



## *Saint Joseph's*

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Dear parent/carer,

Time is absolutely flying by this year and I cannot quite believe that we are halfway through this half term! It's been a very busy time since being back from Easter with settling all the children back into the school routines, preparing year 11 for their evidence gathering window and planning ahead for the summer term and hopefully a covid-free next academic year.

### **Pastoral & Ethos Review – have your say!**

As referred to last week, we are currently undertaking a review of our pastoral support and our school ethos. We are seeking the views of all those in our community (pupils, staff and parents) to enable us to make informed judgements and to plan for the future.

Please take a couple of minutes to complete the following 10 question multiple choice survey – your feedback is very valuable to us and will help us to shape our future offering.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=5mqvn2ABckeZprgzX8G2EvR5wSSDE1BlvsITXEHWA1UQ1CWE9QWEIRUkE20FpCMkdaVjFWMzBJNi4u>

### **Year 11 Update**

Our year 11 pupils are working hard, having this week entered the evidence collection period at school. As always, we wish to support pupils through this time, if you have any questions or would like pastoral support for your child, please do not hesitate to contact us at [sbr@sjcs.org.uk](mailto:sbr@sjcs.org.uk) or [cmr@sjcs.org.uk](mailto:cmr@sjcs.org.uk).

Looking forward, we are in the planning stages of a year 11 Leavers' celebration which will take place on **Friday 28th May** from **15:35 to 18:00**. This will be a BBQ with further activities to be confirmed. As part of the year 11s leaver's celebrations, pupils would like the opportunity to have a formal Tutor Group photo. The idea is that this would be taken on the last day of school and the file would be sent to the pupils in that form so they could get it printed if they would like. Please fill in the following details to give permission for your child to take part in the activity and have this photo shared with their classmates.

<https://forms.office.com/r/bgikFerAj3>

In addition, we are currently looking at the provisions we offer our year 11 pupils after the May half term, further details will follow shortly.

## **Year 7 & 8 Update**

Mrs Marshall & Miss Moss wanted to say a huge well done to year 7 and 8 pupils for the way they have settled back into school over the past few weeks – they have been minding their manners and doing their best! Your directors of learning are very proud of you!

## **PHSE (Personal, Health, Social & Economic Education) Update**

PSHE aims to complement our curriculum and further equip our students with the knowledge and skills to be successful young adults in modern Britain.

With one of our core values being tolerance, we thought it was important to mark Stephen Lawrence Day on April 22nd with a PSHE lesson which helped students across all year groups understand the racist nature of the attack, and the legacy that Stephen's murder left us. Several tutor groups have put forward suggestions on how to create a more tolerant world, which will be shared across the school.

Currently, in PSHE, Year 7 are focussing on 'Positive relationships' with regard to how to view oneself positively, Year 8 are doing a module on Healthy Living which is focussing on the health benefits of sleep. Year 9 voted to start 'Finance Matters' which helps young people gain knowledge with regard to banking, budgets and different types of payment. Year 10 are learning more about the World of Work and are starting to research jobs, and prepare CVs and application letters for our virtual Mock Interview Day which will take place at the end of June.

## **Achieve Together Programme**

Over the last fortnight 'Achieve Together' pupils have been evaluating the importance of the Suez Canal blockage seen in March, there were some interesting insights from pupil on the effect of this being different depending on the individual person who it is affecting. Our next topic will look into why the verdict in Derek Chauvin's trial was so important.

Next term, we will be looking to add to the programme with a range of bespoke subject led extra-curricular activities, offering new ways to look into the subjects we offer at Saint Joseph's. To have your say on shaping this programme please do complete the following survey: <https://forms.office.com/r/aSCuuDAJE2>



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## **Achievement Points Race**

**STOP PRESS:** Teresa House have been knocked off the top!

We have a new leader in the achievement points race, it's still incredibly close between Teresa and Vincent Houses but Vincent have snook their noses in front. The latest standings are as follows:

1st Vincent – 23, 373 points

2nd Teresa – 23, 361 points

3rd Margaret – 23, 131 points

4th Francis – 21, 675 points

Keep the points and positivity coming!

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Mr Rooney