

# St Joseph's Catholic Academy

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Dear Parent / Carer,

At St Joseph's our staff are dedicated to providing individual support to our students so that they develop into outstanding and confident learners, ready to thrive in their GCSE examinations as well as their education and training thereafter.

In order to help them achieve their full potential your child is being offered mentoring to support them through what can be a very busy and stressful year. The aim of the scheme is to enhance your child's engagement with the subjects they are studying in lessons, and with their homework and revision, as well as developing their confidence in preparation for their final examinations. Mentoring is proven to be a very effective method of raising attainment and increasing levels of progress.

Your child will be matched with a teacher-mentor who will meet them each week at an agreed time. The teacher will offer encouragement and guidance on study skills, time management and organising work effectively to ensure that your son / daughter remains on track and is well prepared for the GCSE examinations in the summer term. During mentoring sessions, your child will agree weekly targets/actions and be offered support and strategies to achieve them.

We anticipate that being chosen to participate in the mentoring programme will lead to increased academic performance, self-esteem and confidence. Participation in the programme will be reviewed each term to evaluate its' effectiveness and impact on your child's progress.

You can support your child to achieve success in this programme by ensuring they attend the mentoring sessions and by supporting them in the achievement of their weekly goals, which they will write in their planners. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your child's head of house.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Z Hammond  
Year 11 Lead for progress and intervention

**Parents/Carers: Stay Alert. Keep your child at home if they have Covid-19 symptoms.  
Stay Safe.**