



3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

**Re: Summer Term Week 7 Headteacher Update**

I hope you have all had a lovely half term as a family and managed to enjoy the sunshine throughout the week. This week our Year 11 children continue their examinations. Please continue to keep all of our Year 11 children in your thoughts and prayers as they continue with their examinations.

As Year 10 begin to follow in the footsteps of their Year 11 peers, they have their assessment window for all subjects which begins today and lasts until 14<sup>th</sup> June. This is an opportunity for Year 10 to showcase all that they have learnt since they began Key Stage 4 back in September. When the assessments are concluded, the teachers will ensure the children are given appropriate feedback in order to allow them to improve their knowledge and understanding.

On Thursday this week, our Apprenticeship Evening takes place for Year 10 in school at 6pm. If your child is in Year 10 and considering an apprenticeship or is unsure of what they want to do for their next steps, then this is a great opportunity to get some of the latest information about applying for apprenticeships locally. You will also be able to speak to Mrs Rarity about how to access additional support in applying for apprenticeships as your child moves into Year 11.

As we start the last half term, we are looking forward to the many events happening including the numerous trips and visits that will be taking place. Mrs Pickles will be sending out a letter summarising the key events so please do look out for that and as always, I encourage you to visit our website and follow us on X (Twitter) to keep up to date.

On the Thursday and Friday before half term we began our interviews for the positions of Head Boy, Head Girl, Deputy Head Boy and Deputy Head Girl. These interviews concluded this morning. The children involved were an absolute credit to the school and to their families in the way they conducted themselves, produced fantastic applications and extremely detailed interviews. I am very happy to report that Job will be our Head Boy and Olivia will be our Head Girl whilst John-Paul will be our Deputy Head Boy and Mya will be our Deputy Head Girl. Our Senior Prefects will be given their ties today which they are able to wear with pride.

As detailed in my letter on 15<sup>th</sup> April, where I confirmed the new school hours from September 2024 of 8.40am – 3.10pm, I have included a table below which gives further details of the new timings of the school day. A reminder that this is to meet the Department for Education requirements on minimum expectations on the length of the school day. The bus companies have been informed.

| Time              | Period/Session |
|-------------------|----------------|
| 8.40 – 8.55am     | Form Time      |
| 8.55am – 9.55am   | Period 1       |
| 9.55am – 10.55am  | Period 2       |
| 10.55 – 11.15am   | Break          |
| 11.15am – 12.15pm | Period 3       |
| 12.15pm – 1.15pm  | Period 4       |
| 1.15pm – 2.10pm   | Lunch          |
| 2.10pm – 3.10pm   | Period 5       |





# ST JAMES'

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

As we reflect on the Gospel readings from yesterday for the Feast of The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, where Jesus says, "This is my body; this is my blood," we are reminded of the profound significance of the Eucharist. This sacred tradition not only commemorates Jesus' sacrifice but also symbolises unity and family. For our children in our St James' family, this message emphasises the importance of coming together in faith and supporting one another. Just as Jesus shared his body and blood with his disciples, we are called to share our gifts, our kindness, and our compassion with those around us. Let this celebration inspire our children to foster a sense of family, to be there for their peers, and to contribute positively to our school environment.

If you need anything please do not hesitate to get in touch [headteacherpa@stjamesheadle.co.uk](mailto:headteacherpa@stjamesheadle.co.uk)

Yours faithfully

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