



ST JAMES'

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

24th June 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Summer Term Week 10 Headteacher Update

The Year 11 examinations are now finally complete! The children were an absolute credit to themselves and their families as they took the examinations in their stride. A final reminder that the Leavers' Mass for Year 11 takes place at 6pm this Wednesday, 26th June, at Christ Church, Heald Green followed by our Prom on Thursday 27th June at 6pm which takes place at Edgeley Park. If you are attending the Leavers' Mass, please park on the Church grounds or if you are parking on nearby roads, please be considerate of neighbours.

As our Year 11 leave us, it is fitting to remind you of our school alumni network. The aim of this is to create a community of former students who will receive newsletters from school as well as affording them the opportunity to opt in to providing school talks, mentoring or work experience. It is also an opportunity for any ex-St James' student to let us know what they are doing and how they are getting on. If you are a St James' alumnus or you know anyone who is please do complete the link [here](#) or forward it to anyone who may be interested.

Our school conducted a practice lockdown last Friday. I am pleased to report that the children and staff handled the drill exceptionally well, demonstrating calmness and cooperation throughout the exercise. While we hope to never need to implement a real lockdown, it is reassuring to know that our school family is well-prepared. If you have any feedback or if your child has mentioned anything regarding the drill, please do not hesitate to get in touch. You can provide your feedback through our School Business Manager, Mrs Dooley, at sbm@stjamescheadle.co.uk.

Advanced notice that on 11th July, we will be holding, weather permitting, our annual St James' Sports Day and we are looking forward to celebrating our school Values of Family, Faith and Excellence, as we have the opportunity for all children to get involved. On 12th July, we begin Curriculum Excellence Week for Years 7 to 9 with a wide range of exciting activities, trips and visits. Meanwhile our Year 10 children will begin their 5-day Work Experience, a wonderful way for them to gain an insight into the world of work. The timetable for the 11th July onwards is set out at the bottom of this letter and I hope it will be a most enjoyable time for all our children.

As we reflect on the Gospel of Mark this 12th Sunday of Ordinary Time, we are reminded of the powerful words, "Even the wind and the sea obey Him." This passage beautifully illustrates the boundless authority and compassion of Jesus, calming the storm for His disciples. In the context of our high school, this message resonates deeply. As we navigate the sometimes turbulent waters of academic challenges and personal growth, we are encouraged to trust in the steadfast guidance and support available to us. Just as Jesus brought peace to the stormy seas, our dedicated staff foster a nurturing environment, helping each child to thrive and overcome obstacles.

If you need anything please do not hesitate to get in touch headteacherpa@stjamescheadle.co.uk

Yours faithfully





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Mr A Pontifex
Headteacher

	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10
11.07	Sports Day	Sports Day	Sports Day	Sports Day
12.07	English	Maths	Science	Work Experience
	MFL Trip	MFL Trip	MFL Trip	MFL Trip
15.07	Catholic Social Teaching and Eco Day	Catholic Social Teaching and Eco Day	PE	Work Experience
	MFL Trip	MFL Trip	MFL Trip	MFL Trip
	London Trip	London Trip	London Trip	London Trip
	Chester Zoo	Chester Zoo	Chester Zoo	
		D of E 1		
16.07	Post General Election Day	Humanities	Creative Technology	Work Experience
	MFL Trip	MFL Trip	MFL Trip	MFL Trip
	London Trip	London Trip	London Trip	London Trip
			D of E 1	
17.07	Careers Day	Careers Day	Careers Day	Work Experience
	London Trip	London Trip	London Trip	London Trip
			D of E 2	
18.07	Fun activities in school	Fun activities in school	Fun activities in school	Work Experience
	Blackpool	Blackpool	Blackpool	
			D of E 2	

