

STUDENT AND PARENT/CARER BRIEFING

Week commencing 1 February 2021

WITNESS

“What you don’t see with your eyes, don’t witness with your mouth.” (Jewish Proverb)

Important Dates

3 February 2021 - Year 9 Vaccinations (please see below for further details)

Forward Notice

As we learn of further useful/important dates for you, we will put them here for you.

Notices for All Students

Resources to support remote learning

There are many useful resources on Moodle linked to accessing remote learning. Please follow the link <https://moodle.stjosephscollege.net/course/view.php?id=1062#section-3>

How to upload student assignments onto Teams: watch this video guide prepared by Mr Stather which has also been saved onto the Moodle page above:

https://stjosephscc-my.sharepoint.com/:v/g/person/jstather_stjosephscollege_net/EZM4tHCQ9hBMrKING4AwDy0BGkmarBuXks6UQHmcWql5rg

Name of site	Subject	Login requirements
Moodle	All	School login details
www.office.com including Microsoft Teams	All	School login details only
Microsoft Forms	Science	Click on the link sent by the teacher, school login details required.
www.gcsepod.com	All	Students create own login – Follow the quick start guide.
www.Kerboodle.com	Geography Science	First initial and surname for both login and password, institution code BG3
Seneca Learning	All	Type in your name, e-mail address and create a password. You will be prompted to at the school name and be asked to tick the box if you are over 13.
Sam Learning	All	School ID SN3SJ, Username and password are both the same: 6 digit date of birth and capital initials (no spaces).
Focus e learning	Science	https://www.focuslearning.co.uk/u/35482/lbsCnbdegoffAqEFdCtnkznFuypehBpi Just click this link, no login needed.

https://app.carousel-learning.com/	Science	Click on the link sent by the teacher
www.mymaths.co.uk	Maths	sjcc and integer, then individual student logins for the portal, issued by class teacher.
vle.mathswatch.co.uk	Maths	First three letters of first name, first three letters of surname @stjosephs; password is integer.
online.justmaths.co.uk/	Maths	Login is JosephStudent and Joseph for the password.
Home - BBC Bitesize	All	No details needed
Oak Academy	All	No details needed

Free webinars from GCSEPod in collaboration with Cameron Parker

The team at GCSEPod are once again collaborating with Cameron Parker, a renowned motivational speaker for schools and colleges. Through this collaboration GCSEPod are recommending his free webinars for students to support them with the issues they face during this latest lockdown. Including practical tips on how to use GCSEPod that Cameron will be incorporating into his sessions.

Cameron will host the below fast paced, high energy student webinars, focusing on motivation, managing stress, avoiding burnout and staying focused.

Students can register for the webinars via the links below:

Student Webinar – Stress to Success - GCSEPod – 23rd of February - 6pm to 7pm

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_D7YDLM5EQ--jRCN0J6K47w

Student Webinar – Student Event - GCSEPod – 3rd of March - 5pm to 6pm

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_osYf0fJXRXGIZGoINc3VaA

Students can remain anonymous and parents can watch with them as Cameron makes goal setting, coping strategies and building confidence seem easily attainable.

These webinars are “events” and so the team at GCSEPod don’t record them as the recorded version does not deliver the same impact. That is why they’ve worked with Cam Parker to create some fantastic videos which will encapsulate his advice in short bursts! Watch here:

Introduction to GCSEPod <https://youtu.be/bc1-QjhVG7c> Motivation

<https://youtu.be/JdiGHjcs4tw> Action over Anxiety https://youtu.be/e8r0CuAU_qY

There has already been an overwhelming response to these webinars and places are limited, so don’t wait to take up this great opportunity!

Years 7-9 DEAR – Drop Everything And Run

We are very excited to have the opportunity to incorporate the DEAR programme into our remote learning package for all students in Years 7-9. This will require all students to log in to the scheduled DEAR activity where a staff member will display the pages of the book and read for 15 minutes. These sessions will take place for 15 minutes in your timetabled PE lessons and will be scheduled into your Microsoft Teams calendar. All you will have to do is log on and join the lesson at the correct time. You will be expected to continue with the planned PE activities in your remaining PE time.

Year 7 – Your DEAR will start on Thursday 4th Feb 2021

Year 8/9 – Your DEAR will start week beginning Monday 8th Feb 2021

I hope you are looking forward to this, see you there!

Notices for All Parents

Use of Cameras on Microsoft Teams

As schools around the country have all been developing their use of Teams, it has become clear that there are particular benefits in allowing students to turn on their cameras so that they can be seen by the teacher and seen by each other. In particular, being able to see their friends in lessons is a good way for students to feel less isolated while they work at home, and Microsoft Teams supports this by enabling teachers to put small groups of students into their own meetings so that they can see each other and discuss their work.

