



St Joseph's Roman Catholic High School

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Dear Parents and Carers of Y5

As your child approaches Year 6, we know that it can be both exciting but also daunting for a young person and their family as they prepare for their SATs and start to look ahead to next chapter of their lives. Choosing a secondary school and making that move is a significant step in a child's life but we believe that this is best achieved when we all view it as a process rather than an event. To start this process we will be visiting your child's primary school on Monday 19th June at 3pm to deliver an assembly explaining what the process of choosing and starting secondary school might look like for them. We have found that this introduction helps to build confidence and helps some young people to lay aside any anxieties that they might have about change. Together with our partner primary Headteachers, we would like to invite parents and carers to join us for this event if you are able to. This will be an opportunity for the young people and their families to ask questions about what to expect and learn about the opportunities we have available to make the transition process as seamless as possible.

This year we have had an unprecedented number of applications and have a long waiting list including many appeals for places, so we are especially keen to make sure that those in our partner primary schools have enough information so that they don't miss out on gaining a place at St Joseph's. We realise that some young people may be planning to move on to a high school other than St Joseph's, but these and their families are still warmly invited to attend the assembly and other events listed below. To keep you in the picture and so that you can share with your child the kind of things to expect here are a few dates for your diaries:

Monday 19th June 2023 at 3pm St Joseph's will visit Sacred Heart (parents and carers are warmly invited to attend)

Friday 1st September 2023: Application window Opens: You can apply for a secondary school place online anytime from 1 September 2023 to 31 October 2023 11:59pm. Please follow this link to the admissions portal: [Admissions - St Joseph's R.C. High School \(stjosephsbolton.org.uk\)](http://Admissions - St Joseph's R.C. High School (stjosephsbolton.org.uk))

Tuesday 19th September 2023 St Joseph's Open Evening 5-7pm. All welcome.

Late September 2023 – visits to look round the school during the school day by appointment. (This is an opportunity specifically extended to our partner primary schools)

Deadline for applications: 31st October 2023

Friday 1st March 2024: Offer Day

Tuesday 19th March 2024 6pm – Parent/Carer Welcome Evening 1 at St Joseph's (A chance to meet other families and find out more about the induction process and becoming part of the Joey family)



Thursday 21st March 2024 – Easter Event 6pm. An opportunity for families to come along and join in the spiritual life of our community.

Tuesday 2nd July 2024 – Parent Carers Welcome Evening 2. On this evening you will be given the more information about buses/uniform and the finer detail about all you need to know when your child starts school.

Wednesday 3rd and Thursday 4th July 2024 – Year 6 will be welcomed into school to sample two days of school life, concluding in a special welcome assembly attended by primary school headteachers.

Throughout June and July 2024 we will be working with primary schools to identify those students who may benefit from coming along for additional nurture visits. These are students who might need additional support to settle quickly and find their way round so that in September they feel confident and happy.

Tuesday 3rd September 2024 - Y7 Students start St Joseph's High School at 8:25am.

For advanced information to help with booking holidays/events out of term time here are our term dates for 2024-25. <https://stjosephsbolton.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/Holiday-Dates-2024-2025.pdf>

Many thanks

Tony McCabe
Headteacher

