



7<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

**Re: Spring Term Week 5 Headteacher Update**

I cannot believe we are entering our final week of our half term; this half term seems to have raced by.

If you are a parent of a child in Year 9, please can I remind you of our virtual Options Evening which takes place this Thursday. All information has been sent by Dr Guscott and can be found [here](#). During this evening you will be able to discuss Key Stage Four subjects in detail with subject specialists as well as Careers Adviser, Miss Ashworth.

Our Year 11 Parents' Evening took place on Thursday last week with strong attendance at this virtual event. As always, thank you to all Year 11 parents who attended and submitted their feedback to the parental voice questionnaire that was sent out by Dr Guscott. In the coming weeks this information will be published on our website at the usual address which can be found [here](#).

At St James', we recognise that the next stage of our children's journey is an important part of what we do. We place great emphasis on Careers Information, Education and Guidance within school. This week we will be raising awareness of National Apprenticeship Week. This is the 15<sup>th</sup> annual week-long celebration of apprenticeships and is an opportunity to find out more about apprenticeships and what they can offer. You find more information on the National Apprentice website [here](#).

Yesterday's Gospel asks us to move into a deeper level of faith; to trust. Real faith involves complete trust. To have faith in Jesus is to put one's total trust in him which is what we see happening in yesterday's Gospel. The miraculous catch of fish was an historical event in the life of Jesus. Peter and his companions were the experts when it came to fishing but even so, after a whole night's work, they had nothing to show for their efforts. When Jesus suggested that they go out into the 'deep water' we clearly hear the scepticism in Peter's reply. Yet, the result was overwhelming and totally beyond their expectations. Today we are called to be disciples of Jesus in all the circumstances of our lives. This week more than ever, let us have a real faith based on complete trust in Jesus.

Finally, following last week's update a reminder that if you would like to stand for election as a Parent Governor please complete the nomination form at this [link](#) and return it to Miss Bowers no later than **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> February at 12:00pm**.

Have a fantastic week and a fabulous half term when it comes. If you need anything you know where we are [headteacherpa@stjamesheadle.co.uk](mailto:headteacherpa@stjamesheadle.co.uk)

Yours faithfully

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