



ST JAMES'

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

24th February 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Spring Term Week 7 Headteacher Update

I hope you had a wonderful half-term break and were able to enjoy some quality time with family and friends. As we move swiftly through the second term, we have a number of important events coming up in Half Term Four. As always, Miss Bowers will be sending out a key events letter to help you plan accordingly.

Our recent ski trip to Austria was a fantastic success! A huge thank you to all the staff who generously gave up their own time over the break to ensure our students could take part in this invaluable extracurricular opportunity. The feedback from students has been overwhelmingly positive, and staff have spoken highly of how well our students represented both their families and the school.

For parents of Year 9 students, a reminder that our Options Evening takes place this Thursday at 6pm in school. Dr. Guscott has already sent out key information regarding the event. This evening provides an opportunity to explore Key Stage 4 subjects in depth with subject specialists. If you have any questions about the options process, please feel free to contact Dr. Guscott via email at s.guscott@stjameschadle.co.uk.

In yesterday's Gospel, we heard Jesus' call to "Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful". This powerful teaching reminds us that mercy should be at the heart of how we live and treat others. As a school family, we are called to reflect God's mercy in our daily interactions - showing kindness, offering forgiveness, and supporting one another with patience and understanding. Just as God's love knows no bounds, we too must strive to extend compassion to those around us, creating a culture where everyone feels valued, uplifted, and encouraged to grow.

Wishing you all a great first week back. As always, if you need any support, please don't hesitate to get in touch at headteacherpa@stjameschadle.co.uk.

Yours faithfully

Mr A Pontifex
Headteacher

