



ST JAMES'

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

25th March 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Spring Term Week 11 Headteacher Update

I hope you and your children enjoyed the extended weekend following our staff INSET day. These days are invaluable for our teachers and staff as they provide dedicated time throughout the year for professional development, ensuring we continue to deliver the best possible education and support for our children. We appreciate your support and look forward to a great week ahead.

A reminder that, we are now in the second week of our 20 Days of Lent Attendance Challenge to promote and celebrate excellent school attendance. From Monday 17th March to Friday 11th April, any child who achieves 100% attendance will be entered into a prize draw. One family from each year group will win a £50 supermarket voucher to help with the cost of their Easter roast dinner. The prize draw will take place on Friday 11th April, and vouchers will be awarded to the winning children on the same day. Let's make every school day count.

This week, for parents and carers with children in Years 7 to 9, you will receive your child's termly data alongside a written report from staff, which includes valuable guidance on how to support their learning and progress. It is important to take the time to review this information with your child, discussing their achievements and identifying areas for improvement. For those with children in Year 10, termly data will be provided, with full written reports to follow in July, halfway through their GCSE course. This ensures they receive detailed feedback at a crucial stage in their studies, helping them to focus on key areas for success.

As we continue our Lenten journey, this Sunday's Gospel challenges us with Jesus' words: "Unless you repent, you will all likewise perish" (Luke 13:5). Jesus isn't trying to scare us but is reminding us that we all have the chance to change and grow. In school, we encourage our students to think about their actions, to say sorry when they need to, and to show kindness to others. Lent is a time to reflect on the choices we make and to become better people—whether that's through helping a friend, being honest, or making an extra effort in our learning. Just as we give our students opportunities to learn from their mistakes, God is always ready to forgive us when we turn back to Him. Let's use this season to make positive changes, knowing that small acts of goodness can make a big difference.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to another fantastic week ahead. If you need anything, please don't hesitate to get in touch at headteacherpa@stjamesheadle.co.uk.

Yours faithfully

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Headteacher