

STUDENT BRIEFING

Week commencing 16th September 2019

Truth

Everything we hear is an opinion, not a fact. Everything we see is a perspective not the truth" (Marcus Aurelius)

Important Dates

Monday 16th September	–	College uniform check
Tuesday 17th September	–	Years 7 & 9 photographs
Tuesday 17th September	–	Year 7 Information Evening
Thursday 19th September	–	Year 11 Safe Drive Stay Alive

Forward Notice

Wednesday 25th September	-	Year 8 Mass
Friday 27th September	-	Staff Training Day 2
	-	Year 11 visit to Woodcroft Christian Centre

Year 11 individual careers interviews:

All Year 11 students are entitled to an interview with a specially trained external careers advisor, Ms James, so you can talk to someone about your plans for next year and ensure that you are on the right track and have all the information you need. These will last approximately half an hour and will take place during lesson times. Appointment slips will be sent out a few days prior to the interview, giving the time that you are scheduled to be seen and the location. If you have an appointment, please tell your class teacher at the beginning of the lesson and show the teacher your appointment slip, as this is your permission to attend. Please let Mrs Sanders know if you cannot attend for any reason, so that someone else can take your place at that time and we can reschedule your opportunity. The first day of interviews is on **Tuesday, 17 September 2019**.

Years 7 and 9 photographs – Tuesday 17th September

Years 7 and 9 students will be taken to the hall for their photograph by their class teacher during the day. Year 8 assembly will be moved to Thursday 19th September. Year 8 students should go to their normal tutor base for Tuesday registration.

Year 7 Parent Information Evening – Tuesday 17th September 3.30-5.00pm

Parents of year 7 students are invited to a short meeting where they will be given information about St Joseph's PHSE Curriculum. They will also be able to have a cup of tea with their child's tutor before 4.00pm.

Safe Drive Stay Alive – Thursday 19th September

Year 11 students attending the safe drive stay alive presentation will go to lunch at 11.55am. Students should purchase their food from the canteen as quickly as possible and go to the hall to sit and eat their lunch. Students must be ready to leave the hall with their tutors at 12.25pm. Students will be back in College by 3.00pm.

Young Enterprise Project Year 10 Enrichment

All Year 10 students are invited to participate in the 2019-20 Young Enterprise Programme, which will be running in S15 at 3.00pm on Thursday 19th September. Please come along with your friends if you would like to set up a real company, produce real products and make a real profit! The programme is designed to let you experience the challenges of running a business by really doing it.

Reminder:

Post – 16 Evening on 24 September 2019, 5.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. This is an evening for Year 11 and Year 10 students and parents to come in and meet colleges, apprenticeship providers and employers, so that you can find out what opportunities are available to you once you have completed your GCSEs. Think of it as your one-stop event to find out the information you need to start planning for the rest of your lives! Your parents should have received details about this. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Student Advisory Group

Have you been nominated?

The first meeting of the Student Advisory Group will take place on Friday 20th September in G12, Mr Matyla's classroom at 2.30pm and will last approximately 30 minutes.

The Great St. Joseph's International Bake Off! - Thursday 26th September

Attention all students!

Have you got what it takes to be the St. Joseph's Day of Languages star baker? Can you be creative, imaginative and original?

To enter the Great St. Joseph's International Bake Off all you need to do is bake something and decorate it with an international theme – e.g. ANYTHING to do with ANY country, a flag or a language.

Students bring your entries to the Silver Family Area office before Registration on the morning of 26 September.

Entries will be judged by members of SLT and the winners announced during assemblies.

Cakes will then be sold at break and lunchtime to raise money for Macmillan. Any questions, please see Mrs Carbone in S12 or your languages teacher.

Bicycles

All student bicycles must be placed in the shelters provided and be securely locked. The College will not accept any responsibility for bicycles lost, damaged or stolen.

Technical Theatre Enrichment – Years 9 & 10

Technical Theatre Enrichment will be starting up again on Thursday October 3rd. There are only **6 spaces available** for this enrichment group with 6 pupils continuing from last year. If you would like to be a part of this group, please email a few lines to Mr Halpin telling him why you want to be involved, no later than Friday 20th September. The enrichment group will teach you how to operate the sound and lighting equipment in the school and also how to work as part of a team to run the college performances, concerts and productions.

Year 11 Intervention

The English, Maths and Science Departments have set up intervention sessions for the next two terms to support Year 11 students as they prepare for their GCSE exams. These sessions take place either during Citizenship lessons or during Maths lessons and start this week. Attendance is compulsory and students have been informed which subject(s) they are involved in, when their sessions are and a list of students and sessions has been given to each Year 11 Form Tutor. Attendance will be monitored by both the teachers and the College Attendance Officer and non-attendance at these sessions will result in a 60min C2A in B10 on Friday. The sessions are run by Miss Curran (English – Y12), Mrs Copestake (Maths – Y07) and Mrs Wilson (Science – B10).

Library Notices

If you want to use the Library computers during break times and after school, please ensure that you sign up in advance. Sign-up sheets are in the library. There are 16 computers available, so it is necessary to ensure you reserve one.

Please feel free to join us for the clubs that we run before and after school.

Mondays and Fridays **Breakfast club** with Miss Henry 08.00-08.20. Come and take part in word games and challenges, bring your friends. Snacks are provided.

Mondays **Word Activities club** with Mrs Kennedy from 15.00-16.00. Have fun with words, play Pictionary, word searches hangman and much more, bring your friends. Snacks are provided.

Wednesdays Week A **Book club**. Come and read a book with other students, then discuss and compare opinions afterwards.

Bags are not allowed in the Library, but there are two trolleys near the doors which we are happy for students to leave their bags in before or after school, and during break and lunch times. However, at break time it is quite likely that these trolleys will quickly become full. If this is the case, we ask that students **put their bags in their lockers** instead. It is a health and safety hazard for bags to be piled up on the floor around the trolleys.

If you have any questions, please feel free to see Mrs Kennedy and Miss Henry.