



23rd May 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Summer Term Week 6 Headteacher Update

I cannot believe the final week of half term is upon us. I hope your child has had a fantastic half term and enjoyed all of the opportunities that have been afforded to them due to the hard work of staff.

Today will be the final day of compulsory attendance for Year 11 before study leave begins on Tuesday 24th May. From tomorrow they only need to attend school if they have an examination. They are still able to attend school and follow their normal timetable if they wish but this is no longer mandatory. Dr Guscott will be writing to all parents tomorrow to outline the revision sessions on offer starting on Monday 6th June. Our current Year 11 have spent the last five years striving for excellence in all that they have done and as parents I hope you are as proud of them as we are. We will be celebrating with a Leavers' Mass to take place at Christ Church 29th June at 7pm and a Prize Evening in November in school. As a Catholic school, with our values of Family and Faith, these are fitting ways to say goodbye to our Year 11 children and will support their spiritual wellbeing. We wish them all the very best for the future and look forward to celebrating their results on August 25th. Please continue to keep all our Year 11 children in your thoughts and prayers as they continue with their examinations.

On Friday and Saturday Miss Hewson, along with several staff, led our Duke of Edinburgh final expedition. The children were once again an absolute credit to their school and their families. This time they experienced rain, unlike the practice expedition, but they continued with the same levels of grit and tenacity. Once again, these kinds of events do not happen by chance so a huge thank you to all staff involved, but in particular Miss Hewson.

In the Gospel yesterday, we continued to hear the words of Jesus to the disciples at the Last Supper, words which are very appropriate as we draw near to the Feast of Pentecost and the coming of the Holy Spirit. Through celebrating and sharing in the resurrection, each of us also shares in and experiences the Peace of Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit. As we continue our journey through Easter, let us pray that we will be blessed with the gifts of Christ's Peace and be encouraged by the power of the Holy Spirit, especially when we face our own difficulties.

Have a super week and a lovely half term break when it comes. Our staff will also be taking a well-deserved break too, spending time with their families, and as such will be unavailable via email, thank you in advance for not contacting them. If you need anything in these final five days, please do not hesitate to get in touch headteacherpa@stjamescheadle.co.uk

Yours faithfully

Mr A Pontifex
Headteacher