



Saint Joseph's

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Dear parent/carer,

All weeks are busy, but last week's felt even busier! We had vaccinations, CAT4 tests, Remembrance Day reflections and displays, SMHW clinics, a Year 10 parents' evening and the usual clubs and lessons! It's true what they say, time flies when you're having fun.

Uniform

The return to full school uniform has seen the vast majority of pupils looking smart, and I have had conversations with many parents on how good it is to see everyone looking smart again. However, we are starting to see a few hoodies and trainers creeping back in. These are not uniform, and we would be very grateful if you could reinforce this at home prior to your child coming to school – the team work really does help!

TD Day

A quick reminder of a date in the calendar. As stated on the calendar circulated at the start of the year, Friday 26th November is a TD Day and school will be closed for all pupils – a perfect chance for them to get a start on the Christmas shopping for you!

Clubs Link

Please click on the link below to see all the clubs that are currently on offer at school (both lunchtime and after school). These include PE clubs and subject areas, and in addition, GCSE booster sessions for Year 11.
<https://sjcs.org.uk/extra-curricular/>

Happiest Minute of the Week

As many of you will be aware from lockdown learning (and hopefully because your children have told you!) we celebrate a Happiest Minute of The Week each week on a Friday where we celebrate all the good and kind acts that our community does throughout the week.

This is now recorded on our website, so please do click through to see last week's nominees!
<https://sjcs.org.uk/happiest-minute-of-the-week-1st-5th-nov-2021/>

Confidence Booster Club

Calling all parents, Wiltshire's Family and Community Learning group have got a number of confidence courses coming up. If you'd like to find out more, please look at the attached flyer for dates and times for the following courses:

- Learn to increase self-confidence and self esteem
- Identify pathways forward to securing employment or continuing education

SMHW Clinics

This week, we held 5 SMHW clinics (one for each year group) to help any pupils having problems accessing SMHW. They are now all well aware of how to login to SMHW using Office 365, which means they do not need a SMHW pin or to remember their SMHW login details. This 'single sign on' method is a fool proof and future proof way of logging in.

Remembrance Day

We marked Remembrance Day on Thursday with a 10-minute reflection beamed into classrooms via the magic of Teams. Two of our Head Students led us in the reflection by reading an extract from a well-known poem and closed the session in prayer. The two-minute silence was impeccably observed and showed the great levels of respect that our community has for those who served and those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice.

There was also a beautiful display created by Yr7 & 8 which is in reception (images have also been shared on our Twitter feed – @sjcssalisbury).

Achievement Points Race

No change at the top as Margaret consolidate their position!

- 1st Margaret: 16,534
- 2nd Vincent: 15,473
- 3rd Teresa: 14,876
- 4th Francis: 13,389

Keep the points coming!

Have a lovely weekend!

Mr Rooney

Family and Community Learning

DECEMBER 2021

ONLINE CONFIDENCE COURSES



Wiltshire Council



JOIN OUR ONLINE CONFIDENCE BOOSTING COURSES TO HELP YOU MAKE POSITIVE CHANGES AND BRIGHTEN UP YOUR TOMORROW



Discovering Confidence

Wednesday 1 December 10:00-12:00 (1x2 hr session)

- Identify your strengths and weaknesses
- Use your strengths to achieve your goals
- Increase self-confidence and self esteem

Confidence and New Directions

Wednesday 8 December 10:00-12:00 (5x2hr sessions)

- Learn to increase self-confidence and self esteem
- Identify pathways forward to securing employment or continuing education

Positive Futures

Date to be confirmed 10:00-12:00 (5x2hr sessions)

- Build on developing a positive mindset
- Focus on overcoming barriers
- Plan to be more resilient

CONTACT DETAILS

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COURSES ARE FUNDED BY THE EDUCATION AND SKILLS FUNDING AGENCY. LEARNERS MUST BE 19+, SERVICE FAMILY, HAVE BEEN RESIDENT IN UK/EU FOR THREE OR MORE YEARS, HAVE LESS THAN FIVE GCSES GRADES A-C AND/OR IN RECEIPT OF BENEFITS. IF YOU ARE STUCK IN A RUT OR GOING THROUGH A DIFFICULT TIME, PLEASE CALL US TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT OUR COURSES AND HOW TO JOIN.