



ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE



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La Salle 2021-22

Tuesday 14th September 2021

Dear Parents/ Carers

Welcome back to another school year! I am delighted to be appointed as Acting Headteacher of St Joseph's College. Over the past five years, as an Assistant Head and subsequently Deputy Head, I have grown to love this school. I care deeply about all of the children here and for our dedicated staff team and I am determined to ensure that everyone in our school succeeds in a supportive environment rooted in our core value of respect. My philosophy for education is simple: children learn better when they are happy. As Acting Headteacher, I will ensure that we put the best interests of every child at the heart of our decisions, and that we will work tirelessly to ensure that every child is nurtured and challenged to achieve their true potential and pursue their dreams.

Whilst you all know me, I felt it would be beneficial to briefly outline my experience. I have taught at large secondary schools across Oxfordshire, Berkshire and Surrey. I have held leadership and management roles across a range of areas including pastoral, curriculum, data & assessment and teaching & learning. I am extremely proud of everything we have achieved as a team at St Joseph's College, and I remain determined to ensure that our college successfully builds upon its 'Good' Ofsted judgement.

The term has commenced in a very positive way and our students are settling into their routines once again. It was lovely to see our new Year 7 cohort looking so smart on their first day. It is always a massive step moving from primary to secondary school but our Year 7 boys are all settling in well. The College is also delighted to have been able to welcome our large cohort of 6th form students to continue their study at St Joseph's. The remainder of this letter will provide you with some important information.

Summer Renovations Update:

The summer period saw a significant amount of work and redecoration across the College. We have renovated many of our classrooms, corridors and stairwells. The main hall has also been refurbished with new flooring, the meadow has been reseeded with grass seeds and new basketball hoops have been added in the playground. Obviously with an old building there is still much to do, but we have made a significant start and the boys are already appreciating the investment in their learning environment. As well as new students to the College, we also welcomed a number of new staff. I can confidently state that the College is fully staffed with permanent subject specialists. Our new colleagues are settling well in the College and are committed to contributing to our learning community.

ParentPay

May I remind Year 7 parents that all students who are having food at school must have money on their ParentPay account. There are a number of boys whose accounts have not been credited yet, including boys who qualify for free school meals, who need to be set up on ParentPay. If you have any questions

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on how to do this please contact Mrs McDonald by email on smcdonald@sjc.ac .
Furthermore, please can parents ensure that uniform items have names written on them to avoid property being misplaced.

Results

Following the hard work of our pupils and teachers in the summer term 2021, we celebrated some strong results both at GCSE and Post 16.

GCSE Results

At GCSE, 76% of students achieved 5 GCSEs with grades 4-9 and 33% of our students achieved over 5 GCSEs with grades 7-9. We were extremely pleased that our Progress 8 figure was +0.89 and attainment 8 was very high. We are very proud that a student in Year 11 achieved a grade 9 in every one of his GCSE subjects.

We were also pleased to see that our students supported by Pupil Premium performed extremely well. We look forward to a record 73 of our Year 11 pupils joining us in the 6th form for this academic year.

A level Results

Well done to our Sixth Form students for their excellent results. We had an average grade of a B+ with 100% of our pupils passing this year. We also had a value added score of +1.27

The breakdown of grades were as follows:

42% of the KS5 A Level results were A* - A
73% of the KS5 A Level results were A* - B
89 % of the KS5 A Level results were A* - C

Of our 116 pupils, 98 were placed in their first choice university. We wish them all the best with their academic career.

Knowledge Organisers

All students in Years 7-9 have been provided with Knowledge Organisers which include all the critical content needed for all subjects for the academic year. Students are expected to bring these with them every day to lessons and use it to undertake their extended learning. If this gets lost at any point, please contact your son's Head of Year to purchase a new one.

Covid Update

Information on our guidelines and testing procedures can be found in our Covid-19 letter attached.

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Some important dates for the remainder of this term

23rd September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 7 Lasallian Retreat Year 7 Welcome Evening – 5.00pm-6.00pm 	ToDream is our way forward!
24th September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UK University fair for students in Year 13 	
30th September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open Evening (last admission 7.30pm). Students will finish at 12.45pm on the day 	<small>La Salle 2021-22</small>
1st October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Late morning start: all students arrive at 9.15 am to start lesson two 	
2nd October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open Morning – 10.00am-12.00pm 	
8th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 9 Black Cultural Archives Trip 	
11th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 8 Lasallian Retreat 	
12th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 7 Tower of London Trip 	
14th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Careers Fair for Year 10 & 11 	
22nd – 1st November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Half term break (students return on Tuesday 2nd November at normal times) 	
9th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 10 Theatre trip to see 'The Woman in Black' 	
20th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trip to the Rugby League World Cup semi-final Emirates Stadium 	
30th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Results assembly & Parents Evening 	
13th December – 17th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transition trip to West Norwood Library 	
17th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last Day of Term 	

As ever, thank you for your support and for the trust you place in us to care for and educate your child. I hope that we can work together to make St Joseph's College an even happier and more successful school than before.

Yours faithfully

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