



ST JAMES'

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

13th March 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Spring Term Week 9 Headteacher Update

The next dates of planned industrial action, carried out by the NEU, is scheduled to take place on 15th and 16th March. I can confirm that **school will be open, as normal, to all Year groups**. Please ensure your child attends as normal.

Our Year 11 mock examinations concluded on Friday last week for our Year 11 children. Our staff are now busy ensuring that the papers are marked, moderated and standardised. It is now crucial that any feedback your child receives is acted upon and followed, as this will aid their revision for the real examinations which begin in May.

Thank you to those parents/carers who attended the online safety meeting on Thursday evening last week which was led by Dr Guscott. As I am sure you are aware, Dr Guscott is our safeguarding Lead for school. Within this role he will be sending a half termly letter, the first of which was sent last week, informing parents/carers of any concerns that are prevalent within our local area. This letter also contains useful information which signposts additional support which is available. Should you have any safeguarding concerns please do not hesitate to contact Dr Guscott via email.

Advanced notice that on Thursday 23rd March, we have our Year 7 Parents' Evening taking place via School Cloud. If you have not already made appointments with members of staff, I would encourage you to do this as a matter of urgency. Dr Guscott has already written to you if you have a child in Year 7 with full details on how to book appointments in advance of this evening.

St John's Gospel is renowned for its long passages of dialogue, but of all the Gospels, the conversation Jesus has with the woman at the well is the longest Jesus has with anyone. He reveals who he is: the Messiah and he also shows the woman at the well who she is and more importantly who she can be. The woman left the well, bursting with the Good News, she ran back to the village and told everyone what had happened to her and whom she had met. Many believed in Jesus because of her; she became a missionary disciple. Every time we pray and go to Mass we are offered the opportunity to experience and encounter Jesus. Times of prayer and especially the Eucharist, are our well today. We are asked to leave the well to go and share what we have seen, heard and experienced. We too are called and challenged to become missionary disciples.

Have a great week and thank you for your continued support. If you need anything, please do not hesitate to get in contact headteacherpa@stjamesheadle.co.uk

Yours faithfully

Mr A Pontifex
Headteacher

