



ST JAMES'

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

10th May 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Summer Term Week 5 Headteacher Update

This week is National Mental Health Awareness Week. At St James' we prioritise the Mental Health and Wellbeing of all of our students in a variety of different ways for example, through dedicated Form activities every Wednesday, our bespoke Emmaus suite and provision through PSHCE lessons. This week we will also be signposting extra ways for children to access additional resources or specialised support including a new service provided by Greater Manchester called "Kooth". If your child has any concerns or would like to raise any issues, please ask them to speak to their Form Tutor in the first instance or any member of the Pastoral Team in Emmaus.

For the parents with children in Year 10 we have an exciting opportunity for children to apply to become a prefect and/or Head Boy or Girl. Mr Maidment, as Head of Year 10, has delivered an assembly to all children in Year 10 with details on how to apply and the process involved. Just to highlight two dates; the deadline for applications is Friday 14th May and subsequent interviews will then take place on Friday 21st May. Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Mr Maidment r.maidment@stjamesheadle.co.uk

Over the last few weeks, a number of residents have been in contact with the school to complain about several parents parking and blocking their drives at drop off and pick up times. Obviously, the roads surrounding our school are tight and are not in the ideal location. However, please can I ask that you are considerate to all neighbours when you are dropping off your child.

Yesterday in the Gospel we were reminded of the greatest commandment taught to us all as Christians, that we should love one another just as Jesus loves us. This academic year has been particularly difficult for many of us, but we know life is often difficult and full of troubles. The difficulties and troubles in our life are opportunities to practice and show our love, and to prove once and for all that we are true followers of Jesus: "This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (Jn 13:35). This week, especially during National Mental Health awareness week let us seize the opportunity to love one another just as Jesus loves us.

I hope you have a fantastic fifth week of this Summer Term and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch headteacherpa@stjamesheadle.co.uk

Yours faithfully

Mr A Pontifex
Headteacher