



ST JAMES'

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

27th June 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Summer Term Week 10 Headteacher Update

The Year 11 examinations are now finally complete! As I am sure you are already aware, the examinations were spaced out to allow for all children to sit their tests even if they had Covid earlier in the series. This has meant that we have had around an extra week of tests for our young people. A final reminder that the Leavers' Mass for Year 11 takes place at 7pm this Wednesday, 29th, at Christ Church, Heald Green followed by our Prom on Thursday 30th June at 6pm which takes place at the Village Hotel in Cheadle. If you are attending the Leavers' Mass, please park on the Church grounds or if you are parking on nearby roads, please be considerate of neighbours.

As our Year 11 leave us, it is fitting to let you know that we have recently launched our new school alumni network. The aim is to create a community of former students who will receive newsletters from school as well as affording them the opportunity to opt in to providing school talks, mentoring or work experience. It is also an opportunity for any ex-St James' student to let us know what they are doing and how they are getting on. If you are a St James' alumnus or you know anyone who is please do complete the link [here](#) or forward it to anyone who may be interested.

It would be a great mistake to treat the words of Jesus in yesterday's Gospel as simply something from the pages of a history book as these words and the meaning behind them contain advice for all of us - the call to follow Jesus faithfully and to put his teachings into practice is relevant to each of us today. The Gospel speaks to us of the harsh demands of discipleship. Jesus' words were said to people who wanted to follow him and who had found a desire to live as he asked. Jesus is asking us too to place real and sincere love at the top of our priorities. Our love for him and our commitments in love and faithfulness are both sides of the one coin. The loving call of God to follow his way of life can give great meaning to our own lives. To live in love and for love, in the big and ordinary ways of life will ultimately bring to us all the greatest happiness possible.

On 13th July, we will be holding, weather permitting, our annual St James' Sports Day and we are looking forward to celebrating our school Values of Family, Faith and Excellence, as we have the opportunity for all children to get involved. On 14th July, we will begin Curriculum Excellence Week for Years 7 to 9 with a wide range of exciting activities, trips and visits. Meanwhile our Year 10 children will begin their 5-day Work Experience, a wonderful way for them to gain an insight into the world of work. The timetable for the 13th July onwards is set out at the bottom of this letter and I hope it will be a most enjoyable time for all our children.

I hope you have a fantastic week and if you need anything, please do not hesitate to get in touch headteacherpa@stjamescheadle.co.uk

Yours faithfully

Mr A Pontifex
Headteacher



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Date	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
13 th July	Sports Day			
14 th July	Maths activities	Spain Trip Creative Technology and/or Expressive Arts activities	Science activities	Work Experience
15 th July	Careers Day	Spain Trip Careers Day	Careers Day	
18 th July	Chester Zoo Alternative activities in school	Spain Trip Chester Zoo Alternative activities in school	RE activities	
19 th July	English activities	Spain Trip Humanities activities including a trip to Stanley Green	Expressive Arts Trip PE activities	
20 th July	Theme Park Trip Alternative activities in school	Spain Trip Theme Park Trip Alternative activities in school	Expressive Arts Trip Theme Park Trip Alternative activities in school	
21 st July	Spiritual reflection, assembly and Form time activities. School closes at 12.15pm			