students who have joined us this week.

I will write to you formally next week with further details of our year ahead.

Mr Woods

### Year 7

Our new Year 7s have made an amazing start to their time at St Joseph's. They have settled in well and have made a fabulous first impression with pupils and staff alike. They have been great so far and all look so smart!

Mrs Horridge



Retreat Dates

Year 11	Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> - Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> November 2016
Year 8	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> January 2017
Year 9	Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> February 2017
Year 10	Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May 2017

**Calling all Youth!**  
Would like to see Youth events in Sacred Heart Parish Westhoughton?  
Bowling  
Social events  
Film and popcorn Evening  
Football competitions  
Come along to a meeting to share your ideas after the 6pm Mass on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September  
Have your say...

### Fairtrade

Over the summer break St Joseph's has been re awarded 'FairAchiever' Fairtrade School Status Award. This is the highest award achievable and means that the school has fully embedded Fairtrade into our daily life and work to raise awareness of Fairtrade in our local community.



## Welcome Back!

It's so lovely to see all of our pupils and staff, new and old return to St Josephs after a restful and happy summer. There have been some changes in school over the summer, as well as a new ICT room and Library, our School Chapel has undergone a great transformation. Looking fresher and feeling calm, it is a space we hope pupils and staff will cherish. A place they can go for a moment of stillness and to stop occasionally throughout the busy school day.

There is lots going on in Chaplaincy so why not come and have a look:

**Tuesday Lunch** the SVP group meet to plan their next fundraiser, create opportunities to raise awareness of local causes and charities and to organise their monthly Prayer, Coffee and Cake group which takes place in St Anthony's Chapel for the local community and Parishioners on the last Tuesday of every month.

**Wednesday Lunch** there is a Mid-Week Medi group. All pupils and staff are invited to come and pause for 15 minutes of still and quiet meditation. This will also incorporate 'Quiet Minds' a wonderful strategy being used across school and particularly in form time to encourage our pupils to incorporate moments of reflection and stillness throughout their day.

**Thursday Lunch** there is a drama group run by some of our Yr11 Pupil Chaplains. Looking at the Gospel reading of the week, groups of pupils recreate the Gospel message through a style of drama whether that be Comedy, News report, Cowboy and Western or even Opera. It's great fun and the pupils thoroughly enjoyed it as well as learning more about the Gospel Values and how to listen and understand God's Word.

**Friday Lunch** there is a quiz available for pupils to complete. Something linked to our theme of the week and a good opportunity to make new friends and learn an obscure fact or two.

There are also Prayer groups that meet throughout the year such as the Rosary Club (October and May) and there is an invitation to everyone throughout Lent to pray the Stations of the Cross.

In addition, we have a great residential retreat program in school where pupils have the opportunity to go to Savio House Salesian Retreat Centre in Bollington with their year group and participate in a 3 day residential retreat. Please see the School Calendar for these dates.

And finally just a reminder that the Chaplaincy office is always open. It is next door to the Chapel on the second floor of the main Tower block. If you want somewhere to go, someone to talk to or just a few minutes for whatever reason, everyone is welcome at any time and there's guaranteed good hot chocolate always on offer.

