

St Joseph's Catholic Academy

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Dear Parent/Carer,

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At St Joseph's our staff are dedicated to providing individual support to our students so that they can develop into outstanding and confident learners, helping them to thrive in their studies as well as preparing them for their future education and training.

In order to help them to achieve their full potential, your child is being offered one-to-one mentoring in the coming weeks to support them through this final stage of their Year 11 education. The aim of the mentoring scheme is to enhance your child's engagement with the subjects they are studying in lessons and to support them with their homework and preparation for Key Tasks, as well as helping to develop their confidence and supporting their wellbeing. Mentoring is proven to be an effective method of raising attainment; increasing levels of progress and helping with wellbeing.

To this end, your child has been matched with a teacher-mentor who will meet with them each week at an agreed time. The teacher will offer encouragement and guidance on study skills, time management and organising work effectively to help ensure that your child remains focused and well supported in their learning.

Your child will also have a blue mentoring report. This is purely a supportive measure to help mentors track your child's engagement across their subjects and give targeted guidance where needed. We hope that being chosen to participate in the mentoring programme will lead to increased academic performance, self-esteem and confidence for our mentees.

You can support your child to achieve success in this programme by ensuring they attend the mentoring sessions; checking their blue report and by supporting them in the achievement of any goals they set themselves.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's head of house.

Yours faithfully,

Mr R Gardner,
Associate Assistant Headteacher,
Year 11 Intervention Lead,
St Joseph's Catholic Academy.

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