Next week, we will have the option for students to use their cameras in lessons – they will be available on Wednesday or Thursday. Please note that the use of the cameras will be optional. Teachers will tell students when cameras can be turned on in lessons, but it will be up to each individual student whether or not they do so. When teachers then say that all cameras need to be turned off, all students will obviously need to do this – it is not optional to leave it on when the teacher wants all cameras off.

Information about Saint Joseph's Catholic College Remote Education, January 2021

Please see the attached document, designed to help share relevant information with students and parents or carers about how we will provide remote education. The information is published on our school websites, <https://www.stjosephscollege.net/> from January 2021 to support understanding of what students, parents and carers should expect during periods of school closure or student isolation relating to coronavirus (COVID-19)

Key Worker Student Attendance

If your child attends the college during lockdown because you are a key worker, please could you let us know if your child is going to be absent, just as you would if your child was coming to school under normal circumstances. We want to be certain that if your child is not in school when expected by us, then you have sanctioned this absence. This is so we can be certain that your child is safe.

Important: Questionnaire for parents of students in all year groups

Last week we sent out a link for you to complete a questionnaire. Thank you to those of you who contacted us to say that you were having difficulties accessing the questionnaire. We have addressed this and would like to re-invite you to complete this questionnaire. The answers we have had so far have been useful in helping us to make decisions in what we do for your children. You can access the questionnaire by clicking on this link to take you to Microsoft Forms: https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=DfKT-C5EoUORpFZwDqBp3W05SQ7-AV1Bmjg_PMzDN8tUNU5UU1NHOFMyTUFOQjhONDQ0WEpHskxUMS4u

Year 9 students - reminder

We have recently emailed you a link so you can register your child for the Meningitis, Tetanus, Diphtheria and Polio vaccinations. Please complete this registration by Sunday 31 January 2021 and Virgin Care will contact you with an appointment time.

The vaccinations are taking place at the College on Wednesday 3 February 2021. If you have any queries about these vaccinations, please call Virgin Care on 0300 247 0082.

Pastoral Notices

Student communication with staff

A reminder to students that when communicating with staff at St Joseph's, to please use their college email. Students must communicate with staff through their college email and not their personal one, remembering to please include their name and class/tutor.

Chaplaincy news

Dear Students

I am sharing a link with you called "The Bible Hub". The Bible Hub has been put together by a group of young people (Chosen Youth) from Holy Rood Church, Swindon.

The aim of the Hub is to encourage young people to explore the scriptures in a creative way. Each month there will be a different theme uploaded by Chosen Youth to support young people. Please see the link below for January's theme.

God Bless

<https://www.hrymchosenyouth.co.uk/bible-hub>

Collective Worship – Clifton schools and College's Prayer Link- week of the 1 February 2021

Last week we sent the first message about Collective Worship and the RE lead advisor for our Diocese Louise White's prayer rota for all schools and colleges, where we pray for 3 schools weekly. This week could we join together in prayer for all the students, staff and families of:

St Bernadette's Catholic Primary School
St Bernadette's Catholic Secondary School
St Patrick's Catholic Primary School Bristol

Please see the attached PowerPoint for this week's prayer.
From the Chaplaincy team

The Prayer Box Project - reminder

Dear students, staff, parents and carers

From Monday the 25 January 2021 we look forward to launching POP, the prayer box project at our College. Holy Rood have a prayer ministry team who will meet every fortnight to pray for the students and staff at St. Joseph's. Deana and Bill Hunt have kindly donated a beautiful prayer box so that you can drop prayers and special intentions anonymously in the prayer box. The prayer box will be opened every two weeks and the prayers will be given to the prayer ministry team at Holy Rood. They will join together and pray for our needs.

The prayer box can be found in the chapel where students attending college can write on the prayer cards and drop them in the box.

For all students working remotely, you can send your prayer requests to prayer@stjosephscollege.net by email and we will discreetly send your requests to a

member of Holy Rood prayer ministry team. Please see attachment (POP) for further details.

God bless, Mrs K Fraser and Mrs F Payne.

Careers Notes

Message from Wiltshire College

There is an upcoming talk from Wiltshire College's Sports Academy on **Thursday, 11 February 2021 at 4.30 p.m.** No matter what course you choose, you will still be able to join the Football, Futsal or Rugby League Academy, which will give you an opportunity to train, play in league and cup competitions, and make use of their video analysis programme to enhance your performance. You can register by clicking on this link:

[Academy Registration Form | Wiltshire College & University Centre](#)

If you are interested in a 360 virtual tour of Wiltshire College, please follow this link to register: <https://www.wiltshire.ac.uk/events/virtual-open-events-3>

NHS Virtual Work Experience – Year 11

Please see the attached flyer for a one day virtual work experience on nursing. This is being held by a company called Pathway, is held via Zoom and is available for students in year 11 to attend. There is a link at the bottom of the flyer, which you can click on to find out more. Do talk to your parents before signing up for this, so that they are aware of what you are doing. E-mail Mrs Sanders to tell her if you are doing to do this, so she can put it on your record.

The next briefing will be Friday, 5 February 2021