



11<sup>th</sup> July 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

**Re: Summer Term Week 12 Headteacher Update**

This week Curriculum Excellence Week (CEW) begins. It begins with our annual St James' Sports Day, weather permitting, on Wednesday. On Thursday, 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

Following our Prom which took place on 30<sup>th</sup> June the gallery of photos has now been uploaded, by our professional photographer, to our school website. It can be accessed via the large banner on the home page or via the news stories. You will be able to download the photos in high resolution to allow you to share this proud moment with your friends and family.

Last week we welcomed the newest members of our St James' family with our transition evening and day. As always this was a wonderful day and great to see the children all excited in their primary school uniforms before they attend in September in their St James' uniform. Speaking to the children they gave me some fantastic insights into their views on the school "it's so much bigger", "the tables are higher" and the "lessons are so exciting". We cannot wait to welcome them in September.

Our taster days for children in Year 5 from our local primary schools continue this week. We have already had St Simon's, Our Lady's and St Winifred's. We are welcoming Cheadle Catholic Juniors and St Peter's this week. The children experience a reflection led by our Chaplain as well as a series of lessons ranging from English and Science through to PE. The feedback so far has been extremely positive and we hope that the remaining children have a fantastic day at St James' and have an insight into what life is like as a St James' student.

As we approach the summer holiday, I would like to remind families about the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme. The HAF programme provides healthy food and activities for children, with free places available for those on free school meals during the school holidays. More information is available [here](#).

The Gospel yesterday was the parable of the 'Good Samaritan'. Of all the parables, this is one of the most well-known. However, because we have all heard it so many times, we might be tempted to read and hear it too quickly and therefore miss what it means for us today. The Good Samaritan reminds us that whatever we do for each other, we do for Christ and whatever we fail to do for each other, we fail to do for Christ. Each of us can do something, no matter how small it is to help another person. We can all offer the hand of help and support to someone who is in need.

I hope you have a great week, if you need us you know where we are [headteacherpa@stjamesheadle.co.uk](mailto:headteacherpa@stjamesheadle.co.uk)

Yours faithfully

Mr A Pontifex  
Headteacher



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