

STUDENT AND PARENT/CARER BRIEFING

Week commencing 7 December 2020

PREPARATION

“Prepare the way for the Lord; clear a straight path for him.” (Isaiah 40:3)

Important Dates

- 9 December** - **Christmas Dinner**
Non-School Uniform Day for years 7-10
- 10 December** - **Non-School Uniform Day for year 11**

Forward Notice

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

Notices for All Students

Student Leadership

Thank you to all the representatives who attended meetings last week. Our Year Group meetings will continue every two weeks and so we will meet again next week (15th/16th). It isn't too late to get involved, so if you are interested in joining the Student Leaders, please email Mr Matyla by the end of this week.

Christmas Non-School Uniform Day – Years 7 - 10

Wednesday, 9 December 2020 will be a non-school uniform day. Students will be welcome to wear their own clothes. These should be warm and appropriate for a work environment. They can include Christmas jumpers! A donation of £1.00 will be requested for the wearing of non-uniform. This donation will go to the College's charities.

Christmas Non-School Uniform Day – Year 11

In response to questions raised by students and concerns that they would not be able to participate fully on the day for the rest of the school due to your timetable, your non-school uniform day will be on **Thursday, 10 December 2020**. We do want to try to give you all a chance to have the Christmas experiences that are on offer at this time! So that there is no confusion, you are expected to be in the school uniform you would normally wear on the Wednesday.

Winter Mini Reading Challenge – Year 7 and 8

Join the Winter Mini Reading Challenge and see how many books you can read before Friday, 15 January 2021! Follow this link <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk> to join and find out more. Create yourself a profile and then you can begin to read! Don't forget that you can request library books and use the mini library catalogue in your classroom to give you ideas of what you might like.

Every time you've finished a book, add it to your profile and write a review – you can choose any book, fiction or non-fiction, graphic novels, even picture books. The more books you read, the more fun activities and rewards there are to be unlocked! There are also prizes up for grabs. When you make a profile, there will be a page where you can view your badges. If you reach the '10 books' badge or higher, screenshot this page, print it or send it to Miss Henry and your name will go into a hat to win a mystery prize.

If read a really good book, write up a review and place it in the fast-returns box outside the Library – the best book review in each Year Group will receive a reward!

If you have any questions, please contact Miss Henry.

Library Books: Year 8-11 Notice

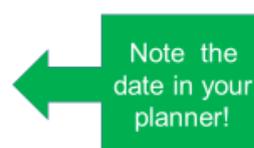
If you have any library books which you borrowed before lockdown and are no longer using, please return them via the fast-returns box outside the library. Although the library is not functioning as normal, you may make a request for a book if you know what you would like to read. As it stands, students are requesting books that are currently very overdue, so we need all books that are not being used to be returned. Thank you

Study Skills - Note the tutor room and date in your planner: Year 11 Notice

Academic Success - Study Skills



On **Tuesday 8 December 9.30am-11.30am** the Year 11 Support and Lead Practitioner Team will be delivering a study skills session on 4 key areas to help support you in mock exam preparation and general academic success.



- ✓ Getting motivated
- ✓ Revision techniques
- ✓ Using revision resources effectively
- ✓ Exam Technique and decoding exam questions



Tutor group	Room	Staff
11A	R11	STW
11B	B12	SGL
11C	B10	CAS
11D	B11	GCK
11E	S10	OTN
11F	Y10	LBY
11G	Y11	ANN
11H	Y12	MCN
11I	Y13	SCS
11J	R13	SWN

European Youth Parliament: Year 11 Notice

St. Joseph's has been invited to take part in the South of English Digital Regional Forum of the European Youth Parliament UK 2021. This is a two-day weekend event, taking place online on 13 and 14 February 2021. This event offers you the opportunity to improve your skills in teambuilding and discussion with other students outside of St. Joseph's. You will consider the issues that affect you, write resolutions and debate them in a general assembly. You can learn more by clicking [here](#). Registration must take place by 18 December 2020. If you are interested, please e-mail Mrs Sanders on ksanders@stjosephscollege.net.

St Joseph's Christmas Dinner

A festive poster for St. Joseph's Christmas Dinner. The background is dark red with scattered white dots and green Christmas trees. The text is centered and reads: "St. Joseph's Christmas Dinner." in a white cursive font, followed by "WEDNESDAY 9TH DECEMBER" in a white sans-serif font. Below this, two paragraphs of white text describe the lunch and break options. At the bottom center is the school crest.

St. Joseph's Christmas Dinner.

WEDNESDAY 9TH DECEMBER

At lunch time, a free Christmas dinner consisting of turkey and all the trimmings will be available to staff and students. Lunch will also include a free Radnor drink and some Christmas cake.

There will be vegetarian/vegan options available.

At break time, a reduced menu of cold items will be available to purchase.



Chaplaincy news

Christmas Collection

Please read through the attached PowerPoint, written by the year 9 Chaplains. We are appealing to all staff and students to make a contribution towards our St Joseph's Christmas Collection. The Collection will take place on Tuesday, 8 December 2020, during year group break times. Any questions, please email Mrs Mobey.

Careers Notes

Messages from New College

1. New College have just published details of the vocational courses they deliver. If you are interested in this, please see the attached flyer.
2. New College have just launched Prospect, their new online application system. If you have not applied yet, please use this.
3. New College is running a series of Social Media Takeover days. They offer a chance for you to find out all you will need to know about a particular subject area. You can see case studies, videos, industry and career information, as well as live streamed Q+A sessions. These will start with Art and Design on 15 December 2020. Go to www.newcollege.ac.uk for more details.
4. New College is still offering virtual tours for anyone who is interested in finding out more about what it can offer you. Places can be booked via www.newcollege.ac.uk/campus-tours .

The next briefing will be Friday, 11 December 2020