



17th June 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Summer Term Week 9 Headteacher Update

This week, we enter the final week of examinations for our Year 11. The children have been amazing throughout this period and have really taken all examinations in their stride. Please continue to keep all of our Year 11 children in your thoughts and prayers. A reminder, we have the opportunity to celebrate at the Leavers' Mass which is taking place at Christ Church on 26th June at 6pm, Prom which takes place at Edgeley Park on 27th June at 6pm and Prize Evening in November in school.

A final reminder that on Thursday this week, 20th June, our annual Excellence Evening takes place. The presentations will begin at the following times in the Main Hall: **Year 7 - 5:00pm, Year 8 - 5:30pm, Year 9 - 6:00pm and Year 10 - 6:30pm**. During the evening, you will have the opportunity to walk around the school and go into classrooms where our teachers will be available to talk to you on an informal basis about their subject area and our school curriculum. You can attend any time from 4.45pm until 7pm but please be aware of the presentation times for your child's corresponding Year group to ensure you are in the Main Hall at the correct time.

As per my letter on 20th May, a final reminder that we will be conducting a practice lockdown procedure on 21st June. This exercise is a vital part of our commitment to ensuring the safety and security of all of our children and staff. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we work together to keep our school community safe.

As we reflect on the Gospel reading for the 11th Sunday of Ordinary Time from Mark's Gospel, we are given a beautiful image of the Kingdom of God as a mustard seed, the smallest of all seeds that grows into the largest of shrubs. This parable teaches us about the power of faith and small beginnings. Even the smallest acts of kindness, diligence in our children's studies, and efforts to help others can grow into something extraordinary over time. Just as the mustard seed grows into a sheltering shrub, the positive actions of our children and staff can contribute to building a supportive and thriving school family. I encourage every child to embrace every opportunity to make a difference, no matter how small it may seem, and trust that with faith and perseverance, our children can achieve great things and inspire those around them.

If you need anything please do not hesitate to get in touch headteacherpa@stjamesheadle.co.uk

Yours faithfully

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