



Saint Joseph's

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Dear parent/carer,

Clubs

We're delighted to announce that, having reviewed the situation with Covid and clubs, we have made the decision to reinstate clubs but on a strict year group only basis. For example, this will mean that clubs that used to be a combined Yr7 & 8 club will now have to be two clubs.

More details of which clubs will be happening and when will be circulated soon!

Lunch Cards

Please remember to 'top-up' your child's lunch card! If you have not yet got the app, please follow the following instructions:

- Search School Gateway in your App store and download.
- You can also login to the online version of the School Gateway if you do not have a smart phone: <https://schoolgateway.co.uk/>
- Apple iPhone users, download the app here: schoolgateway.co.uk/iosdownload
- Android phone users, download the app here: schoolgateway.co.uk/androiddownload

Half Term Dates

Can you believe it is only a week and a half until half term?! The last day of school this half term for children is Tuesday 19th October and they will be returning to school on Monday 1st November.

Year 7 Form Tutor Evening

Next Wednesday, 13th October, is our year 7 Form Tutor Evening – many thanks to the many parents who have made appointments already. The appointment bookings system will be open for booking until Tuesday 12th Oct at 4pm.

This is the ideal chance to meet your child's form tutor at school and discuss how the transition from primary to secondary school is going and also how they are settling into life at St Joseph's. If you have not yet made an appointment, please do so soon.

If you have any queries, please contact us at transition@sjcs.org.uk

Vaccinations

As you will have seen in the early communication from Mrs Ridley, VirginCare have cancelled the vaccinations that were due to happen next Weds (13th Oct).

VirginCare have informed us that these will be rescheduled at a later date and we will therefore update you as soon as we have further information.

The flu vaccinations will still go ahead.

Mental Health Day

This Sunday is World Mental Health Day. On 5 October, ahead of World Mental Health Day, the new Office for Health Improvement and Disparities (OHID) launched the Better Health–**Every Mind Matters** campaign to support the nation's mental wellbeing. The campaign heroes the little things we can all do to look after our mental wellbeing and how they can make a big difference; helping us to lead happier, healthier lives and cope with life's challenges.

At the heart of the campaign is the free, NHS endorsed [Mind Plan quiz](#). By answering five simple questions, adults will get a personalised mental health action plan with simple, practical tips to help them deal with stress and anxiety, boost their mood, sleep better and show 'there are little things we can all do to look after our mental health'.

We're encouraging everyone to have a go at the quiz!

Food Technology Update

If you follow us on Twitter (@sjcssalisbury), you'll have seen some pictures of the excellent dishes being prepared this week in Food Technology; year 7 have shown off their chopping skills making coleslaw, Yr10 created delicious pea & pesto risotto and Yr11 spent 3 hours in the food room planning, preparing and serving two dishes. The smells were as inviting as the dishes looked! Well done to all the pupils and Mr Sibley and Mrs Peters!

Accessing Work if having to Self-Isolate

If you have to self-isolate, please be aware that work will be set via assignments on Teams. If you have any difficulty accessing the work, please contact covid@sjcs.org.uk.

Achievement Points Race

Here are the latest standings!

- 1st Place: Margaret with 10,796 points
- 2nd Place: Vincent with 9,879 points
- 3rd Place: Teresa with 9,837 points
- 4th Place: Francis with 8,896 points

Have a lovely weekend!

Mr Rooney