



1st July 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Summer Term Week 11 Headteacher Update

Last week we celebrated our Year 11 Leavers' Mass at Christ Church, Heald Green followed by our Prom on Thursday at Edgeley Park. They were two wonderful events which afforded us the opportunity to mark the end of Year 11 with our Leavers. Following the Prom, several staff from the venue wanted to express how well behaved the children were at all times during the night. They were an absolute credit to our school and their families. We now look ahead to celebrate once again at Results Day on Thursday 24th August 9.30 am – 11 am and at Prize Evening in November. Further details around Prize Evening will be communicated in the Autumn term.

Our Leavers' Mass was a wonderful celebration, as Fr Tony spoke about letting Christ into our hearts. This was a lovely message which our Year 11 children can take with them as they move forward on the next phase of their journey. Now is the opportunity for them to go out into society and spread the Good News which fulfils our school purpose; "To educate and develop global Catholic citizens".

Following Excellence Evening which took place on 20th June, the gallery of photos will be uploaded to our website this week, by our professional photographer. It can be accessed via the large banner on the home page or via the news stories. You will be able to download the photos in high resolution to allow you to share this proud moment with your friends and family.

This week we welcome the newest members of our St James' family. On Wednesday evening at 6pm we have our Transition Evening for parents/carers. This evening is an information evening ahead of the Transition Day on Thursday 4th July. Transition Day is always one of my favourites in the calendar and it is always fantastic to see children in their primary school uniforms ahead of starting life as a St James' student in September. Please keep the children and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

A reminder 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.

During Curriculum Excellence Week, children will be partaking in a variety of activities and Mrs Pickles will this week be sending a letter to our parents/carers of Years 7 and 8. This is to seek permission for some local trips that are taking place on foot, if this applies to your child, please ensure the relevant consent is given as soon as possible to assist staff in their planning. 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.

If you need anything please do not hesitate to reach out via headteacherpa@stjamesheadle.co.uk

Yours faithfully



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	
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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	

