



Saint Joseph's

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

February 2023

SJCS End of Year Rewards 2022–23

Dear Parent/Carer,

Every year St Joseph's organises end of year rewards for those students who have shown above average standards of personal conduct and attendance. The purpose of this letter is to communicate to you what has been shared with students this week by Form Tutors and Directors of Learning regarding how students qualify for these trips and how the process works.

Key info: The cut-off date to qualify for the trip is 26th of May. This allows time for conduct and attendance data to be analysed, qualifiers notified, payments made and trip administration to be completed.

Qualifying criteria:

Criteria #1

As stated in the school behaviour policy which can be found on our website, any student who has 97% or higher attendance and 10 or less behaviour points OR 93% or higher attendance and 0 behaviour points for the school year to date at the cut-off point (26th of May) will qualify for the end of year rewards.

We appreciate that based on the above criteria that some students would already be unable to qualify for the rewards. We want all students, regardless of how their year has gone up to this point, to have the opportunity to access the end of year rewards if they are able to display above average levels of personal conduct and improved attendance over the coming months. As a result, we have decided a second set of criteria for each year group. These criteria differ for each year group based on the average number of Achievement Points and Behaviour Points in that year group in Terms 1 and 2.

Criteria #2

Any students who meet the below criteria during the period of Monday 31st January to Friday 26th May will qualify for the end of year rewards. Students must meet all 3 criteria listed to qualify:

- Increase in overall attendance percentage **OR** maintain overall attendance of 94% or higher

AND

- **Year 7:** 100 or more Achievement Points **and** 1 or less behaviour points
- **Year 8:** 85 or more Achievement Points **and** 2 or less behaviour points
- **Year 9:** 60 or more Achievement Points **and** 1 or less behaviour points
- **Year 10:** 50 or more Achievement Points **and** 3 or less behaviour points



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What is the reward?

We traditionally offer 2 choices for those students who meet the qualifying criteria.

Option 1 – Trip to Chessington World of Adventures (est. cost £35–45) or Paulton's Park (est. cost £28–35)

Students who meet the qualifying criteria are eligible to purchase a place on a school organised trip to Chessington World of Adventures or Paulton's Park. Please note that there are a limited number of spaces available for each trip (due to coach availability) and will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis after all qualifiers have been notified. Payments are made via the SchoolGateway – links will be sent out. Estimated costs are listed as a guideline only and are subject to change based on cost of coaches. The cost of the trip is subsidised for those students who are in receipt of Pupil Premium funding. Packed lunch is provided for those students who receive free school meals. There are 200 spaces available on the trip and will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Option 2 – Cinema Reward Afternoon (Free)

For those students who do not wish to go on the trip, they will remain in school. They will however have the day in non-uniform and will spend the afternoon out of class, in the hall watching a newly released film. Students are welcome to bring any refreshments they wish to consume.

What are the key dates?

We are doing our utmost to share all the relevant information with you in as far advance as possible to provide clarity and opportunity for families to plan. Below are the dates we will do our very best to stick to however please understand that when planning trips of this size, occasionally circumstances beyond our control will mean deadlines etc. have to move. If this is the case, we will communicate this as early as possible.

- This year the rewards (trip and cinema exp.) will take place on Friday 7th July.
- Qualification period ends Friday 26th May.
- All qualifiers will be notified in the week beginning 5th June.
- Payments can be made up until Friday 23rd June (if spaces remain available).
- Rewards take place Friday 7th July.

Known medical conditions

Whilst we want to encourage all students to attend school as regularly as possible because it is proven that regular school attendance has strong links to academic success in GCSEs and therefore helps to ensure the best possible outcomes for students, we do understand that absence can be beyond a student's control. In cases where school is aware of an existing medical condition which may impact a student's ability to attend school exceptions can be made on a case-by-case basis. These will be reviewed by Directors of Learning at the qualification cut-off point.



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If you have any questions, please direct these to your child's Director of Learning via e-mail who will respond in due course. More information about the specific arrangements for the trip will be released at a later date.

We hope you can appreciate that this initiative and the qualifying criteria are designed to recognise not only those students who have shown exceptional conduct and attendance over the whole year but also those who are able to demonstrate improvement in these key aspects of school life over the qualifying period.

Many thanks,

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