

Dear parent/carer,

A short week brings with it a short weekly update!

Firstly, I'd like to thank you for your support over the last six and a half weeks. We have always stressed the importance of teamwork and that team consisting of three members: your children as our pupils, us as a school, and you as parents. By working together and supporting each other we will secure the best outcomes we all can for your children.

This teamwork has been especially evident in the last week with the two GCSE mock exam results sessions also the careers fair earlier this week attended by many families. Both of these events have given a renewed focus to our KS4 pupils – the Year 11 evenings serving as a motivator for the final six months of life at St Joseph's and the Careers Fair pointing to the potential future steps of our pupils.

During the term, there have also been many opportunities for the children to shine as part of this team too and, having visited scores of lessons over the last few weeks, I can confidently say that they have shown great attitudes to learning! Many have also done themselves, you, and the school proud by expertly touring families around our school during the Open evening and mornings! The praise they received from the families was a real source of pride!

Following the half term break, we will be hosting evenings for specific year groups highlighting the main focus for those year groups, and also important upcoming dates/events. We'll also be hosting our Year 7 form tutor evening appointments and Year 7 form group parties (we are delighted, by the way, with how Year 7 have settled into life at St Joseph's!).

Achievement Points Race

Clearly, Margaret House didn't take kindly to being knocked off top spot last week and have regained pole position!

1st place: Margaret House with 10,013 points 2nd place: Vincent House with 9,993 points 3rd place: Teresa House with 8,539 points 4th place: Francis House with 7,936 points

I wish you all a restful and peaceful half term break and look forward to welcoming your children back refreshed and raring to go for term 2!

We return on a week 2 timetable on Monday 31st October.

Have a lovely break!

Mr Rooney