



ST JAMES'

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

2nd December 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Autumn Term Week 13 Headteacher Update

This week our mock examinations continue for our Year 11 children. The children have been made aware that in the highly unlikely event that examinations do not go ahead in the summer of 2024, then these mock examinations could be a factor the exam boards use to determine their final grade. Please continue to keep our Year 11 children in your thoughts and prayers.

Our Year 8 Parents' Evening took place on Thursday last week with strong attendance at this virtual event. As always, thank you to all Year 8 parents who attended and submitted their feedback to the parental voice questionnaire that was sent out by Mr Maidment. In the coming weeks, this information will be published on our website at the usual address <http://www.stjamesheadle.co.uk/parental-voice/>.

I am delighted to remind you about the upcoming Carols for Caritas concert, taking place on 12th December at 6:30pm. Tickets for this festive celebration are available via Parent Pay, and there will also be a raffle with fantastic prizes, including a £100 Marks and Spencer voucher, Sunday lunch for two at Dakota, and many more! Raffle tickets can also be purchased in advance on Parent Pay. It promises to be a magical and festive evening, and I hope you can join us.

I am also thrilled to share the success of the recent foodbank collection, which gathered enough donations to support two local foodbanks within Stockport. These initiatives are only possible thanks to the incredible generosity of children, parents, carers, and the volunteers who help transport donations each year. Your contributions truly make a difference, and I am deeply grateful for your support in fostering the Catholic Life of our school community. Thank you!

As we enter the season of Advent, Luke's Gospel reminds us of the hopeful words: "*Your redemption is drawing near.*" This time of year invites us to pause and reflect on the promise of Christ's coming, both at Christmas and in our everyday lives. At St James', Advent is a chance for us to prepare our hearts and minds, not only for the celebration of Jesus' birth but also for the ways we can bring His love and hope into our community. As the days grow darker, we are reminded that Christ's light is always near, guiding us forward. Let us use this season to deepen our faith, support one another, and share the joy of this hopeful promise with all those around us.

I hope you have a great week, if you need anything please contact headteacherpa@stjamesheadle.co.uk

Yours faithfully

Mr A Pontifex
Headteacher