

St Joseph's Catholic Academy

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Dear Parent/Carer

At the end of this unusual term I would like to take a moment to share some key messages.

Home Study

Many thanks for encouraging your child to complete the tasks set on the school website for each subject area. We understand that studying at home presents many challenges and we are very grateful for your support. The work on the website will be updated ready for the start of the new term so that there are new tasks for your child to complete each week, for each of their subjects. Their teachers will not be uploading any work for over the Easter break. However, we appreciate that many families will have established a routine with home study and we have therefore uploaded some home learning activities into a folder on the Home Study Portal called 'Home study activities for the Easter break'. Additionally, please look out for our next #stjosephs20 challenge to be launched on Monday.

KS4 and KS5 Qualifications

We are sharing a letter to parents/carers from Ofqual, which details the processes by which examination grades are to be awarded. The timing of this information from Ofqual is not ideal, and I trust that you will understand that leaders in school will require an opportunity to reflect upon the guidance and plan how we will implement the process in our school. I know that this is an extremely difficult and uncertain time for our Y11 and Y13 students and you, their parents, but hopefully over the coming weeks you should have some clarity.

Year 9 Options

The Year 9 options process will begin following the Easter break. Full information will be shared with pupils and parents/carers to explain how option choices will be made remotely.

St Joseph's Journal

This week's edition of our school journal can be found on our website (<http://www.stjosephs.uk.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/SJJ-200403-Final.pdf>). Many thanks to Mrs Whyte and to all who contributed to this information-packed edition.

I wish you and all your loved ones a Happy and peaceful Easter.
Take care and stay safe.

Kind regards

Mr P Mitchell
(Acting Headteacher)