



Saint Joseph's

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Dear parent/carer,

What a lovely end to the term this week was – the wonderful celebration of achievement with the Year 9 Graduation on Wednesday, the delivery of the donations to the Salisbury Foodbank, the intimate Carol Service last night and of course, the activities of today to top it all off; achievement assemblies, House Quizzes and a very special addition of St Joseph's does Strictly!

Reports & Set Change Letters

Today, pupils have received their envelopes containing their progress reports – these have been addressed to you. Please expect them to be bringing them back with them this afternoon. There may also be a set change letter accompanying the report. As is our practise, we review settings twice a year: once in December ready for a January change and once in the summer term ready for a September change. These changes are to ensure that your child is in the most appropriate set for their learning.

Pupil Voice & Uniform Addition

Following a very impressive campaign and compelling and eloquent presentation to Governors, our Chair of Governors and Head have agreed to allow pupils to wear a plain black V-neck jumper as part of their uniform. Head pupils have presented this today to all the pupils in assemblies.

This is obviously a very timely addition as the winter months set in and the temperature drops.

The jumper does NOT replace the shirt, blazer, or tie – it is an optional extra that pupils can wear to keep warm.

Pupils who persist in wearing hoodies and branded jumpers not in keeping with our high uniform standards may have these items confiscated.

We encourage pupils to wear thermals under their uniform to keep warm and coats can be worn outside.



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Metal Detector Scanner

We would like to make you aware that in September our behaviour policy was updated to include the use of a portable metal detector scanning device kept in the Senior Leader's office. This is intended to act as a deterrent to prohibited items, a non-exhaustive list of which is listed in the behaviour policy.* Pupils will only be scanned if we have reason to believe they are in possession of prohibited item(s).

*View the Behaviour Policy here: <https://sjcs.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/Behaviour-Policy-2022-23.pdf>

Achievement Points Race

1st place: Margaret with 19,025 points
2nd place: Vincent with 18,011 points
3rd place: Teresa with 14,955 points
4th place: Francis with 14,037 points

Return to School

We return on Wednesday 4th January at the normal time. It will be week one, but the timetable will have altered slightly due to Year 9 GCSE options subjects beginning. Please do check Satchel One timetables prior to packing for the day at school!

Thank you for all your support, help and encouragement this term. It really is appreciated! We have a very special and unique community and this week's events, with the pupil performances and lovely celebrations that have been happening have been a real source of pride. Thank you for all you do to help us to support your children to be the best they can be.

We wish you a very happy and holy Christmas and look forward to welcoming your children back with us in January!

Kind regards,

Mr Rooney