



27<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

**Re: Spring Term Week 11 Headteacher Update**

We are once again entering another final week of a half term. This Spring term seems to have been one of the fastest I can remember with so much happening at school. Our Spring newsletter will be published this week and emailed to you. It will also be available on our website. This really does showcase how much goes on for each Year group at St James'.

On Wednesday last week we appointed our Senior Prefect Team and our Head Boy, Head Girl, Deputy Head Boy and Deputy Head Girl for the academic year 2023/24. The children submitted an application for the position and then were interviewed by Miss Rowley (Head of Year 10), Mr Maidment and I. The standard of applications and interviews were exceptional, and all children were an absolute credit to themselves and their families. Matthew is our new Head Boy, Kay our new Head Girl, Josh our new Deputy Head Boy and Hana our new Deputy Head Girl. Over the coming weeks they will be working closely with our current Year 11 team to allow to become familiar with the role before our current Year 11 leave us. I know you will join me in offering your congratulations.

Our Year 7 Parents' Evening took place on Thursday last week with strong attendance at this virtual event. As always, thank you to all of the Year 7 parents and carers who attended and submitted their feedback to the parental voice questionnaire which was sent out by Dr Guscott. In the coming weeks this information will be published on our website at the usual address which can be found [here](#).

When we return to our first week of the Summer term after the Easter break we are four weeks away from the full suite of GCSEs and BTEC examinations taking place. We have lots happening in the first week back with our GCSE Modern Foreign Languages Examinations taking place and our Duke of Edinburgh Silver participants have their practice expedition on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>, Friday 21<sup>st</sup> and Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April. I already know that the Summer term will be an incredibly productive term.

In the Gospel yesterday, Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead and urges us to live and believe in him as he offers us the hope and promise of eternal life. This Gospel is like a signpost that points and leads us to Holy Week. On Holy Thursday we will be asked to stand with Jesus as he is betrayed; on Good Friday he will be condemned, beaten and crucified and he will die. There is no way of ignoring or avoiding the reality of the death of Jesus. But the cross is not our final destination, it is only a stage on our journey, not only through Lent, but in our lives too. As we take another step on our Lenten journey, Jesus says to each of us, *I am the resurrection and the life, do you believe this?* As we face the reality of Good Friday, let us also look towards the new life of Easter Sunday. Jesus is still the resurrection and the life, if we believe in him, we shall not die.

Have a super week and a lovely holy Easter break when it comes. Our staff will also be taking a well-deserved break over the Easter period, spending time with their families, and as such will be





# ST JAMES'

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

unavailable via email, thank you in advance for not contacting them. If you need anything in these final five days, please do not hesitate to get in touch [headteacherpa@stjamesheadle.co.uk](mailto:headteacherpa@stjamesheadle.co.uk)

Yours faithfully

Mr A Pontifex  
Headteacher

