



16th May 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Summer Term Week 5 Headteacher Update

For parents/carers with children in Year 10 we have an exciting opportunity for children to apply to become a Prefect and/or Head Boy or Girl. Mrs Linford, 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 20th May and subsequent interviews will then take place on Friday 27th May. Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Linford c.linford@stjamesheadle.co.uk

A reminder that our GCSE examinations start this week, our Year 11 children have worked so hard and are an absolute credit to their families. Please can I ask you to keep all of our Year 11 children in your thoughts and prayers.

Our Duke of Edinburgh final expedition takes place on Friday and Saturday this week. Having spoken to a number of our Year 9 children involved they are very excited and keen to complete their award. Please keep them and all of the staff involved in your thoughts and prayers.

In the Gospel yesterday, Jesus puts before each of us the great command "love one another, just as I love you". It is a command that connects us closely to others, to those around us, in our families and in our communities. Jesus does not say, put up with each other, tolerate each other, like each other or get along with each other - he is very clear - we are to love each other. This can be challenging and difficult. It is easy to talk about it as a nice idea however, it is much harder to put into practice. It is said that love is the true mark of a Christian. Our actions speak louder than our words. As John reminds us, "at the end of our lives, God will not judge us on our earthly possessions and our human achievements but on how much we have loved."

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

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Headteacher