



ST JAMES'

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

20th January 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Spring Term Week 3 Headteacher Update

This week our staff are finalising the termly data two and reports for our Year 11 children. The termly data and their reports, as always, will contain information on your child's current working grade, attitude to learning, current attendance and areas for them to work on as we enter the crucial months ahead of their final external examinations. We have deliberately timed the termly data and reports to aid discussions at the Year 11 Parents' Evening which takes place on 30th January.

I am delighted to share an inspiring update from Rang Bulan, the Bornean village our school has been supporting following the devastating fire just before Christmas. The generous donations from our children, staff, and wider community have made a profound impact. A heartfelt message from the community expresses their deep gratitude, describing how essential items provided much-needed relief and hope. As the Regional Director shared, there were tears of relief as villagers received the carefully chosen supplies, which have already helped families begin to rebuild their lives. Miss Purkiss will be presenting the full report and some wonderful photos with the whole school, so everyone can see the tangible difference their kindness and efforts have made. Thank you to everyone involved for your generosity and compassion. Together, we are making a real difference.

A reminder that we are seeking nominations for the important role of Parent Governor, and I encourage you to consider putting yourself forward or nominating another parent. This is a wonderful opportunity to contribute to the strategic leadership of our school and help shape its future success. A reminder that we would particularly welcome parents/carers with a background in finance or building design. Mrs Dooley has sent all the relevant details, and I urge you to take a moment to review them. Please be aware that the deadline for nominations is this Wednesday at noon. Your engagement and participation are greatly valued, and we look forward to welcoming new members to our governing body.

In yesterday's Gospel, we heard about the wedding at Cana, where Jesus performed His first miracle by turning water into wine. This, the first of His signs, revealed His glory and strengthened the faith of His disciples. The story reminds us that even the ordinary can be transformed into something extraordinary through God's grace. At St James', we strive to embody this spirit of transformation. Each day, our school family works together to turn simple acts of kindness, learning, and perseverance into moments of growth and achievement. Like the water at Cana, when we offer our best efforts to God, He blesses and multiplies them, creating outcomes that are more wonderful than we could have imagined. Let us continue to trust in His guidance and embrace the opportunities to bring His glory to light in our daily lives.

Have a great week and if you need anything, please do not hesitate to get in touch
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Yours faithfully

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